

Ely City Council Proceedings

The City Council Meeting met in regular session on October 5, 2020 at 7:00 pm in person at City Hall, 1570 Rowley St. Ely, IA 52227, due to the Covid-19 Health Crisis online over ZOOM Platform and Facebook. Officials present were Mayor Eldy Miller, Council Members William Tuthill, Ben Symonds, Judy Wery and Dan Whitaker. Kay Hale – Absent. Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following claims include expenses for the City, Park Board and Library:

A TO Z CHEMICAL SUPPLY, Selective Herbicides	\$ 4,371.60
ACTION SERVICES, Fall Fest Bathroom	\$ 740.00
ADAM THOMPSON, Storm Clean Up Food	\$ 463.22
ADVANTAGE ACH, FSA	\$ 133.36
ALLIANT, Electric	\$ 1,952.19
ALLIED GLASS, City Hall Glass Door Replace	\$ 290.00
AMAZON, LIB Media Books	\$ 569.57
BAKER & TAYLOR, LIB Books	\$ 1,076.68
BDH TECHNOLOGY, Computer Technologies	\$ 4,732.30
BSN SPORTS, LLC, Baseball Uniform Bal Due	\$ 47.41
CALLIE O'BRIEN, Fall Fest Reimbursement	\$ 120.79
CASEY'S BUSINESS MC, Fuel Truck & Mowers	\$ 619.31
CASEY'S MARKETING, Hoosier Creek Sewer Easement	\$ 2,325.00
CITY OF ATLANTIC, LIB Help Now/Brain Fuse Sub	\$ 227.60
COLONIAL LIFE INS, Accidental Ins	\$ 48.87
CARDMEMBER SERVICES – LIB Credit Card	\$ 392.93
CRL LAWN CARE, City Park Maint.	\$ 400.00
DELTA DENTAL, Dental Pre-Tax	\$ 265.27
EFTPS-ED/FICA TAX	\$ 4,876.56
GAZETTE COMMUNICATIONS, INC- Publication	\$ 18.27
GRAYBILL COMMUNICATIONS, Fall Fest Equip Rental	\$ 72.00
GREEN PRO SOLUTIONS, Equip Degreaser	\$ 660.33
THE HARTFORD GROUP BENEFITS, STD-Short Term	\$ 453.90
HAWKINS, INC., PW Chemicals	\$ 530.11
HDC PRINTED PRODUCTS, 3 rd Qtr. Newsletter	\$ 527.15
IA DIVISION OF LABOR/ELEVATOR, Conveyance Elev.	\$ 225.00
IOWA EXPRESS DELIVERY, Sewer Sample Delivery	\$ 750.00
IOWA ONE CALL, Locates	\$ 28.80
IPERS, Retirement Fund	\$ 7,484.85
LL PELLING CO., Rd Resurfacing Traer St	\$ 47,123.61
M & K DUST CONTROL INC, Storm Dust Control	\$ 1,155.00
MENARDS, PW Misc. Supplies	\$ 44.92
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY, Utilities	\$ 70.28
DBA THE COMPANY STORE, Fall Fest Shirts	\$ 1,343.00
MY MOMS BAKERY, Fall Fest Sandwich Containers	\$ 53.49
OFFICE EXPRESS, Office Supplies	\$ 78.98
US POSTMASTER, Postage Newsletter Letter Oct Bills	\$ 379.85
ROTO-ROOTER, Storm Sewer Clean Highland Rd	\$ 612.50
SARAH SELLON, Reimbursement & Mileage 0.575	\$ 63.25
SOLON STATE BANK, City Hall Petty Cash	\$ 139.95
STATE WITHHOLDING , State Taxes	\$ 7,428.00
THEISEN'S, 20 Volt Drill Set	\$ 538.00
UNITED HEALTH , Med Ins Pre-Tax	\$ 5,516.63
VISION SERVICE PLAN, VSP Pre-Tax	\$ 97.64
WM OF CEDAR RAPIDS, Storm Debris Refuse Svcs.	\$ 1,240.00
Accounts Payable Total	\$ 99,888.17

Agenda Motion made by Symonds to approve agenda, 2nd by Wery. Ayes-4 motion carried.

Consent Agenda Minutes of 9/21/2020; Bills Payable and Cleppe's Tobacco Permit. Motion made by Whitaker to approve consent agenda, 2nd by Symonds-Ayes-4 motion carried.

Department Reports City Administrator Adam Thompson gave Fall Fest update, Sunrise Dr patch completed, Knoll Ct & North Dr Construction update ahead of schedule-paving may start Oct 12th.

Community Comments – None

Business Public Hearing regarding voluntary **Axeland Acres Annexation** at the corner of Ely Road, Wright Brothers Blvd and Mabie Road. Mayor Miller opened Public Hearing. Discussion on volunteer annexation of 24 acres. Mabie Road resident Tim Welter, present at meeting asked about if Mabie Road would be paved. Developer would be responsible to pave only up to where the developer's property ends. Linn County would be responsible for the remainder of the road and they probably would not pave remainder of road. Discussion ended. Motion made by Whitaker to close Public Hearing 2nd by Tuthill-4 Ayes motion carried. Motion by Wery to approve Resolution 2020-10.045 as submitted approving Annexation of Axeland Acres, 2nd by Symonds. Roll Call Tuthill, Wery, Symonds and Whitaker- 4 Ayes motion passed.

Request to approve **Tree Removal Contract**. City Admin and Public Works completed a walk through and marked that were deemed unsafe as result of Derecho Storm. Seven Companies contacted, three submitted proposals with Southern Iowa tree service with lowest bid of \$10,176. Motion by Symonds to approve Southern Iowa Tree Service proposal, 2nd by Tuthill-4 Ayes motion passed.

Library Department Presentation postponed for another council meeting.

Capital Improvement Plan City Admin Thompson presented CIP. Refer to City of Ely website www.elyiowa.com for detailed information. Government tab Capital Improvement Plan.

Water and Wastewater Evaluation Service Agreement City Admin Thompson lead discussion to have evaluation of our current status of our water and wastewater systems by mid-December. Services not currently budgeted. Motion by Whitaker to have a Water and Wastewater evaluation completed in the amount of \$7,600, 2nd by Symonds-4 Ayes motion passed.

Staffing Recommendations & Changes City Admin Thompson discussed the PW Streets person left last month and the Building Inspector leaving by 1st of the year and going with Linn County 28E Agreement. Possibly hire 2-3 Seasonal job for on call snow plow/mowers. Tyler moving to Parks, Public Facilities and maintenance and hire a laborer to help with streets, painting, mowing and other jobs as needed. Casey picking up Storm Water, Construction Inspection and Code Enforcer. Laborer job description to follow. Council ok with proceeding with changes and staffing addition.

Open Records Policy and Sexual Harassment Policy City Admin Thompson lead discussion per city attorney suggestion to add Open Records Policy and Sexual Harassment Policy to Employee Handbook. General discussion ok to get this in motion.

Request to Approve Pay Application #12 to Boomerang Motion by Tuthill to approve pay application #12 to Boomerang in the amount of \$17,743.91 which includes past approved change orders and some completed items, 2nd by Symonds-4 Ayes motion passed.

Request to Approve Change Order #12 to Boomerang Discussion for request Change Order #12 in amount of \$6,000 for tie-in at Fuhrmeister Street and negotiated down to a reasonable price. Motion by Wery to approve Change Order #12 in amount of \$6,000, 2nd by Whitaker-4 Ayes motion passed. Invoice to be presented at next council meeting.

Request to Approve Change Order #15 to Boomerang Change order for modified subbase for trench backfill which was better material for trench backfill. Motion by Tuthill to approve Change Order #15 in amount of \$5,197.50, 2nd by Whitaker-4 Ayes motion passed.

Request to Approve Change Order #1 for Knoll and North Project Request to approve Change Order #1 to Eastern Iowa Excavating & Concrete for the Knoll Ct North Drive Street Improvement Project not to exceed \$7,500 to better connect pavement patches in that area. Motion by Whitaker to approve Eastern Iowa Excavating Change Order #1 not to exceed \$7,500, 2nd by Wery-4 Ayes motion passed.

With no further business being evident, council adjourned the meeting at 9:12 pm. Motion by Whitaker, 2nd by Wery. Ayes-4