

Ely City Council Proceedings

The City Council Meeting met in regular session on May 3, 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, and Kay Hale. William Tuthill excused absence. Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 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. All Ayes-4 motion carried.

Consent Agenda Minutes from April 19, 2021 Meeting; Bills Payables; Mayoral Proclamation National Poppy Day May 28th; Application for use of Public Property by Ely Public Property; and Transfer Resolution. Motion made by Wery to approve agenda, 2nd by Hale. By roll call Symonds, Hale, Whitaker, Wery. All Ayes-4 motion carried.

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

ABC DISPOSAL SYSTEMS, Compost Clean Out	1,760.68
ADVANTAGE ACH, FSA	131.68
ALLIANT, Electric	6,384.57
BSN SPORTS LLC, Field Drag Mat	325.00
CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES INC, Copier Lease	109.00
CASEY'S BUSINESS MASTERCARD, Fuel Trucks & Mowers	474.34
COLONIAL LIFE INSURANCE, Accidental Ins	32.55
DELTA DENTAL, Pre-Tax Ins	226.60
EFTPS, Fed/FICA Tax	5,059.31
EMILY MOODY, Com Ctr Rental Deposit Refund	100.00
GAZETTE COMMUNICATIONS INC, Legal Publications	283.63
THE HARTFORD GROUP BENEFITS, STD-Short Term	406.02
IPERS, Retirement	7,068.32
KIRACOFE OIL CO, Diesel Fuel	1,217.35
KIRKWOODCONTINUING EDUCATION, Class Registration	540.00
LUANNE MILLER, Conf Food & Mileage Reimburse	95.67
NORTH EAST IA REGIONAL LEAGUE, Reg League Dues	20.00
OFFICE EXPRESS, Office Supplies	158.25
US POSTMASTER, May UB Postage	180.00
TARA MILLER, Notary Public App Reimbursement	30.00
THEISEN'S, Boot Reimbursement Casey Grover	134.99
UNITED HEALTH, Med Ins-Pre-Tax	4,590.44
UPS, Shipping	6.90
VISION SERVICE PLAN, VSP-Pre-Tax	76.80
Accounts Payable Total	\$29,412.10
Payroll Checks	\$15,308.88
Total	\$44,720.98

Department Reports-City Administrator Updates: Reminder Volunteer Recognition Event Community BBQ May 15th at City Park. Community Clean-up is that same morning.

- City Facility Council Tours June 7th
- Downtown Strategic Plan
- Zoning Code Codification
- Trunk Sewer Project
- July 5th, public meeting to discuss drinking water facility.
- August 2, City Administrator will be on vacation during the meeting.
- August 16th, Meadowbrook neighborhood meeting to discuss drainage.
- AED's Ordered for Library and City Hall

Community Comments/Requests- Resident Robert Sion 1475 Walker St has a tree on his property that are damaged and was not removed 10-12 years ago. Derecho damaged even more, and city said they will not remove, resident responsibility. No decisions can be made by council, research will have to be made on the background of the situation and will respond to resident at the next council meeting discussion. No other community comments.

Business

Open Public Hearing Presented for consideration FY 20-21 Budget Amendment #2, which is the second amendment to the Budget for the current fiscal year. The first amendment was made in July 2020 to correct errors made during the preparation of the budget. This will likely be the final budget amendment for the current fiscal year. Open for Public Comments. No public or council comments. Motion to Close Public Hearing by Hale and 2nd by Whitaker. Roll Call Wery, Hale, Whitaker, and Symonds. 4-Ayes Motion Pass.

Presented for consideration is a resolution approving the FY 20-21 Budget Amendment #2. The budget amendment reflects increased and decreasing in spending by the City to insure we are not over budgeted fund amounts. Motion by Symonds, 2nd by Whitaker Roll Call Wery, Hale, Symonds, Whitaker. 4-Ayes Motion passed

Resolution 2021-04.012 Second Reading by Roll Call Wery, Hale, Whitaker, and Symonds – 4 Ayes Motion passed.

Open Public Hearing Second Reading of Floodplain Ordinance. This is the second reading of an ordinance updating the floodplain ordinance for the City of Ely. This ordinance updates maps, additionally defines 100-year and 500-year flood plains, deletion of obsolete definitions, additions, or modifications to definitions, and defines lowest permissible building elevation. Motion by Hale, and 2nd by Wery Roll Call Wery, Hale, Whitaker, and Symonds 4-All Ayes motion passed as read. Motion by Hale to waive the 3rd reading, 2nd by Symonds. Roll Call, Wery, Hale, Symonds, Whitaker. 4-Ayes Motion passed.

Resolution 2021-05.001 Employee Health Insurance Benefits Motion - Presented for City Council's consideration is a resolution approving the modification of health insurance benefits of City of Ely Employees. Currently the City pays 99% of the employee's health and 100% of vision and dental. The new proposal would reduce the benefit to the employee to around 95% and add benefit coverage of spouse, dependents, and families. The proposal would also increase the cost of vision and dental to \$1 and \$5 per month, per person. The City has worked with our insurance representative and we are hoping to provide a better insurance and a net lower cost to the employee and lower cost to the City. Motion by Whitaker, 2nd by Hale. Roll Call Wery, Hale, Whitaker, Symonds. 4-Ayes Motion passed.

Resolution 2021-05.002 NIC Credit Card contract. Presented for City Council's consideration is a resolution approving the contract with NIC Iowa. NIC Iowa provides payment processing for utility credit card payments. There has been an acquisition of companies that has led to the need to update our agreement to the appropriate entities. Motion by Symonds, 2nd by Wery. Roll Call 4-Ayes Motion passed.

General Discussion Council Meeting OWL technology. The City Administrator showed a promotional video from Owl Labs for a video and microphone system that could improve Audio and Video for City Council Meetings and other community meetings. No additional services needed. General discussion no action taken.

General Discussion on City Hall Building Evaluation. MSA has been asked to provide a scope of work for the evaluation for the condition of City Hall. This evaluation will help council determine the current condition, any substantial areas of concern, damage assessment for insurance and FEMA, and help guide the future decisions for City Hall. General discussion no action is expected.

Discussion on Solid Waste RFP and requestion to proceed with a 1-year extension with Waste Management. The City of Ely is requesting proposals for solid waste services. Staff has heard from a potential responder that they would not be able to meet the implementation schedule due to the national shortage of plastic and the inability to source containers in time. Waste Management to offering a continuation of our current agreement for a period to allow the City of Ely to request RFPs again. Staff would recommend an extension of one year, to send RFPs in January 2022, award a contract by the end of March with the intent for service to begin in July 2022. We do have the option to extend our agreement with Waste Management for up to 5 years. General discussion; no action taken.

Discussion on granting easement to landlocked parcel in the City of Ely.

With no further business being evident, council adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm. Motion by Hale, 2nd by Symonds. 4-All Ayes motion passed.