

**Regular Meeting Ely City Council – City Hall, Council Chambers  
October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024-Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Omerza called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

Present Council members A.Forsman, Kess, Debeltz, Callen, Campbell, Bisbee, and Mayor Omerza

Absent: None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Debeltz/Bisbee moved to approve minutes from the October 1st, 2024 Regular Council Meeting and the August 27th, 2024 Study Session. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**ADDITIONS OR OMISSIONS TO AGENDA:**

- A. Addition 8. C Projects Committee
- B. Addition 11. B AE2s Invoice # 98298 for \$3,126.00 for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Mercury Project and Invoice #98187 \$3,150 For General Consulting Services
- C. Addition 13. D Request for continued support of HVAC and snowplowing services at the Ely Area Community Hub
- D. Addition 13. E Request from Mary Groeninger-Helms for Open Seat on Tree Board expiring January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2027
- E. Addition 9. F Sunday Liquor Sales

**Forsman/Debeltz moved to approve additions A-E. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Motion to waive readings in entirety of all ordinances and resolutions on tonight's agenda.

**Debeltz/Callen moved to approve the Consent Agenda item A. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**REQUESTS TO APPEAR:**

Ian Francis Lah- Ely Cultural Alliance and Ely for Ely Conference

Ian Lah presented the Council on the importance of arts and culture in the Ely community and extended an invitation to the Council to attend the Ely for Ely Conference on November 18<sup>th</sup> from 9am-4pm and/or the next Ely Cultural Alliance Meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-6pm.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Standing/Special

Library Board-Matter of Information

Range Association of Municipalities & Schools (RAMS): Minutes included in the council packet

Projects Committee

**Callen/Debeltz moved to approve the recommendation from the Projects Committee to direct City Staff and Attorney to investigate possible deed transfer of property at 334 and 350 W Chapman to the City of Ely Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Callen/Forsman moved to approve the recommendation from the Projects Committee for City Council to approve the proposal for a reconnaissance level survey totaling \$7,866.97 from Duluth Archeological Survey for the construction of the ambulance and fire buildings as required by SHPO. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

Clerk-Treasurer

Fire Chief- Chief Marshall gave an update to the Council of recent fire and medical calls, as well as reminder to the public about the recent burning restrictions that have been in place.

Library Director- Library Director gave an update to the Council on upcoming programming at the library which can be found on the library website

Police Chief

**Debeltz/Bisbee moved to approve the recommendation from the Police Commission to hire Bradley Roy as Sergeant. Motion Carried Unanimously**

City Attorney

City Engineer

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Matter of Information

- EBCH Northeast Regional Ambulance Initiative Next Steps Meeting – Friday, October 18, 2024 at 2pm at the Grand Ely Lodge Council Member Kess will attend as Council Rep.
- Lodging Tax Report through July- Matter of information
- Public Meeting on Harvey Street Central – 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue Reconstruction Project on October 28, 2024 at 6pm at Ely City Hall Council Chambers- Matter of information

**CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT:**

A. City and EUC Claims for October 15, 2024 for \$227,270.72

B. AE2s Invoice # 98298 for \$3,126.00 for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Mercury Project and Invoice # 98187 for \$3,150.00 for General Consulting Services

**Debeltz/Callen moved to approve Claims for Payment items A&B. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Callen/Debeltz moved to approve Resolution 2024-038 Resolution Making Levy and Assessment Against Taxable Properties for Delinquent Blight Violations. Roll Called: A. Forsman-yes, Kess-yes, Debeltz-yes, Callen-yes, Campbell-yes, Bisbee-yes, Mayor Omerza-yes. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Debeltz/Callen moved to approve Resolution 2024-039 Resolution Authorizing Application to DEED for the Cleanup of the Depot Site. Roll Called: A. Forsman-yes, Kess-yes, Debeltz-yes, Callen-yes, Cambell-yes, Bisbee-yes, Mayor Omerza-yes. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Debeltz/Callen moved to approve Resolution 2024-040 Resolution Authorizing Application to DEED for the Investigation of Contamination of the Depot Site. Roll Called: A. Forsman-yes, Kess-yes, Debeltz-yes, Callen-yes, Cambell-yes, Bisbee-yes, Mayor Omerza-yes. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Kess/Callen moved to approve the request for continued support of HVAC and snowplowing Services at the Ely Area Community Hub. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**A. Forsman/Debeltz moved to approve the request from Mary Groeninger-Helms for Open Seat on Tree Board expiring January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2027. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**A. Forsman/Debeltz moved to approve to direct City Staff and City Attorney to amend current City Ordinance for Sunday Liquor on Sale hours from 10am-2am to match State Statue from 8am-2am. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**OPEN FORUM: None**

**ADJOURN:**

Mayor Omerza adjourned the meeting at 6:16 without objection.

Katie Richards  
Acct Clerk