

AGENDA ADDITIONS
April 16, 2024 at 5:30pm
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:
(4-8) Approve minutes from the April 2, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

4. ADDITIONS OR OMISSIONS TO AGENDA:
 - A. Additions 8.A.j Budget Committee
 - B. Additions 13.G Residential Rehab loan application for Taylor Davis for \$4143.26 at 915 E White St to repair the sewer and have it lined pending proper paperwork and fees and to direct Attorney Klun to work with the applicant and proceed with the loan application.
 - C. Additions 13.H Resolution 2024-0019 Resolution Authorizing Application for Ely Events Group to Apply for Raffle Permit.
 - D. Additions 13.I. Ely Arts and Heritage Center Requests for Pioneer Mine - Miners Dry & Captains Dry Electrical Improvements

5. MAYOR'S REPORT:

6. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - A. Motion to waive readings in entirety of all ordinances and resolutions on tonight's agenda.
 - B. Schedule Special Council Meeting for April 23, 2024 at 5pm in City Hall Council Chambers to Finalize the MN Housing Finance - Workforce Housing Application and Certification

7. REQUESTS TO APPEAR:

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - A. Standing/Special
 - a. (9-10) Tree Board

 - b. (11-12) Telecommunications Advisory Board (TAB)
 - i. Recommendation from TAB to approve the quote #4672 and #4673 for cabling and routers required for HD conversion totaling \$1,168.92 from Custom Theaters.
 - ii. (12) Recommendation from TAB to approve Ely Area Television\$150.00 for the additional filming in March.

- c. (13-19) Employee Relations (ER)
 - i. Recommendation from Employee Relations to direct an MOU to be drafted to clarify step up pay language in the current agreement with AFSCME.
 - ii. Recommendation from Employee Relations to allow the use of FMLA and direct staff to draft a policy of its use as has been past practice and recognizes that the City currently falls below the employee count of fifty, required to provide FMLA.
 - iii. Recommendation from Employee Relations to remove Jay Poshak from the Ely Fire Department due to his attendance not meeting the minimum standards of the department over the previous three years.
 - iv. (15-19) Recommendation from Employee Relations to approve the Job Description for the Public Work Foreman and to post the position following approval of the description by AFSCME Local 1490.

- d. (20) Heritage Preservation Commission

- e. (21-22) Library Board

- f. (23-25) Cemetery Committee
 - i. (25) Recommendation from Cemetery Committee to go with the partial project hitch with Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps in June and have them work on the entrance gate columns for \$9000.

- g. (26-27) Projects Committee
 - i. Recommendation from Projects Committee to allow for a two-year extension to build for 2221 Sibley Drive.
 - ii. Recommendation from Projects Committee to proceed with the replacement of the decorative lighting on Sheridan Street from 8th to 17th.
 - iii. Recommendation from Projects Committee to sponsor the funding application to DEED for the cleanup of the property near the depot.
 - iv. Recommendation from Projects Committee to direct JPJ Engineering to revise the final pay estimate for the 2022 Street Projects to include the \$7,360 for additional work completed by Mesabi Bituminous.

- h. (28-30) Range Association of Municipalities and Schools

- i. (31-33) Housing & Redevelopment Authority of Ely

- j. (Additions A1) Budget Committee
 - i. Recommendation from Budget Committee to approve the purchase of the Komatsu Loader from RMS for \$315,420.89. The motion includes listing the current City Loader on Due Bid with a minimum bid price of \$43,000 and if it does not sell then a trade-in with RMS at the time of purchase for \$42,500.
 - ii. Recommendation from Budget Committee to approve the purchase of a Tandem Axel Dump Truck from Ascendance Truck Centers in Virginia, MN for \$303,125.
 - iii. Recommendation from Budget Committee to approve the purchase of the 2025 Ford Interceptor Squad from Lundgrens for \$44,859.94.

k. Other Committee Meetings

9. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

A. Clerk-Treasurer

B. Fire Chief

C. Library Director

D. Police Chief

E. City Attorney

i. (34-42) 2nd Reading Ordinance 376 2nd Series – An Ordinance of the City of Ely, Minnesota, Revising the Ely City Code Chapter 11, Section 4 Conditional Uses

ii. (43-66) Resolution 2024-016 and Order of the City of Ely – A Resolution and Order of the City of Ely, Minnesota, Declaring the Real Property at 45 E Boundary Street Blight Pursuant to the Ely City Code

F. City Engineer

10. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. (67-68) Communication and press release from the Arbor Day Foundation congratulating Ely on earning recognition as a 2023 Tree City USA.

B. (69) Communications from Ely Bloomenson Community Hospital March 2024 Member Update – The Pulse.

C. (70-77) Ely Community Resource, Inc – Quarter 1 Progress Report

11. CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT:

A. (78-94) City and EUC Claims for April 16, 2024 for \$506,682.85

12. OLD BUSINESS:

13. NEW BUSINESS:

A. (95) Resolution 2024-015 Resolution of the City of Ely to apply to the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority for the Burntside Waterline

B. (96-98) Resolution 2024-017 Resolution by the City of Ely, Committing Property and City Resources for the Construction of Workforce Housing

C. (99-109) DRAFT - Workforce Housing Development Program – 2024 Application and Certification

- D. (110-111) 2024-2026 Golf Course Ground Lease between the City of Ely and the Ely Golf Club Corporation
- E. (112) Resolution 2024-018 Resolution Governing Write in Voting Counting
- F. (113) Amendment to the Listing Contract with Keller Williams Classic Realty – Duluth, Jim Burke for the listing of Lots 9, 10, 11 in East Spaulding Addition until April 25, 2025.
- G. Residential Rehab loan application for Taylor Davis for \$4143.26 at 915 E White St to repair the sewer and have it lined pending proper paperwork and fees and to direct Attorney Klun to work with the applicant and proceed with the loan application.
- H. (Additions A2) Resolution 2024-0019 Resolution Authorizing Application for Ely Events Group to Apply for Raffle Permit.
- I. (Additions A3) Ely Arts and Heritage Center Requests for Pioneer Mine - Miners Dry & Captains Dry Electrical Improvements
- J. Disciplinary Hearing for XXX employee subject to the councils review.
Open or Closed meeting at the Employees Discretion

14. OPEN FORUM:

15. ADJOURN:

Budget Committee Meeting, April 15, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by HO

Present: Heidi Omerza, Al Forsman, Paul Kess, Harold Langowski, Dan Smith, Rachel Heinrich, Dave Marshall

Absent: Chad Houde

Other Present: Mike Lorenz

Motion by AF support by PK to approve the minutes from the February 26, 2024 meeting. Passed Unanimously.

New Business

Loader – HL provided prices of four equivalently sized and equipped Loaders. Komatsu was the lowest price and also has the highest trade in value for the City's existing loader. The warranty on the Komatsu is also the best. Harold mentioned that there is other 3rd party interest in the City's loader if a new one was purchased.

Motion by AF support by PK to recommend the Council approve the Purchase of the Komatsu Loader from RMS for \$315,420.89. The motion includes listing the current City Loader on Due Bid with a minimum bid price of \$43,000 and if it does not sell then a trade-in with RMS at the time of purchase for \$42,500. Passed Unanimously.

Tandem Axle Dump Truck – Three quotes were provided for a Public Works Tandem Axle Dump Truck. The International and Volvo were similarly priced but the Volvo was a minimal \$362 cheaper. The International is recommended by staff because of tools and parts replacement compatibility with current City equipment.

Motion by AF support by PK to recommend the Council approve the Purchase of the Tandem Axle Dump Truck from Ascendance Truck Centers in Virginia, MN for \$303,125. Passed Unanimously.

Police Squad Replacement – Lorenz provided two quotes for a squad vehicle replacement. The price difference between the two quotes is 1,343. The police department recommended keeping the purchase local with Lundgrens due to staff time for the purchase and warranty maintenance if needed on the vehicle. Delivery is expected between the months of August-November. Additional Cost estimated to be \$15,000 would be needed to outfit the Squad.

Motion by AF support by PK to recommend the Council approve the Purchase of the 2025 Ford Interceptor Squad from Lundgrens for 44,859.94. Passed Unanimously.

2023 Estimated Fund Balances – Smith provided a report on the 2023 year end estimated governmental fund balances.

Reports

January YTD 2024 Revenue and Expenditures

Adjourn at 4:34 pm by HO

Submitted by Assistant Treasurer, Dan Smith

CITY OF ELY

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR ELY EVENTS GROUP
TO APPLY FOR RAFFLE PERMIT**

WHEREAS, the Ely Events Group has applied for a Minnesota Lawful Gambling Permit to conduct a raffle on July 15, 2024 at the Grand Ely Lodge located at 400 N Pioneer Rd, Ely MN 55731 and

WHEREAS, the City of Ely approves of said application and that the Ely Events Group be authorized to submit the necessary paperwork to the State of Minnesota Department of Gambling Control.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Ely, Minnesota does hereby adopt this resolution.

Upon vote taken thereon, the following voted:

For: Council Member

Against:

Whereupon said Resolution No. 2024-019 was declared duly passed and adopted this 16th day of April, 2024.

Heidi Omerza, Mayor

Harold R Langowski, Clerk/Treasurer

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Pioneer Mine

1 message

NICK WOGNUM <elyecho@aol.com>

Mon, Apr 15, 2024 at 9:27 PM

To: Casey Velcheff <casey.velcheff@ely.mn.us>, Harold Langowski <elyod@ely.mn.us>

The Ely Arts and Heritage Center would like to make two requests of the City of Ely:

1. Matching funds for upgrading the electrical work in the Miners Dry totaling \$16,200 and \$6,200 for the Captains Dry electrical work. The total cost is \$22,400 and the request is for the city to match EAHC's \$11,200 contribution.

2. Approval to proceed with the electrical improvements at the Miners Dry and Captains Dry. This work includes new wiring, lighting and outlets in the Miners Dry and returning electrical service to the Captains Dry.

As our calendar for rental of the Miners Dry continues to fill up both this summer and into 2025, we need to make sure the building has the needed electrical service for a public space.

For the Captains Dry we would like to be able to continue working toward making the facility available to accept a private mining collection to be on display to the public.

Thank you for the consideration of these requests. We would move forward immediately following your approval.

We appreciate the city's ongoing support of preserving and interpreting our mining history.

Thank you.

Nick Wognum, Chair
Ely Arts and Heritage Center