

AGENDA ADDITIONS

March 7, 2023

Regular Meeting Ely City Council – City Hall, Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL: Council members A.Forsman, Kess, Debeltz, Callen, Campbell, Bisbee, and Mayor Omerza
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
(3-7) Approve minutes from the February 21, 2023 Regular Council Meeting
4. ADDITIONS OR OMISSIONS TO AGENDA:
 - A. Additions 13.D. Letter of Support for 2024 Federal CDS application for TH 169 Spot Safety and Mobility Improvements Reconstruction Projects.
5. MAYOR'S REPORT:
6. CONSENT AGENDA:
7. REQUESTS TO APPEAR:
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - A. Standing/Special
 - a. (8) Sanitation Committee
 - b. (9-17) Ely Utilities Commission
 - i. Recommendation from the EUC to schedule one EUC meeting per month on the 4th Wednesday.
 - ii. Recommendation from EUC to approve payment to Ferguson for 14" water main repair parts for \$3252.58.
 - iii. Recommendation from EUC to approve a one year contract extension for Mick Shusta at the continued rate of \$500 per month.
 - iv. Recommendation from EUC to approve \$1,437,392.51 payment of EUC January bills.
 - v. Recommendation from EUC to approve payment of \$1,021.29 to Anthony Gornik for installation of LCR Units.
 - vi. Recommendation from EUC to approve CIP rebate of \$368.81 to St. Louis County for LED light upgrade.
 - c. (18-20) Joint Powers Ambulance Board
Next Joint Powers Ambulance Board Meeting March 28, 2023 at 4pm Ely City Hall, Council Chambers – Special Council Meeting?
 - d. (21-23) Range Association of Municipalities & Schools (RAMS)
 - e. Other Committee Reports

9. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

A. Clerk-Treasurer

- i. (24-43) FY24 General Community Project Form to Peter Stauber for the Burntside water main replacement project.
- ii. (44-53) USDA Rural Development Application

B. Fire Chief

C. Library Director

- i. (54) Library Usage Groups by Circulation
- ii. (55) ALA Annual Conference
- iii. (56-74) 2022 MN Public Library Annual Report

D. Police Chief

E. City Attorney

(75-87) Note and Mortgage for the Residential Rehab Loan for John and Susan Leonard for \$10,000 at 127 W Chapman St to fix the sewer line

F. City Engineer

10. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. (88-89) Thank you from the Ely Nordic Ski Team
- B. (90) Ely Bloomenson Community Hospital Member Update – February 2023

11. CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT:

- A. (91-92) City and EUC claims for March 7, 2023 for \$637,634.33
- B. (93-104) Invoice #262108 to St Louis County for the 2022 City of Ely Storm and Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Televising for \$14,770.08

12. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. (105-111) Committee Seat Applications

13. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. (112-158) Change orders No. 3, 4, and 5 for the Ely WWTF Improvements Project
- B. (159-161) Authorization for Professional Services for the 2023 Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS) for Phase 1 at the Ely Airport
- C. (162-163) Notice of Call for bids for the 2023 Taxilane Reconstruction Project
- D. (Additions A1) Letter of Support for 2024 Federal CDS application for TH 169 Spot Safety and Mobility Improvements Reconstruction Projects.

14. OPEN FORUM:

15. ADJOURN:



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Senator Tina Smith
720 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Amy Klobuchar
425 Dirksen Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

Representative Pete Stauber
145 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Senator/Representative XX:

We are writing this letter of support, in reference to the 2024 Federal CDS application for TH169 Spot Safety and Mobility Improvements Reconstruction projects in St. Louis County identified by the Highway 169 North Task Force.

This overall project is a locally led project on MnDOT's Trunk Highway System, and includes spot improvements for Safety and Mobility on the corridor at the following locations as part of on-going planning efforts with MnDOT District 1:

- Reference Point 267, grade lowering on TH 169 near Soudan State Park Entrance;
- Reference Point 275-276, horizontal curve correction at and near Robinson Lake;
- Reference Point 276-278, Wolf Creek Pass Road (Morse Township Road), turn lane construction and realignment; and
- Reference Point 278-279, Wolf Lake Road (County Road 404), turn lanes and TH 169 realignment with grade corrections through Soley's Corner.

These areas have horizontal and vertical deficiencies resulting in crash clusters with fatalities, serious injuries, and property damage and are in need of the Safety and Mobility Improvements identified. The City of Ely requests federal assistance be provided for MnDot to complete their necessary improvements.

Sincerely,

Heidi Omerza
Mayor City of Ely

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