

The City Council Meeting met in regular session on April 5, 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 at City Hall in person 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 7:00 pm by roll call / Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Consent Agenda Minutes from March 15, 2021 Meeting; Bills Payables, and Liquor License for Cleppe's 66, Mayor Proclamation April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and approval of use of public property. Motion made by Wery to approve agenda, 2nd by Hale. By roll call Symonds, Whitaker, Wery, Hale and Tuthill. All Ayes-5 motion carried.

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

ADVANTAGE ACH, FSA	131.68
ALLIANT, Electric	6,547.12
AMAZON, LIB Media Books Movies	165.59
BAKER & TAYLOR, Books	639.45
CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES INC, Copier Lease	109.00
CASEY'S BUSINESS MASTERCARD, Fuel Trucks Mowers	314.63
CEDAR RAPIDS MUNICIPAL UTILITY, Water Leak Detection Svcs.	203.99
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING, Parks Cleaning Supplies	156.70
CENTRAL IOWA FARM STORE, Mower Maintenance	234.76
COLONIAL LIFE INSURANCE, Accidental Ins	32.55
CSG FORTE PAYMENTS INC, Forte CC Reader	219.40
DELTA DENTAL, Dental- Pre-Tax	226.60
EFTPS, FED/FICA TAX	5,014.27
FEH DESIGN, LIB Expansion Ins Survey	870.00
THE HARTFORD GROUP BENEFITS, STD -Short-Term	406.02
HAWKINS INC, PW Chemical Supplies	529.61
HDC PRINTED PRODUCTS, LIB Survey & City Newsletter 2 Qtr.	1,267.67
HINTON PLUMBING & REPAIR, Repair City Park RPZ Valve	85.00
IOWA EXPRESS DELIVERY, Water/Sewer Sample Delivery	120.00
IPERS	6,740.86
KIECK'S CAREER APPAREL, Embroidered City Clothing	2,537.75
KROMMINGA MOTORS INC, Tractor Parts	74.87
LINN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH, City Park Concession License	150.00
LINN COUNTY SHERIFF, Contract Law Jan-Mar 2021	11,988.00
MENARDS, PW Misc Supplies	278.79
MIDWEST PATCH, Signs & Gloves	345.00
MMS CONSULTANTS INC, Engineer Services	1,718.75
OFFICE EXPRESS, LIB & City Hall Office Supply	404.33
US POSTMASTER, Postage	364.08
REXCO, Snow Bucket Parts	333.14
SAM'S CLUB/S/SYNCHRONY BK, Membership	165.00
SARAH SELLON, Reimb Mileage 110x0.56 K Hines	3,561.60
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS, Soccer Paint & Sprayer Filter	214.28
SOLO STATE BANK, Bank Dep Slips	36.47
SOUTH SLOPE, Phone/Internet Service	777.45
STATE WITHHOLDING, State Taxes	4,767.00

STILTNER ELECTRIC, Voltage Wiring Plant Wheel	468.19
SWISHER COMMUNITY LIBRARY, DVD Sole	20.00
TERMINIX, Pest Control	82.25
THEISENS, Electrical Tape & Fish Nets	188.93
TRACTOR SUPPLY CO, Paint & Rollers	43.42
UNITED HEALTH, Med Ins- Pre-Tax	4,590.44
VISION SERVICE PLAN, VSP - Pre-Tax	76.80
Accounts Payable Total	\$57,201.44
Payroll Checks	<u>15,139.51</u>
Report Total	\$72,340.95

City Department Reports

City Admin Thompson clarified comments from the community on items pertaining to the Library Operations. The chart showing Library expenditures from general fund \$250,000; \$14,000 Grants \$33,000 County Contribution 25% offset and not fully supported by general fund. Comes in General Fund as revenue but expenditures out of general fund. Any additional questions, please contact City Hall. Limb chipping starts Tuesday April 6th. Recreation Leagues have started. PW Staff putting away winter equipment away and all summer equipment in good shape. No sheriff report for this meeting.

Mayor spoke regarding the loss of resident Robert McFarland. Congratulations to the Ely Fire Department on their tribute to him and proud of Community on their support to his family. Jon Thompson was on Zoom to speak about Salute to the Fallen. He spoke on behalf of Suicide Awareness. Veteran suicide up 40% in the past 14 months and nationwide VA stats is at 31 a day. In Iowa so far this year there has been a loss of 22 veterans and there was 123 in 2020. Salute to the Fallen coordinate events and to provide education to help with outsourcing service and EMDR treatment. Planning a 5K on May 29, 2021 in Ely and Bike Ride on September 11, 2021 starting at Odies ride into Cedar Rapids and back to Odies. Check back with City of Ely Website and Facebook for additional information. Adam brought to Jon Thompson's attention about the Library program event with Kevin Hines April 15th at 7:00 pm topic of suicide.

Community Comments/Requests None

Mayor Miller brought up questions he has received regarding the Library Survey. Clarification, very important for community input, direct questions to the City Council member, fill out survey and get engaged with the project. This project is not decided by City Council, it will be a Levy vote by the residents. Looking to find the project that gets the most support. Surveys can be found online, or the Library has printed copies.

Resident Brock Holub had a question, Krob's site indicated on survey, whether there an issue with removing the contaminated of soil. City Administrator reported there was environmental study, phases 1 and 2 done. There a small quantity of chemicals used in soil for farming and there is no concern moving forward at this location.

Ron Corbett of Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance spoke. New building located in the College Community School District for the STEM Education partnership with Prairie Schools. Hiring 50 Engineers this year and 50 next year. Great Opportunity for developing community. Mr. Corbett also explained LOST tax was passed originally in 2013 expiring in 10 years (2023). Important to discuss now and will be put on the ballot in November of 2021. Individual cities will vote on their own and if it passes in Ely as well as Metro area. The City should state what it is used for and campaign to vote yes. If there are any questions, reach out to City Hall or Council members. Important Funding Source for the city. If it passes in Metro area, but not in Ely, Ely will not get a piece of the pie. Residents spending money in Cedar Rapids Metro area will be paying the tax that will support Metro, but Ely will

not get any of that tax and why it is important promoting yes votes. Ballot wording needs to be done by fall before ballots are printed.

Business

Resolution 2021-04.012 to set Public Hearing and additional action on proposal to enter into General Obligation Public Works Facility Loan Agreement and to borrow money for the Public Works Expansion. Motion by Whitaker, 2nd by Symonds. Roll call to set public hearing on April 19, 2021. Tuthill, Wery, Hale, Whitaker, and Symonds.

Resolution 2021-04.013 to set Public Hearing regarding the FY 20-21 Budget Amendment #2. Motion by Tuthill, 2nd by Wery. Roll Call to set Public Hearing on April 19, 2021 Tuthill, Wery, Hale, Whitaker, and Symonds. All Ayes – 5 Motion passed.

Resolution 2021-04.014 to set Public Hearing to set the updated Floodplain Ordinance. Motion by Hale, 2nd by Whitaker. Roll Call to set Public Hearing for the updated Floodplain Ordinance on April 19, 2021. Roll call Tuthill, Wery, Hale, Whitaker and Symonds. All Ayes – 5 Motion passed.

Resolution 2021-04.015 to approve to hire and set compensation for hiring Matthew Hilleman for the Seasonal Public Works Maintenance position. Motion to approve the request as submitted by Wery, 2nd by Hale. Roll Call Tuthill, Wery, Hale, Whitaker, and Symonds. All Ayes – 5 Motion passed.

Request for RFP for Solid Waste Services as the current contract with Waste Management is ending. Set Public Hearing regarding the FY 20-21 Budget Amendment #2. Motion by Symonds, 2nd by Whitaker. Status Quo Services and options added for Yard Waste, every week recycling and overflow cardboard location managed by Solid Waste Vendor. Contact Council with comments and requests for services. Start with in new contractor in July. Roll call to approve request as submitted. Roll Call Tuthill, Wery, Hale, Whitaker, and Symonds. All Ayes – 5 Motion passed

Request to purchase small truck from local vendor desired by staff to assist with maintenance of parks and operation of recreation programs and use for any city department needs. The need is based on the program and maintenance staff increases. Motion by Tuthill, 2nd by Wery. Roll call Tuthill, Wery, Hale, Whitaker, and Symonds. All Ayes – 5 Motion passed.

Discussion on the results of the Annual Financial Examination. Segregation of duties; print the Reconciliation Report; add Depository Resolution for the IPAIT account; 1 person on PR paid at 10 cents an hour over the resolution amount due to spreadsheet error; Fund Balance note and TIF should only include Rebates and Developer Agreements. Any additional questions or information is available at City Hall.

Discussion of Derecho Haul Road Recovery Project FEMA/State/City coverage.

Discussion of reopening of City Hall to the general Public in approximately 60 days including community room. Staff in process of obtaining the vaccination. Also discussed possible changing of City Hall and Public Works open to the public hours 7:00 am to 3:30 pm. City Hall would be open on the evenings of City Council Meetings 5:00 – 7:00 pm. City Council members suggested to trial period and wait for comments from the citizens. Council will revisit at the first meeting in May.

With no further business being evident, council adjourned the meeting. Motion made by Symonds, 2nd by Tuthill at 8:25 PM. Ayes – 5 Motion passed.