

Council Minutes-June 18, 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/Callen moved to approve minutes from June 4, 2019 Regular Meeting and June 4, 2019 Hearing. Motion Carried Unanimously
4. ADDITIONS OR OMISSIONS TO AGENDA:
 - A. Addition 9.A.ii. Hidden Valley Mt Bike Trails Grant
 - B. Addition 11.E. Invoice #368289 from SEH for the Voyageur Country ATV Trail for \$3356.03
 - C. Omission 9 A. #2 MP/Ely Switching Agreement**Additions and Omission A-C added and omitted without objection**
5. MAYOR’S REPORT
Mayor Novak stated that there will be a ribbon cutting at 10am for the completion of 17th Ave and a Ground Breaking for the Ely Trailhead on June 21st.
Mayor Novak also attended the Ranges Mayors Association meeting, and brought with him the annual report from the inspector of the Mines for the year 2018.
Mayor Novak will be attending the League of MN Cities Annual Conference on June 26-28th
6. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - A. Motion to waive readings in entirety of all ordinances and resolutions on tonight’s agenda
Debeltz/Campbell moved to approve consent agenda item A. Motion Carried Unanimously
7. REQUESTS TO APPEAR:
 - A. Celia Domich – Ely Pioneer Mine Condition Assessment Results- Celia Domich presented the Council with the Pioneer Mine Condition Assessment results. The assessment results showed an overall cost of \$2,742,000 needed for repairs with the highest priority items being the Retaining Wall and the Captain’s Dry roof. Possibly funding sources include IRRRB, ISTEAs Grants, and monies from the MN Historical Society, Ely Greenstone, Gardner Trust and the City of Ely.
Celia Domich asked Council for support when asking for monies from the bigger entities, and shared hopes of working with the City to support the site.

- B. AAUW/Rotary – Pam Ransom, Caroline Owens- Promoting Ely as a 100 percent Equal Pay community. Pam Ransom and Caroline Owens along with the AAUW/Rotary stated that the principle of equal pay is non-discrimination in compensation for work. It states that pay should be based on the kind and quality of work done, and not according to the age, race, sex, religion, political association, ethnic origin, or any other individual or group characteristic unrelated to ability, performance, and qualification. Pam stated that Congressional District 8 as a whole ranks at the bottom of the state and below the national average in equal pay for equal work for women and minorities paying only 76% of a man’s wage for women. The group asked that the City of Ely, to sign the affirmation of equal pay with in the City of Ely. **Motion by Kess/Campbell to have Mayor Novak sign the affirmation on behalf of the City of Ely Promoting Ely as 100% Equal Pay Community. Motion Carried Unanimously****

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Standing/Special

a. Heritage Preservation Commission

b. Planning and Zoning

- i. Callen/Omerza moved to approve the recommendation from Planning and Zoning to approve a 3-year Interim Use Permit with conditions 1) Keep P&Z advised of material changes to the event, 2) P&Z collect public comments for consideration annually, and 3) proof of insurance prior to event. Motion Carried Unanimously 6-0-1 with Forsman abstaining.**

c. Projects Committee

- i. Callen/Omerza moved to approve the recommendation from Projects Commission to submit an application on behalf of the Ely-Winton Historical Society for the demolition and reconstruction of their museum building. Motion Carried Unanimously**

- ii. Callen/Omerza moved to approve the recommendation from Projects Commission to approve advertising for bids on the Trailhead and 5th Ave E Project with a bid opening of July 11th. Motion Carried Unanimously**

d. Ely Airport Commission

- i. Omerza/Callen moved to approve the recommendation from the Airport Commission to approve change order 1A and 2B for the 2018 Pavement Rehabilitation Project. Motion Carried Unanimously**
- ii. Debeltz/Omerza moved to approve the recommendation from the Airport Commission to approve the grant agreement and Resolution 2019-020 Resolution Authorizing to execute Minnesota Department of Transportation Grant Agreement for Airport Improvement Excluding Land Acquisition for the Fuel Rehab Project Roll Called: A. Forsman-yes. Kess-yes, Debeltz-yes, Omerza-yes, Callen-yes, Campbell-yes and Mayor Novak-yes. Motion Carried Unanimously**

iii. Omerza/Campbell moved to approve the recommendation from the Airport Commission to approve TKDA Design Agreement contingent on the successful completion of the Independent Fee Evaluation as required by FAA. Motion Carried Unanimously

- e. Ely Utilities Commission –minutes in packet
- f. RAMS – minutes in packet
- g. Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Ely –minutes in packet
- h. Range Mayor- matter of information
- i. Other Committee Reports -None

9. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

A. Clerk-Treasurer

i. The following items of business were recommended for approval at the regular EUC meeting of Wednesday, June 12, 2019:

- 1. Approved the MP/Ely Switching Agreement. -omitted
- 2. **Debeltz/Callen moved to approve payment of the EUC March, 2019 Bills for \$381,191.88 Motion Carried Unanimously**

ii. **Omerza/Forsman moved to approve the Hidden Valley Mt Bike Trail Grant from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for \$150,000. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

B. Fire Chief

C. Library Director

D. Police Chief

E. City Attorney

A. Debeltz/Omerza moved to approve the Note and Mortgage for LuAnne Bialik, for 626 S 6th Ave E for \$10,000 for a Residential Rehab Loan. Motion Carried Unanimously

F. City Engineer

10. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities –Excellence in Service Award-matter of information
- B. RAMS Newsletter –matter of information
- C. Minnesota State Demographic Center Population and Household Estimates – matter of information

11. CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT:

- A. City and EUC claims for June 18, 2019 – \$609,153.62
- B. IREA 2019 Membership Dues \$75
- C. Pay Request No. 3 for the Trail Improvements and Vermillion River Bridge Construction Project for \$29,165.00 to George Bougalis and Sons.
- D. Invoices 1905-10, 1905-38, and 1906-49 from Benchmark Engineering for construction management and permitting costs for a total of \$2310.00 for the Trail Improvements and Vermillion River Bridge Construction Project. .
- E. Invoice #368289 from SEH for the Voyageur Country ATV Trail for \$3,356.03

Debeltz/Campbell moved to approve claims for payments A-E. Motion Carried Unanimously

12. OLD BUSINESS:

13. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Campbell/Debeltz moved to approve resolution 2019-021 Resolution Authorizing Application for Rotary Club of Ely to Apply for Raffle Permit. Roll Called : A. Forsman-yes, Kess-yes, Debeltz-yes, Omerza-yes, Callen-yes, Campbell- yes Mayor Novak-yes Motion Carried Unanimously

B. Callen/Omerza moved to approve the Dorothy Molter Museum’s Application and Permit for a 1 Day Temporary Consumption and Display Permit for August 13, 2019 pending proper paperwork and fees. Motion Carried Unanimously

C. Debeltz/Callen moved to approve Resolution 2019-022 Resolution Authorizing the City of Ely to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the IRRRB Grant Programs Roll Called: A. Forsman-yes, Kess-yes, Debeltz-yes, Omerza-yes, Callen-yes, Campbell-yes, Mayor Novak-yes. Motion Carried Unanimously

14. OPEN FORUM

15. ADJOURN

Mayor Novak adjourned the meeting at 6:28pm without objection

Katie Richards
Account Clerk