Ely City Council Proceedings

The City Council Meeting met in regular session on January 18, 2021, online over ZOOM Platform and Facebook, as allowed by Section 21.8 of Iowa Code, due to the Covid-19 Health Crisis and Ely City Hall is closed by order of the Mayor for the purpose of the Council Meeting. Officials present on ZOOM were Mayor Eldy Miller, by roll call Council Members Ben Symonds, Judy Wery, Dan Whitaker, Kay Hale and William Tuthill. Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm by roll call / Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Motion made by Hale to approve agenda, 2nd by Symonds. By roll call Symonds, Hale, Whitaker, Wery Tuthill. All Ayes-5 motion carried.

Consent Agenda Minutes from January 4th, 2021 Meeting; Bills Payables and Board & Commission Appointments. Motion made by Whitaker to approve agenda, 2nd by Wery. By roll call Symonds, Hale, Whitaker, Wery Tuthill. All Ayes-5 motion carried.

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

ADVANCED BUSINESS SYSTEMS, Copies	49.67
ADVANTAGE ACH, FSA	131.68
AIRGAS USA, LLC, Cylinder Rental	54.10
ALLIANT, Electric	6,407.81
AMAZON, LIB Media Books	319.55
BAKER & TAYLOR, Books	1,029.82
CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC, Copier Lease	134.00
CARDMEMBER SERVICE, Credit Card Charges	730.58
CERTIFIED PEST CONTROL, Bat Control Inspection	100.00
COLONIAL LIFE INSURANCE, Accidental Ins	32.55
CARDMEMBER SERVICES – LIB Books & ILA Mbrp	288.15
DELL MARKETING L.P., Computers	1,999.14
EFTPS FED/FICA, Tax	5,404.56
COLLEGE ELY PUTNAM FIRE AGY, 2nd Half Pmt FY 20/21	28,932.08
GAZETTE COMMUNICATIONS, INC, Legal Publications	101.09
GLOBALPAYMENTS INTEGRATED, Minimum Bill Open Edge	5.00
HDC PRINTED PRODUCTS, 1st Qtr. Newsletter 2021	659.72
HENDERSON PRODUCTS, INC., Knob Repair Kit	51.82
IOWA DEPT OF AGRICULTURE, Pesticide Cert Renewal Tyler	15.00
IA MUN WORKERS COMP, Work Comp Prem 20-21 Inst #7	610.00
IOWA EXPRESS DELIVERY, Water/Sewer Sample Delivery	120.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY, Gas Utilities	227.21
MSA PROFESSIONAL SERVICE INC, FEMA Recovery Assist.	5,895.80
NOVAK UNLIMITED, Snow Shovel/De-Ice	45.00
OFFICE EXPRESS, Office Supplies	46.91
PLUMB SUPPLY, PW Toilet Repair	170.96
US POSTMASTER, Postage 1st QTR Newsletter	158.40
LINN COUNTY REC, Electrical Svc	304.66
ROTO-ROOTER, Waterline Break Hillside Dr	481.00
SAM'S CLUB/S/SYNCHRONY BK, PW Clothing	784.09
SARAH SELLON, Mileage Reimb	49.28
SESAC, INC, Annual Music License	483.00
SOLON STATE BANK, LIB Petty Cash	34.90
SOUTH SLOPE, Phone Internet Svc	795.96
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY, Lab Testing	1,479.00
TERMINIX, LIB Pest Control	35.00
Accounts Payable Total	58,167.49
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December 2020 expenses per fund: General \$132,329.59; Road Use Tax \$24,616.15; Employee Benefit \$501.00; Local Option \$80,000.00; Derecho Storm \$11,035.50; Knoll Court Paving \$1,169.27; Trunk Sewer Project \$22,231.00; State Street Capital Proj. \$1,711.97; Library Expansion \$13,907.97; Water \$37,16.195.95; Sewer \$19,967.03. Total \$140,678.15

December 2020 receipts per fund: General \$48,155.40; Road Use Tax \$21,780.68; Local Option Sales Tax \$20,574.70; TIF \$1,606.91; Debt Service \$6,060.66; Capital Projects \$105,007.66; Water \$21,844.45; Sewer \$35,187.01; Sewer Sinking \$51,593.65; Storm Water \$1,645.81; Total \$313,456.93.

Department Reports City Administrator Thompson presented updates; The large crane at the water tower is Verizon working on construction of their tower. The Murders property along Mabie Road annexation has been approved per Iowa code 368.7. the 2020 Census is looking for some feedback and appears to be close to finalizing. State Covid Reimbursement is \$55,684.00.

Community Comments/Request- Council person Hale mentioned vehicles have been going around school buses mainly in the morning hours. City Admin Thompson will call the Linn County Sheriff to patrol during the hours of 8:15-8:30 am.

Business Open **Public Hearing** for first reading, regarding update to **Water Ordinance No. 288**. No comments or questions. Motion to close public hearing by Symonds, 2nd by Whitaker. By roll call Wery, Hale, Symonds, Whitaker and Tuthill. All Ayes-5 motion carried.

Open **Public Hearing** for first reading, regarding update to **Sewer Ordinance No. 289**. No comments or questions Motion to close public hearing by Wery, 2nd by Hale. By roll call Wery, Hale, Symonds, Whitaker and Tuthill. All Ayes-5 motion carried.

Second reading of **Ordinance No. 290 Amending Chapter 136.03** "Removal of snow" Discussion of clarification of fees and procedures for both businesses and residential. Motion by Symonds, 2nd by Tuthill. By roll call Wery, Hale, Symonds, Whitaker and Tuthill. All Ayes-5 motion carried.

Resolution 2021-01.002 to approve Gazette as the official paper for publication for the City of Ely. Motion by Hale, 2nd by Whitaker. By roll call Wery, Hale, Symonds, Whitaker and Tuthill. All Ayes-5 motion carried.

Resolution 2021-01.003 to set Public Hearing for Max Levy. Motion by Hale, 2nd by Whitaker to set Public Hearing for Max Levy for Monday, February 15, 2021, at 7:00 pm at Ely City Hall, over ZOOM and Ely Facebook Live. By roll call Wery, Hale, Symonds, Whitaker and Tuthill. All Ayes-5 motion carried.

Resolution 2021-01.004 adopting all provision of the consolidated appropriations act for 2021 and related to the City's cafeteria plan. Motion by Wery, 2nd by Symonds. By roll call Wery, Hale, Symonds, Whitaker and Tuthill. All Ayes-5 motion carried.

Request and discussion to approve the Jim Miller property Conservation Tax Exemption. Motion by Tuthill, 2nd by Wery. By roll call Wery, Hale, Symonds, Whitaker and Tuthill. All Ayes-5 motion carried.

Request and discussion to approve the Spring Cleanup day for Saturday, May 15th 8am-12pm. Motion by Symonds, 2nd by Whitaker. By roll call Wery, Hale, Symonds, Whitaker and Tuthill. All Ayes-5 motion carried.

Presentation of Library Expansion Project recommendations presented by FEH Designs. FEH will be putting a survey together for the public opinion.

With no further business being evident, council adjourned the meeting at 7:51 pm. Motion by Hale, 2nd by Symonds. 5-Ayes motion passed.