

**Council Minutes - January 2, 2019**  
**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.  
  
Clerk Langowski swore in Mayor Novak, Council Member Omerza, Council Member A.Forsman, and Council Member Campbell.
2. PRESENT: Council members A.Forsman, Kess, Debeltz, Omerza, Callen, Campbell, and Mayor Novak  
ABSENT: None
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  
**Debeltz/ Callen moved to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2018 Regular Council Meeting. Motion Carried Unanimously.**
4. ADDITIONS OR OMISSIONS TO AGENDA:
  - A. Addition 5.B Invitation Swearing in Constitutional Officers of the State of Minnesota
  - B. Addition 9.B.ii Fire Department Thank you's
  - C. Addition 13.H. Approve Resolution 2019-003 Resolution Authorizing the Application of the Knights Of Columbus Council 3238 to Conduct Bingo  
**Items A-C were added without objection.**
5. MAYOR'S REPORT
  - A. Council Members Committees for 2019 – will be discussed at the next meeting
  - B. Mayor Novak stated that he received an invitation to the swearing in of the constitutional officers of the State of Minnesota and he will be going down to the cities on Sunday to attend.
6. CONSENT AGENDA:
  - A. Motion to waive readings in entirety of all ordinances and resolutions on tonight's agenda
  - B. Approve to call for sealed bids for 2019 legal newspaper.  
Callen asked if the city announcements and minutes could be together on one page for the newspaper bids.
  - C. Approve advertising for open committee seats  
**Debeltz/Campbell moved to approve the consent agenda items A-C. Motion Carried Unanimously.**
7. REQUESTS TO APPEAR: None
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
  - A. Standing/Special  
Heritage Planning Commission – Minutes included in the packet  
  
Iron Range Broadband Communities – Ely Vision Workshop II- Minutes included in the packet

Ely ABC Steering Meeting – Minutes included in the packet

9. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

A. Clerk-Treasurer

B. Fire Chief

A. Air Pack Bids-

Chief Erchul stated that he received the bids for the Air Packs, now he is waiting to hear from FEMA, but they are currently closed due to the government shutdown.

**Debeltz/Kess moved to post internally on the fire department for a safety officer. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Debeltz/Callen moved to continue with training and testing for one firefighter opening. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Chief Erchul stated once the firefighter passes the testing he will bring it up to the council to approve for hire.

Thank you's

The fire department received three thank you's from students at Ely Schools.

C. Library Director

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

F. City Engineer

10. COMMUNICATIONS:

11. CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT:

A. City and EUC claims for January 2, 2019 – \$711,710.57

B. 2019 RAMS Membership Dues \$700.00

C. Pay Estimate #1 for the 2018 Pavement Rehabilitation Project at the Ely Airport to KGM Contractors for \$100,901.23 for State Project Number A6920-49.

**Debeltz/Callen moved to approve the Claims for Payment items A-C. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

12. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Debeltz/Omerza moved to approve the of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 329, 2<sup>nd</sup> Series An Ordinance of the City of Ely, Minnesota, Amending the Ely City Code, Chapter 2, Section 2.13, Salaries of Mayor and Councilors. **Roll Called: A.Forsman – Yes, Kess –Yes, Debeltz – Yes, Omerza – Yes, Callen – Yes, Campbell – Yes and Mayor Novak – Yes. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

B. Mission, Vision, Values Statement

**A.Forsman/Kess moved to approve the Mission Vision and Values Statements:**

**Mission Statement:**

**The City of Ely provides the infrastructure, services and programs essential to be the desirable community in which we live, work and play.**

**Vision Statement:**

**The City of Ely provides unique opportunities for recreation, culture, and work not often seen in a city of its size. Ely continues to offer an excellent quality of life to residents of the region. We strive to maintain our outstanding educational opportunities, a full range of medical services, exceptional outdoor experiences, and an unequalled sense of community spirit. Ely provides a safe and friendly atmosphere, in affordable neighborhoods that complement their natural surroundings. Ely supports business, industry, institutions, and entrepreneurship - providing long-term, quality employment and economic vitality.**

**Values Statement:**

**The City of Ely is committed to be a community that welcomes and values diversity. We will work to be place where all people, citizens and visitors alike, will feel safe and confident that the City of Ely respects the rights and dignity of all people.**

**Motion Carried Unanimously.**

13. NEW BUSINESS:

**A. Debeltz/Callen moved to approve the 2019 official city depositories: Frandsen Bank & Trust, Boundary Waters Bank and 4M Fund. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Omerza abstaining.**

**B. Debeltz/A.Forsman moved to designate the Assistant Treasurer as the designated person to oversee, monitor, accept responsibility and evaluate the “nonattest/nonaudit services, which include the preparation of the notes to the financial statements to be included in the audit of the City of Ely for the year ending December 31, 2019. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**C. Omerza/Campbell moved to approve Resolution #2019-001 authorizing City officials and staff to attend meetings outside of Ely. Roll Called: A.Forsman – Yes, Kess –Yes, Debeltz – Yes, Omerza – Yes, Callen – Yes, Campbell – Yes and Mayor Novak – Yes. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**D. Callen/Debeltz moved to approve the City of Ely 2019 Fee Schedule as provided in the council agenda packet with changing under Utility Service Fees Replace Meter from \$85 to Replace Meter to Cost of Meter to Replace Meter. Motion Carried Unanimously.** Kess asked if Park and Rec could look at possibly renting out the Rec Center for half days, and if people do not clean the Rec Center after using it they would be charged a double deposit the next time they used the Rec Center. Omerza will bring to Park and Rec Committee.

**E. Debeltz/Callen moved to approve the State of Minnesota Grant Contract PO ID 3000006869 FY2019 for \$2,315,900.00 for the ATV Trails.**

Langowski stated that the grant is for three different Trail Organizations. Langowski will be having a meeting with the IRRRB and the three trail organizations.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**F. Omerza/Debeltz moved to approve the State of Minnesota Grant Contract PO ID 3000006868 FY2019 for \$20,000.00 for the Hidden Valley Bike Trail.**

Langowski stated that this is for phase one of the Bike Trails. The city is still waiting on the lease for the rest of the school lease land.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**G. Debeltz/Omerza moved to approve Resolution #2019-002 Resolution Supporting The US EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant Application To Be Submitted By The City Of Virginia, And Authorizing The City Of Ely To Enter Into A Memorandum Of Agreement With The City Of Virginia For A Community-Wide Assessment Project.**

**Roll Called: A.Forsman – Yes, Kess –Yes, Debeltz – Yes, Omerza – Yes, Callen – Yes, Campbell – Yes and Mayor Novak – Yes. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**H. A.Forsman/Callen moved to Approve Resolution 2019-003 Resolution Authorizing the Application of the Knights Of Columbus Council 3238 to Conduct Bingo. Roll Called: A.Forsman – Yes, Kess –Yes, Debeltz – Yes, Omerza – Yes, Callen – Yes, Campbell – Yes and Mayor Novak – Yes. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14. OPEN FORUM: None

15. ADJOURN

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

Casey Velcheff  
Deputy Clerk