

Council Minutes - November 20, 2018
Regular Meeting Ely City Council – City Hall, Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Novak called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 5:30pm.
2. PRESENT: Council members A.Forsman, Kess, Debeltz, Omerza, Callen, D.Forsman and Mayor Novak
ABSENT: None
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Debeltz/D.Forsman moved to approve the minutes from the November 8, 2018 Regular Council Meeting and November 13, 2018 Special Council Meeting. Motion Carried Unanimously.
4. ADDITIONS OR OMISSIONS TO AGENDA
 - A. Addition 8.A. Projects Committee Minutes
 - B. Addition 8.A. Insurance Committee
 - C. Addition 8.A. Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities Fall Conference
 - D. Addition 13.F. Ely Area Christmas Concert**Items A-D added without objection.**
5. MAYOR’S REPORT
Happy Thanksgiving to everyone, reminder that the Christmas Parade is this Saturday at 5pm and the Tree lighting will be at Whiteside Park following the parade.
6. CONSENT AGENDA: None
7. REQUESTS TO APPEAR : None
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. Standing/Special
Heritage Preservation Commission – Minutes included in the packet

Planning and Zoning Commission

Callen/Debeltz moved to approve the recommendation from Planning and Zoning to approve Jim Haugen Request for Vacation of ROW Lockhart Street as far east as Lot 63 and all of the alleyway adjacent to Haugen’s parcels. Condition that first St. Louis County MN must receive secure access to their property to north of Haugen via City of Ely Waste Water Treatment Facility driveway per OK Harold Langowski 11/05/2018. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Callen/Omerza moved to approve the recommendation from Planning and Zoning to approve a Variance for Julie and John Edison 1435 N Pioneer Road to build a residence on 13,740 sq. ft. parcel on Shagawa Lake R-1 Zone which specifies 15,000 sq. ft. minimum parcel size. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Projects Committee

D.Forsman/Debeltz moved to approve the recommendation from the Projects Committee to submit an application to the IRRRB for the downtown streetscape grant program to include street lighting and a pocket park next to the James Drug Building. Motion Carried Unanimously

Community Economic Development Joint Powers Board

Monday, November 26, 2018 at 11:30am at the Grand Ely Lodge the Community Economic Development Joint Powers Board will be meeting with some legislatures including Senator Bakk, Representative Ecklund, a Representative from Klobuchar's office, and Representative Elect Stauber and Commissioner Elect McDonald.

Insurance Committee: Minutes included in the Additions Packet

Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities Fall Conference

Mayor Novak attended the conference and included the proposed policy positions for 2019 from CGMC.

Other Committee Reports

Langowski stated that Rink attendants are needed for the Rec Center Rink this winter. If you are interested please pick up an application at City Hall or on the City Website. We will start flooding the rink next week.

Callen stated that Gardner Trust awarded \$18,000 in the fall grant round this year.

9. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

A. Clerk-Treasurer

B. Fire Chief

C. Library Director

Heinrich stated that the Ely Public Library was awarded a 4 star status from the Library Journal Index of Public Service, a publication of the American Library Association.

Library Director Heinrich gave an update of the upcoming events at the library which can be located on the Library Website.

D. Police Chief

E. City Attorney

Debeltz/D.Forsman moved to approve the Purchase Agreement for Patrick Erchul to purchase 1227 E Harvey St from the City of Ely for \$10,004.00. Motion Carried Unanimously.

F. City Engineer

10. COMMUNICATIONS: Matter of Information

A. RAMS – Notice of Board of Directors Nominations

11. CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT:

A. Debeltz/D.Forsman moved to approve the City and EUC claims for November 20, 2018 for \$598,639.08. Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. OLD BUSINESS: None

13. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Debeltz/Omerza moved to approve the resignation letter from Matt Litherland and to send him a Thank You for his years of service. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Debeltz/D.Forsman moved to post for the Equipment Operator II position internally. Motion Carried Unanimously.

- B. Kess/Debeltz moved to approve the Residential Rehab Loan for Alyssa Nelson at 337 W Harvey St for sump pump installation, exterior door, and exterior painting to prevent further deterioration and prevent replacement for \$4700, pending proper paperwork and fees and to direct Attorney Klun to work with the applicant and to proceed with loan processing. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

- C. Debeltz/D.Forsman moved to approve the Commercial Renovation Loan for E Chapman Properties, LLC to finish the work on the 2nd Floor of the AFU building for \$17,500 , pending proper paperwork and fees and to direct Attorney Klun to work with the applicant and to proceed with loan processing. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

- D. D.Forsman/Debeltz moved to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Ely 17th Avenue East/7th Avenue East/ Water Tower Supply Line project. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

- E. D.Forsman/Callen moved to approve the Change Order #1 for the 2018 Pavement Rehabilitation Project at the Ely Airport. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

- F. Ely Area Christmas Concert**

Debeltz stated that the Ely Area Christmas Concert is on December 2, 2018 at 2pm in the Washington Auditorium.

Mayor Novak stated that any council member can donate to the cause on their own if they would like.

14. OPEN FORUM

15. ADJOURN

Mayor Novak adjourned the meeting at 5:59pm without objection.

Casey Velcheff
Deputy Clerk.