

Council Minutes - April 02, 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
2. PRESENT: Council members A.Forsman, Kess, Debeltz, Omerza, Callen, Campbell, and Mayor Novak
ABSENT: None
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Debeltz/Campbell moved to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2019 Regular Meeting. Motion Carried Unanimously.
4. ADDITIONS OR OMISSIONS TO AGENDA:
 - A. Addition 13.B. Awarding of Voyageur ATV Trail
 - B. Addition 13.C Public Right of Way: Small Wireless Facility Aesthetic Requirements and Construction Criteria
 - C. Addition 13.D. Social Media Policy**Items A-C were added without objection.**
5. MAYOR’S REPORT
Mayor Novak stated that the house and senate have a file number for the Trailhead Bill for \$2.8 Million. Mayor Novak indicated that we need to start scheduling meetings with the appropriate people in St. Paul to get support for the bill
6. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - A. Motion to waive readings in entirety of all ordinances and resolutions on tonight’s agenda
 - B. Approve Mayor to attend the Minnesota Mayors Association Annual Conference April 26-27 in Stillwater, MN**Debeltz/Callen moved to approve the consent agenda items A and B. Motion Carried Unanimously.**
7. REQUESTS TO APPEAR:
 - A. League of Minnesota Cities Staff
Mike Mornson, City Manager from Hopkins and 1st Vice President of the League of Minnesota Cities recognized Heidi Omerza for being a great president of the League of Minnesota Cities. She has led the charge at their board meetings, the regional meetings and the Newly Elected Officials Conference. Omerza is very passionate about Ely and is always talking positive about her town. Morenson thanked Omerza for being his mentor and for her service to the League.
Dave Unmacht, Executive Director of the League of Minnesota Cities stated that the goal of the League has been to be a more effective provider of services to the cities they represent. Their goal has been to meet with all 800 cities, and to listen to what is going on in the different communities around the state.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Standing/Special

Sanitation Committee

Kess encouraged the Sanitation Committee to look at the Waste disposal contract before July, since the renewal is in November and requires a 90 day written notice for changes.

A.Forsman asked if anyone has any concerns with the current contract to contact him and he can relay it to the Sanitation Committee.

A.Forsman discussed potential locations for moving the recycle center, and stated that the Spring Clean Up days are May 17th and 18th, more information will be in the papers and on the City Website as it gets closer.

Heritage Preservation Commission- Minutes included in the packet

Library Board

Omerza/Debeltz moved to approve the recommendation from the Library Board to accept the 100 meg plan from CTC for new wireless service for the library for a 5 year term.

Heinrich stated that this new service will be 10x as much bandwidth as the library is currently using for public Wi-Fi at approximately the same cost.

Kess asked about the 5 year term. Heinrich stated this was the shortest term.

Langowski indicated this is a good first step with what the City has been working on with Broadband and CTC.

Motion Carried Unanimously

9. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

A. Clerk-Treasurer

Omerza/Callen moved to approve advertising for the quote requests for the construction of the Mountain Bike Skills Trail at Hidden Valley and the construction of the Ely Cemetery Kiosk, quotes due April 16, 2019 at 2pm. Motion Carried Unanimously.

B. Fire Chief- Nothing to Report

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

Omerza asked how Coffee with Cops was going.

Lahtonen stated that the Coffee with a Cop has been going well.

E. City Attorney

i. Sale of Land where Ely Vet Clinic is located

Attorney Klun described the documents that she provided in the agenda packet. Hanson has paid approximately \$18,000 in lease payments to the City of Ely and annual real estate taxes. Prior to 1993, when Hanson acquired the lease, there has been an issue of how to insure the property, and give clear title, which is why the lease was put in place. In 2014 the City quiet titled the property; therefore, Certificate of Title was issued. The

new certificate of title solved the issue of the City's clouded title. Prior to that, there were a number of items that had been memorialized on the previous Certificate.

A.Forsman/Debeltz moved to postpone the Sale of Land to the Ely Vet Clinic till the next meeting and to invite Dr. Chip Hanson to the next council meeting.

Discussion was had on if Hanson would have been able to purchase the property with the original lease, how much would he have actually paid for the property?

Motion Carried 6-1 with Omerza voting No.

- ii. **Omerza/Callen moved to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 333 2nd Series, An Ordinance of the City of Ely, Minnesota, Adding to the Ely City Code, Chapter 20, Section 20.2.33, Sale of Land Located in the East Spaulding Plat.**

Attorney Klun explained that she did not change Ordinance 333 to include Block 4 Lot 3 since this lot is not currently owned by the City and the Palcher's will be purchasing it from a private seller. Klun stated that she will put together a separate ordinance for Block 4 Lot 3, regarding purchasing two lots next to each other.

Roll Called A. Forsman-yes, Kess-yes, Debeltz-yes, Omerza-Yes, Callen-yes, Campbell-yes, and Mayor Novak-yes. Motion Carried Unanimously.

- iii. Hill Purchase of East Spaulding Lot

Debeltz/Callen moved to have the Mayor and Clerk sign the closing documents for Block 4 Lot 1 in the East Spaulding Plat to Paula and Andy Hill. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Attorney Klun stated that the deed releasing the City's right of re-entry for Block 4 Lot 2 will be released so they can transfer that the lot to the Hills from the Leeson's.

F. City Engineer

10. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Thank you from the Wolf Track Classic - Matter of Information

B. Library Board resignation from Rebecca Reiss

Omerza/A.Forsman moved to post for a new Library Board Position. Motion Carried Unanimously.

C. Correspondence from RAMS regarding meeting with the County Board on Broadband
Kess indicated that RAMS is continuing to push St. Louis County to get involved with Broadband. Broadband is the future of our Economic Development.

11. CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT:

A. City and EUC claims for April 2, 2019 – \$68,958.97

B. Ely Community Resource 2nd Quarter Payment of \$5,125.00

Debeltz/Callen moved to approve the Claims for Payment items A and B. Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Kess/Omerza moved to approve Lake County requesting transfer of Lease Agreement dated August 27, 2013 between City of Ely and County of Lake, Minnesota to Pinpoint Minnesota LLC. Motion Carried Unanimously.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Debeltz/Campbell moved to approve Resolution 2019-010 a Resolution Authorizing Application of the Ely Igloo Snowmobile Club to Sell Pull-Tabs at Dee's Bar. Roll Called A. Forsman-yes, Kess-yes, Debeltz-yes, Omerza-Yes, Callen-yes, Campbell-yes, and Mayor Novak-yes. Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- B. Awarding of Voyageur ATV Trail (Bids will be opened on Monday April 1st)
Debeltz/Callen moved to award the base bid to George Bougalis and Sons in the amount of \$1,260,360.00 for the Forest Road 601 to Kabustasa Road Trail Improvements and Vermillion River Bridge Construction Voyageur Country ATV. The Notice to Proceed will be issued contingent upon receiving the DNR Public Waters Permit. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- C. Omerza/Campbell moved to approve the Public Right of Way: Small Wireless Facility Aesthetic Requirements and Construction Criteria policy. Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- D. Social Media Policy
Omerza is proposing the City of Ely have a social media presence, mainly with a Facebook page at this time, to be able to communicate with the residents. Omerza stated that the League of Minnesota cities has a sample Social Media Policy that the City will look at and bring to the next meeting for approval.
Discussion was had on whether or not to allow comments on the Facebook page or not. Omerza stated that Facebook is another way we can reach the public to let them know what is going on in the City.
Langowski stated that the Fire Department, Police Department and Library have Facebook pages and they have worked well.

14. OPEN FORUM

Bruce Beste from the Voyageur ATV Club thanked the City of Ely for accepting the bid and working with the Voyageur ATV Club and the other ATV trails.

15. ADJOURN

Mayor Novak adjourned the meeting at 6:39pm without objection.

Casey Velcheff
Deputy Clerk