

Council Minutes - May 7, 2019 - 5:30 p.m.
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: Council Member Omerza
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Debeltz/Campbell moved to approve the minutes from April 16, 2019 Regular Meeting and April 11, 2019 Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Omerza Absent.
4. ADDITIONS OR OMISSIONS TO AGENDA:
 - A. Addition 8. A. Recommendation from Heritage Preservation Commission to nominate the AFU Building for a Minnesota Preservation award in the Preservation-Rehabilitation Category.
 - B. Addition 13.G. Approve On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for Anchor and the Ark at 101 N Central Ave pending proper paperwork, insurance, and fees.**Additions A and B were added without objection.**
5. MAYOR’S REPORT
Mayor Novak recapped the Minnesota Mayors Association Meeting in Stillwater that he attended last week.
The City of Ely is the fiscal agent for the Voyageur Country ATV Trail; they came up this last weekend on an ATV Ride. Mayor Novak met with them and they thanked the city for being fiscal agent and helping to bring the trails to Northern Minnesota.
6. CONSENT AGENDA:
Debeltz/Callen moved to waive readings in entirety of all ordinances and resolutions on tonight’s agenda. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Omerza Absent.
7. REQUESTS TO APPEAR: None
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Standing/Special
Budget Minutes
A.Forsman/Kess moved to hire a Utility Person to help with the AMI metering project and also to help the other departments as needed. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Omerza Absent.

A.Forsman/Debeltz moved that the City apply for the maximum grant amount for the conversion of the Fire Water Tanker Truck.
Kess stated he would like to see a total project budget. Langowski stated he will ask the Fire Chief to bring it to the next budget meeting.
Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Omerza Absent.

Airport Commission – Minutes included in the packet

Heritage Preservation Commission

Campbell/Callen moved to approve the recommendation from Heritage Preservation Commission to nominate the AFU Building for a Minnesota Preservation award in the Preservation-Rehabilitation Category. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Omerza Absent.

Library Board - Minutes included in the packet

Telecommunications Advisory Board Meeting –

Recommendation from the Telecommunications Advisory Board to approve the Social Media Policy as written.

Mayor Novak stated he would prefer to wait to work through this about whether or not there should be comments allowed or not.

Donald G. Gardner Humanities Trust: Minutes included in the packet

Lodging Board – Matter of Information

Range Mayors Association- Information in the packet

9. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

A. Clerk-Treasurer

Water Tower Lease

Kess/Callen moved to approve the Site Lease with Option to lease the Water Tower between the City of Ely and Treehouse Broadband. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Omerza Absent.

Call for Bids Airport Fuel Tank and Fuel Tank Rehab

Debeltz/A.Forsman moved to call for bids for rehabilitation of the existing aviation fueling system to include tank sandblasting and painting and pipe and fuel cabinet rehabilitation at the Ely Airport. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Omerza Absent.

Trezona Trail Non-Motorized Recreational Trail License Agreement Extension

Langowski stated that the part of the Trezona Trail that is not paved is on private property. The license agreement has expired and the property owner would like to extend the license agreement into the fall. Discussion will be had at the next Projects meeting regarding how the property will be developed; the intent will be to maintain the trail in the current location.

Debeltz/Callen moved to have Attorney Klun draft a License Agreement Extension. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Omerza Absent.

Calendar Parking

Kess/A.Forsman moved to put a moratorium on Calendar parking until the fall. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Omerza Absent.

B. Fire Chief

Thank you to Edina Fire Department for the donation of PPV fans that went along with the fans the City of Ely purchased from Edina.

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

Quotes for vehicle replacement of the 2007 Expedition

Debeltz/Campbell moved to approve the purchase of 2019 Dodge 1500 Classic ST Crew Cab 4x4 for \$28,765.00 from Mike Motors. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Omerza Absent.

E. City Attorney

Purchase Agreement between City of Ely and Richard E Hanson

Debeltz/Callen moved to approve the purchase agreement between the City of Ely and Richard E Hanson. Motion Carried 6-1-1 with Kess voting No and Omerza Absent.

Closing documents for Sale of Land to Richard E Hanson

Debeltz/Callen moved to have the Clerk and Mayor sign the closing documents for the sale of land to Richard Hanson after the 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 334 2nd Series. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Omerza Absent.

Callen/Debeltz moved to approve the 1st Reading Ordinance No. 334, 2nd Series, An Ordinance of the City of Ely, Minnesota, Amending Chapter 20, Section 20.2 Sales of Land City Code of the City of Ely. Roll Called A.Forsman-yes, Kess-yes, Debeltz-yes, Omerza-Absent, Callen-yes, Campbell- yes, and Mayor Novak-yes. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Omerza Absent.

F. City Engineer

10. COMMUNICATIONS: Matter of Information

Ely Winter Festival Thank You

Incredible Ely Thank You

St Louis County CDBG, HOME, and ESG Programs Requalification

Correspondence from Burntside Lake Association

MN Management and Budget 2020 Capital Budget Instructions

Minnesota Child Care Programs Summary

11. CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT:

A. City and EUC claims for May 7, 2019 –\$250,452.21

B. Pay Estimate #1 for Trail Improvements and Vermilion River Bridge Construction Project Voyageur Country ATV for \$295,450.00 to George Bougalis and Sons.

Debeltz/A.Forsman moved to approve the claims for payment A and B. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Omerza Absent.

12. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Mid Term Opening on Library Board – Term Expires 1/31/2020

Hannah Bermel or Christopher Steele

Debeltz/Campbell moved to approve Hannah Bermel to the Library Board with term expiring 1/31/2020. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Omerza Absent.

B. A.Forsman/Debeltz moved to approve the applications for Peddler, Solicitor, Transient Merchant, Mobile Food Cart, and Mobile Food Vehicle. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Omerza Absent.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Debeltz/Callen moved to approve the MN Department of Natural Resources Hidden Valley Lease Miscellaneous Lease #LMIS010297. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Omerza Absent.

B. A.Forsman/Campbell moved to approve Resolution #2019-014 Resolution Authorizing Application for Dorothy Molter Memorial Foundation to Apply for Raffle Permit. Roll Called A.Forsman-yes, Kess-yes, Debeltz-yes, Omerza-Absent, Callen-yes, Campbell-yes, and Mayor Novak-yes. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Omerza Absent.

C. Debeltz/Callen moved to approve Resolution #2019-015 Resolution Authorizing to Execute Minnesota Department of Transportation Airport Maintenance and Operation Grant Contract. Roll Called A.Forsman-yes, Kess-yes, Debeltz-yes, Omerza-Absent, Callen-yes, Campbell- yes, and Mayor Novak-yes. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Omerza Absent.

D. Debeltz/Callen moved to approve Resolution #2019-016 Resolution Requesting Comprehensive Road and Transit Funding. Roll Called A.Forsman-yes, Kess-yes, Debeltz-yes, Omerza-Absent, Callen-yes, Campbell- yes, and Mayor Novak-yes. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Omerza Absent.

E. Callen/A.Forsman moved to approve the West Camp Street, Pattison Street East Improvements Bids: Recommendation the project be awarded to Utility Systems of America, Inc for \$1,373,420.00 for the Total Base Bid – Part A & Part B. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Omerza Absent.

F. Debeltz/Campbell moved to approve the West Camp Street, Pattison Street East Improvements Change Order #1. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Omerza Absent.

G. Debeltz/A.Forsman moved to approve the On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for Anchor and the Ark at 101 N Central Ave pending proper paperwork, insurance, and fees. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Omerza Absent.

14. OPEN FORUM

John Esse stated that he would like the council to discuss what is happening with 21 W Shagawa Rd at the next council meeting or Study Session.

15. ADJOURN

Mayor Novak adjourned the meeting at 6:17pm without objection.

Casey Velcheff
Deputy Clerk