

AGENDA ADDITIONS
August 20, 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:
(3-9) Approve minutes from the August 6, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.
4. ADDITIONS OR OMISSIONS TO AGENDA:
 - A. Additions 8.A Budget Committee
 - B. Additions 8.A. Park and Recreation Board
 - C. Additions 13.B. Todd Crego's resignation from Park and Recreation Board and Tree Board, post for the 2 open seats on those boards.
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 the Study Session with the Ely Bloomenson Community Hospital and other interested communities and organizations on August 27th at 5:30pm. (The EEDA meeting for that evening has been canceled.)
7. REQUESTS TO APPEAR:
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - A. Standing/Special
 - a. (10-11) Library Board
 - i. Matter of Information: Library Board determined that the city council must make decisions regarding ticketing, signage, and policy for electric vehicle charging parking, it is not the responsibility of the library board to make decisions regarding this matter.
 - b. (12-20) Projects Committee
 - i. (14) Recommendation from Projects Committee to recommend the Right of Way on East 10th Street South between South 1st Ave East and South 3rd Ave E be vacated and to forward to Planning and Zoning for review.
 - ii. Recommendation from Projects Committee to authorize advertising the paving and storm water improvements on Conan Street from 8th to 10th Avenues, 9th Avenue from Harvey to White and 10th Avenue from Conan to Pattison.

- iii. (15-18) Recommendation from Projects Committee to authorize the paving of the storm washed out areas including Lakeview Avenue, the alley between Central and 1st Avenue and James Street and Pattison Street, the edge of the roadway on Washington Street between 4th and 5th Avenue, and the Sheridan and Chapman Alley behind Brittons Café. (see attached maps)
- iv. (19-20) Recommendation from Projects Committee to approve the work for commissioning the Trailhead Building for \$17,000 as proposed from IEA.
- v. Recommendation from Projects Committee to allow Low Impact Excavators to process the spoil material piled behind the Grahek Apartments for reuse.
- vi. Recommendation from Projects Committee that the Fire Chief reviews the request before recommending the alley between 17th Avenue and N Savoy Road be abandoned.

c. (21) Heritage Preservation Commission

d. (Additions A1) Budget Committee

- i. Recommendation from Budget Committee to approve updating and repairing the Miners Dry Sprinkler system for a cost of approximately \$5000.

e. (Additions A2-A3) Park and Recreation Board

- i. Recommendation from Park and Recreation Board to approve Kristen Anthony Ely Resident to the Park and Recreation Board with mid-term expiring 1/31/2027.

f. Other Committee Meetings

9. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

A. Clerk-Treasurer

B. Fire Chief

C. Library Director

D. Police Chief

E. City Attorney

- i. (22-34) Consider the Note and Mortgage for the Residential Rehab Loan for Morgan Sauls for \$10,000 at 518 E Pattison St to waterproof the basement and for mold treatment.

F. City Engineer

10. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. (35) Correspondence from Ely Bloomenson Community Hospital Member Update August 2024

11. CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT:

- A. (36-41) City and EUC Claims for August 20, 2024 for \$214,646.22
- B. (42-44) Partial Pay Estimate #5 (Final) for the 2021 Partial Parallel Taxiway Project for \$16,700.23 to Ulland Brothers, Inc.
- C. (45-47) Coalition of Greater MN Cities 2024-2025 Membership Dues for \$6319.00

12. OLD BUSINESS:

13. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. (48) Resolution 2024-032 Resolution Authorizing City of Ely to Make Application to and Accept Grant Funds from IRRR Revenue Bonds for the Pioneer Mine Historical Site Maintenance and Displays Project.
- B. (Additions A4-A5) Todd Crego's resignation from Park and Recreation Board and Tree Board, post for the 2 open seats on those boards.

14. OPEN FORUM:

15. ADJOURN:

Budget Committee Meeting, August 19, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by HO

Present: Heidi Omerza, Paul Kess, Harold Langowski, Dan Smith, Chad Houde, Rachel Heinrich, Dave Marshall

Absent: Al Forsman

Motion by PK support by HO to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2024 meeting. Passed 2-0-1 with Forsman absent.

New Business

2025 Requested Budget – The 2025 Requested Budget was presented. The main highlights affecting the 2025 budget included a \$126,400 increase in the general fund Revenues and Expenditures, an overall increase in property taxes of 182,600 or 8.46% from 2024, LGA is expected to only increase by \$3,400 or .002% and Taconite aid is expected to decrease in 2025. PK mentioned that the 8.46% increase in property taxes needed to be reduced despite the lack of LGA and Taconite Aid funding. Items suggested for possible spending reductions to reduce the increase in Property Taxes included moving the EFD turnout gear to the equipment replacement fund, reducing Police part time employee funding, increasing budgeted interest revenue, spending down fund balance or reducing the tax levy for capital projects. Department heads will be discussing over the coming few weeks and a new requested budget will be presented to the Budget Committee next month. The maximum tax levy needs to be approved by the Council and certified to St Louis County before the September 30th deadline.

5 Year Equipment Replacement Plan – The Equipment replacement plan was discussed. Department heads will update their equipment replace plans to reflect 2025 needs and beyond. The updates to the plan will be presented at the next budget meeting.

Miners Dry Sprinkler Repair – The fire sprinkler system at miners dry needs to be repaired and updated. DM explained the difference between a dry and wet sprinkler system. It is suggested that the dry system should be used at the Miners Dry building that includes a monitoring system. The estimated cost to fix and update the system is 5k.

Motion by PK supported by HO to recommend the council approve updating and repairing the Miners Dry Sprinkler system for a cost of approximately \$5,000. Passed 2-0-1 with Forsman absent.

Reports – July YTD 2024 General Government Revenue and Expenditures

Adjourn at 5:01 pm by PK

Submitted by Assistant Treasurer, Dan Smith

Parks and Recreation Board
Ely City Hall
Meeting Minutes 8/19/2024

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm.

Present: Morgan Sauls, Julie Hignell, Abby Dare, Jen Westlund, Alyssa Richards

Excused: Adam Bisbee

Also present: Scott Kochendorfer, Kristen Anthony, Paul Kess, Frederica Musgrave

1. Minutes from April 15th were approved. Motion made by Alyssa, seconded by Jen. Alyssa mentioned noting last names in the minutes for all in attendance. Passed unanimously
2. Additions to the agenda
 - a. Request from Carly Wogen with Minnesota North College to rent part of Whiteside Park on Tuesday, September 17th. Motion made by Morgan to add to the Agenda, seconded by Alyssa. Passed unanimously.
3. Morgan informed the committee that Todd Crego resigned from his seat on the committee on the afternoon of 8/19. Since P&R already had a vacant spot, we were discussing appointing one of the two applicants. Kristen Anthony (City Citizen) and Steve Toddie (City Non-Citizen) applied for the seat vacated by Aspen Eck. With both seats open, Morgan stated that both applicants could be approved by the Committee to go to Council on 8/20. Paul and Frederica mentioned that the seat Todd vacated would need to be approved by the Council and publicized. Paul commented that the Council may be obligated to post the opening prior to accepting both. Julie recommended that moving forward we get the application information about any new incoming committee members so the Committee can be aware of who is applying. **Motion made by Abby to approve Kristen onto the P&R Committee, seconded by Julie. Passed Unanimously. Motion made by Abby to recommend Steve Toddie fill the open seat left by Todd, barring the need to publicize the position or other formalities the Council deems necessary. Seconded by Alyssa, passed unanimously.**
4. Morgan provided some information on the meetings in May and July, June was cancelled. Morgan gave an update on the Tree Climbing event on the 4th of July and the meeting with Little League and Pickleball during the May meeting. Alyssa provided an update on some of the discussions had during the July meeting and how we continue to not have a quorum.
5. Morgan brought up the lack of quorums for Park & Rec meetings. Discussion was had about whether it would be beneficial to focus on attendance or if we should change the date. Abby mentioned keeping it as it is unless there is an easy fix to changing the date.

Alyssa discussed the different reasons why it isn't working, like employment obligations or other meetings. Scott mentioned that the 2nd Thursday of the month is free of other public committee meetings. Paul brought up possibly lowering the number of members of the Committee if we continue to not meet quorum. Morgan to coordinate with Harold and Casey to create a survey to choose a different meeting night. Once a new date is selected, it will be up to the committee members to attend or possibly resign or reassign the seat.

6. Paul excused himself from the meeting to head to another obligation.
7. Morgan explained the Whiteside Rental request from Carly Wogen. They want to hold a community event with multiple parts, like a dunk tank, sawdust pile, having the Law Enforcement students come with the student cruiser, etc. Carly mentioned in her email request that they would work with the Farmer's Market to ensure they work cohesively. The event is meant to integrate college students into the community and the community will be welcome as well. Abby questioned signage to welcome community members to ensure people know everyone is welcome. Alyssa confirmed there would be signage.

Motion made by Alyssa, seconded by Abby. Passed Unanimously.

8. Morgan brought up the email from Rent.Fun wanting to set up Kayak/Canoe rentals somewhere in Ely. Harold received an email from a representative from Rent.Fun. Jen also mentioned that there are so many local Outfitters that provide rentals that this would not be a needed collaboration. Since ECR is already working on implementing kayak/canoe rental and Ely has an abundance of outfitters to provide these rentals, the committee decided to not pursue working with Rent.Fun since this service is already being worked on by a local organization. Julie provided an update on the kayak/canoe rental program with ECR. They are currently looking for storage racks and locks for the boats but working with local businesses to get the needed equipment. No action items for the Committee at this time. Julie also provided an update on the painting of the Semers Building. Abby brought up having an attendant at Semers to help monitor and manage the kayaks. Morgan brought up that there used to be attendants but funding was no longer available. Scott mentioned the liability of having someone there also.
9. Alyssa excused herself from the meeting to head to another obligation at 5:45. With her departure, there was no longer a quorum so no further action was taken during the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 6:29

Next meeting Monday 9/16 at 5pm at Ely City Hall



Casey Velcheff <casey.velcheff@ely.mn.us>

Resignation from Park and Rec and Tree Board

Todd Crego <tcrego1992@gmail.com>
To: Casey Velcheff <casey.velcheff@ely.mn.us>

Mon, Aug 19, 2024 at 11:54 AM

Hi Casey,

I wanted to let you know that I'm stepping down from my roles on the Tree Board and the Park & Recreation Board. My work commitments have made it hard for me to attend meetings lately, and with two fantastic community members wanting to join the Park & Rec team, it feels like the right time for me to bow out and let some fresh energy take over.

I'm really proud of the progress we've made over my seven years with Parks & Rec and five years on the Tree Board. It's been a rewarding experience, and I'm excited to see where things go from here.

I'll still be serving on the Library Board, as that hasn't been affected by my work schedule.

Thanks for your understanding!

Todd Crego
General Manager
Ely Area Television

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2024 Committee Seats

Council August 20, 2024

Park and Recreation Board

(1-Mid Term (Term Expiring 1/31/2027)

New Applicants: resident or non-resident

Kristen Anthony - Resident

2024 Open Committee Seats

Will post until August 29th at 4:30pm.

Park and Recreation Board

1-Mid Term (Term Expiring 1/31/2027)

* resident or non-resident

Steven Toddie – Non- Resident

Heritage Preservation Commission

2-Mid Terms (1 - Term Expiring 1/31/2027 and 1- Term Expiring 1/31/2026)

* resident or non-resident

Tree Board

1 – Mid Term (Term Expiring 1/31/2026)

*resident or non-resident

1 – Mid Term (Term Expiring 1/31/2027)

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