

Ely City Council Proceedings

The City Council Meeting met in person, online over ZOOM Platform, and Facebook on September 7, 2021, as allowed by Section 21.8 of Iowa Code. Officials present at City Hall in person were Mayor Eldy Miller; Council Members William Tuthill, Judy Wery, Ben Symonds, Dan Whitaker and Kay Hale. Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm by roll call/Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Consent Agenda Minutes from August 16th, 2021, Meeting Council Meeting; Bills Payables totaling \$108,468.82. Motion made by Whitaker to approve agenda, 2nd by Wery. By roll call Tuthill, Hale, Whitaker, Wery and Symonds. All Ayes-5 motion carried.

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

ALLIANT, Electric Aug 2021	8,798.46
AMAZON, Lib Media Books DVD's	341.47
AMBER WOLRAB, City Crew Yoga	175.00
BAKER & TAYLOR, Books	1,248.64
BLUE LAKE PLASTICS, Ice Rink Liner 2021	356.00
CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES INC, Copier Lease	109.00
CASEY'S BUSINESS MASTERCARD, Fuel Trucks & Mowers	831.11
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING, WWTP Disposable Gloves	84.00
CLEPPE'S, Wiper Blades	15.00
COLONIAL LIFE INSURANCE, Accidental Ins	48.87
DELTA DENTAL, Pre-tax	303.94
BRIAN DENGLER, Ely Open Lettering	80.00
DONNA MESKIMEN, Comm. Ctr Rental Deposit Refund	100.00
EFTPS, Fed/FICA Tax	5,806.66
GAZETTE COMMUNICATIONS INC, Legal Publications	977.96
HACH COMPANY, D.O. Controller WWTP	324.44
THE HARTFORD GROUP BENEFITS, STD-Short Term	214.80
HAWKEYE FIRE & SAFETY, Calibration Gas	831.09
HOOPLA MIDWEST TAPE LLC, Lib Streaming Svc	500.00
IMFOA, Fall Conference-Tara	245.00
IA MUNICIPALITIES WORKERS COMP, WC Installment #3	635.00
INNOVATIVE SIGNS, Fall Banners & Fall Fest Signs	1,320.00
IOWA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTH, IOWA DT Conference	300.00
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES, Annual Conference & Exhibit 2021	1,720.00
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES, Municipal Professional Fall Conf	240.00
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES, Annual Conference & Exhibit 2021	215.00
IPERS, Retirement	6,923.57
JAMES C & MILLICENT H COZZIE, Sewer Easement	2,448.92
KELLIE JENNINGS, Football League Refund	40.00
LETTER PERFECT, Name Plates Council Chambers	78.50
LINDA L BRAGG, Sewer Easement	18,000.00
LINN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH, WWTP Air Permit Renewal	45.00
LL PELLING CO, 1.08 Ton Hot Mix Patch	91.80
M & K DUST CONTROL INC, 2-Buckets Septic Rock	100.00
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT GROUP, Street Sweeper Repair	611.45
MENARDS, PW Misc Supplies	145.56
MICHAEL HOULIHAN, Ely Open Prizes-Reimbursement	434.94
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY, Gas Utilities	123.75
MSA PROFESSIONAL SERVICE INC, Downtown Project	9,816.80
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, Smart Point Water Meters	7,776.00
OFFICE EXPRESS, City Hall Office Supplies	28.83
OVER DRIVE INC, Bridges E-Book Content Fee	619.68
PLUMB SUPPLY, Parts Well #2 Chlorine	21.06
US POSTMASTER, Postage UB Sept	178.92
RAPIDS REPRODUCTIONS INC, Fall Fest & Ely Open Supplies	359.47
SARAH SELLOON, Mileage Reimbursement 52 x.056	29.12
SCHIMBERG CO, Parts Well #2	15.86

SELINA HAMILTON, Hot Dog Cooker-Concession	350.00
SIGN PRO, Ely Open Sponsor Signs	430.00
SITEONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY LLC, Chalk Line Marker	30.55
SPACE WALK, Back-to-School Inflatable	381.00
TERMINIX, Pest Control	35.00
THEISEN'S, PW Supplies & Bldg. Maintenance	204.94
TRACY CLAIR, Lib Assoc Reimbursement	180.00
TRUSTMARK, Med Ins. Pre-Tax	2,865.10
VISION SERVICE PLAN, VSP Pre-Tax	82.84
WM OF CEDAR RAPIDS-IOWA CITY, Refuse Service	13,355.51
Payroll Checks	<u>7,297.91</u>
REPORT TOTAL	108,923.52

City Department Reports City Administrator gave update on Chipper Breakdown and WWTP motor out.

Community Comments/Requests Millicent Cozzie requested easement payment status.

BUSINESS First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Council Compensation. Presented to council for consideration, the first reading of an ordinance amending the compensation for the City Council members for the City of Ely. This change will move council members to salaried positions with a total annual compensation of \$2,400.00, paid quarterly. Council members are required to maintain no less than 70% attendance of council meetings during the quarter in-order to be compensated. This change would take effect January 1st, 2022, for all council members. Second reading will take place at next Council Meeting September 20th. No public comments. Motion by Hale, 2nd by Symonds, All Ayes-5, motion carried.

First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Mayor Compensation. Presented to council for consideration is the first reading of an ordinance amending the compensation for the Mayor for the City of Ely. This change would increase the mayor's total annual compensation from \$4,000.00 to 6,000.00, paid quarterly. The mayor would be required to maintain no less than 70% attendance of council meetings during the quarter in-order to be compensated. This change would take effect January 1st, 2024, for the mayor. Second reading will take place at next Council Meeting September 20th. No public comments. Motion by Whitaker, 2nd by Wery, All Ayes-5, motion carried.

Resolution Approving Bids and Awarding Contract for the State Street Shoulder Project.

Presented to council for consideration is a resolution approving bids and awarding a contract to L.L. Pelling the low bid of \$116,357.00 for the State Street Shoulder Project. 1 bid was received. The engineers estimate for this work was \$115,000.00. No public comments. Motion by Whitaker, 2nd by Symonds. By Roll Call Ally Ayes-5, motion carried.

Resolution Approving Bids and Awarding Contract for the City Hall Parking Lot Project.

Presented to council for consideration a resolution approving bids and awarding a contract to Midwest Concrete, Inc. with the low bid of \$266,955.86 for the City Hall Parking Lot Project. The engineers estimate for this work was \$263,488.00. 6 bids were received with Midwest Concrete being the low bidder. Motion by Symonds, 2nd by Wery. General discussion by staff and council for cost saving options to bring the project more in-line with original cost estimates. Motion by Symonds to amend resolution removing lighting items 35-37, add Alternated Bid #1, and provide lighting by using existing light pole: a broadcast light on the city garage and one on the Well House, 2nd by Wery. By Roll Call all Ayes – 5, motion passed as amended.

Request to Approve Purchase of an Electric Vehicle Charging Pedestal. Presented to City Council for consideration to approve the purchase of an electric vehicle charging station. Quotes were received from 2 companies. Staff recommends the purchase of the EVBOX unit from EV Energy with a 5-year total amount of \$10,980.00. Greenlots would be the management software. This is the same program

Alliant is using in their units. Staff is making this recommendation because this unit has internal hose reels, second lowest in total cost, and has a 5-year warranty. Council will discuss at a future council meeting options for pricing and usage. Motion by Whitaker, 2nd by Hale. By Roll Call, Ayes - Wery, Whitaker, Symonds, and Hale. Nay – Tuthill, motion passed 4-1.

Request to Approve Purchase Order and Service Order to Purchase, Repair and Upgrade Snow Removal Equipment. Presented to City Council for request to purchase a Henderson plow and Bobcat Kage push-box. There was an additional request to make repairs to the F-550 dump bed, hydraulic lines, and sander control unit. The improvements and repairs to the F-550 total \$20,241.09. The Bobcat push-box totaled \$6,277.60. This purchase and repair are budgeted in the current budget. Motion by Tuthill, 2nd by Symonds. All Ayes – 5 Motion passed as submitted.

Request to Approve Easement Purchase Payment to Linda Bragg for the Trunk Sewer Project. Presented to City Council to approve the purchase of an easement from Linda Bragg for the Trunk Sewer Project in the amount of \$18,000. An amount was negotiated that compensates the property owner for the need to construct fencing to protect their property from construction activities and allows the city to acquire the easement and access the construction site through their property. Motion by Hale, 2nd by Whitaker, All Ayes-5, motion passed as submitted.

MSA for Site Planning and Conceptual Drawings for a Municipal Complex at City Hall and Evaluate City Park as a Secondary Option. Presented to City Council to approve a task order with MSA for Site Planning and Conceptual Drawings for a Municipal Complex at City Hall and Evaluate City Park as a Secondary Option. MSA has developed a proposal as a task extension of the ongoing downtown project. The total estimate for this work is \$7,375.00. General extensive discussion and staff will use community input to help guide and draft quality recommendations for the use of the area at the current City Hall site. Motion by Whitaker, 2nd by Hale, All Ayes-5 passed as submitted.

Review Draft Golf Cart Ordinance, ATV, and UTV Ordinance. Discussion only and staff will prepare the drafted ordinance for review at a future meeting. General discussion covering recommendations, such as lowering age from 18 years to 16 years with valid driver's license; number of passengers; where carts can be driven; allowing nighttime driving; equipment; violation fees; parental responsibility; and permitting process. City Attorney will be reviewing before it goes to the public for input.

With no further business being evident, council adjourned the meeting at 9:26 pm. Motion by Symonds, 2nd by Tuthill. 5-All Ayes motion carried.