

Ely City Council Proceedings

The City Council Meeting met in person, online over ZOOM Platform, and Facebook on September 20, 2021, as allowed by Section 21.8 of Iowa Code. Officials present at City Hall in person were Council Members Judy Wery, Ben Symonds, Kay Hale and Mayor Pro Tempore Dan Whitaker. Council person William Tuthill via Zoom. Mayor Eldy Miller excused absence. Mayor Pro Tempore Dan Whitaker 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 Tuthill, Hale, Whitaker, Wery and Symonds. All Ayes-5 motion carried.

Consent Agenda Minutes from September 7th, 2021, Meeting Council Meeting; Bills Payables totaling \$81,583.80. Motion made by Wery to approve agenda, 2nd by Hale. All Ayes-5 motion carried.

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

ACTION SERVICES, Portable Restrooms Event	150.00
ADVANCED BUSINESS SYSTEMS, Copies	82.32
AIRGAS USA LLC, Cylinder Rental	58.73
ALLIANT, Electric	8,654.74
BAKER & TAYLOR, Books	678.41
BASE, October Cafeteria Plan	30.00
CALLIE O'BRIEN, Fall Fest Reimbursement	661.50
CARDMEMBER SERVICE, Credit Card Charges	619.36
CKENDALL CONSULTING LLC, Consulting 4/13/21-8/24/21	4,162.50
COLONIAL LIFE INSURANCE, Accidental Ins.	48.87
CARDMEMBER SERVICES - LIB, Library Credit Card	1,542.40
DON SCOTT, Fall Fest DJ	200.00
DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP, Legal SRF Int Rate Deduction	850.00
EFTPS, ED/FICA Tax	6,039.41
HOUSE OF TROPHIES, 66 Trophies Fall Fest Car Show	1,688.00
INTERNATIONAL CITY MGMT ASSOC ICMA, Conf Portland	720.00
ION ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS LLWWTP, Testing	694.00
KATIE SHATEK, League Refund Service Fee	2.45
LINCOLNWAY CUSTOM GOLF CARS, Fall Fest Golf Carts	50.00
LINN COUNTY TREASURER, Property Tax 1510 Walker St.	1,560.00
LIVING CHARACTERS, Fall Fest Balloon Artist	300.00
M & K DUST CONTROL INC, 2 Buckets Septic Rocks	80.00
MENARDS, Gaga Ball Pit Hinges & Mulch	55.26
MIDLAND RADIO CORPORATION, PW Hand Radios	1,069.83
MMS CONSULTANT INC, Engineer Services	19,124.83
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, Smart Point Meters	4,680.00
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING, City Hall Maint.	41.50
OFFICE EXPRESS, Office Supply	89.05
QUICK SUPPLY CO, Fleximat Plus Deer Valley	4,850.00
LINN COUNTY REC, Electrical SVC	252.98
SCHUMACHER ELEVATOR COMPANY, Elevator Maint.	196.08
SOUTH SLOPE, Phone/Internet Service	783.80
SPACE WALK, Fall Fest Inflatables	2,189.00
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY, Lab Testing	398.00
SWEET AUTO REPAIRS, Ford Ranger Repairs	288.00
TERMINIX, CH & Lib Pest Control	129.50
THE ACCEL GROUP, Liquor Liability Fall Fest	529.24
THE BOOK FARM INC, Books	48.90
WOODWARD COMMUNITY MEDIA, Aug NoJoCo Publication	170.00
Accounts Payable Total	63,768.66
Water, Refund Checks	375.97
Payroll Checks	17,439.17
REPORT TOTAL	81,583.80

City Department Reports-Fall Fest Update by Callie. Thompson, City Administrator gave project updates. Council person Wery asked city to re-publish the snowplow map to remind existing residents and inform the new residents.

Community Comments/Requests: Linn County Sheriff report for service Aug. 16 through Sept 20th at 108 hours and 43 calls.

Business: Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending Council Compensation. Presented to council consideration is the second 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. It has been requested by the mayor to reduce the attendance requirement from 70% to 65% to allow council members to be excused for 2 meetings per quarter. Third reading will take place at next Council Meeting October 4th. No public comments. Motion by Hale, 2nd by Symonds, by Roll Call All Ayes-5, motion carried.

Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending Mayor Compensation. Presented to council for consideration is the second 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. It has been requested by the mayor to reduce the attendance requirement from 70% to 65% to allow the mayor to be excused for 2 meetings per quarter. This change would take effect January 1st, 2024, for the mayor. Third reading will take place at next Council Meeting October 4th. No public comments. Motion by Hale, 2nd by Wery, By Roll Call All Ayes-5, motion carried.

Resolution Approving Low Quote and Awarding Fire Hydrant Repair and Replacement Project. Presented to council was a request to approve the low quote and award the fire hydrant repair and replacement project to Schrader with the low quote of \$47,000.00. Funding for this project is coming from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The City of Ely received \$174,581.22 and will receive another disbursement of the same amount next year. The Funds are intended to be used for our Water and Sewer systems. Motion by Symonds, 2nd by Hale, All Ayes-5, motion carried.

Discussion and Review of Ordinances Related to Noise. General discussion covering recommendations. Council reviewed 40.03 and 55.08 of City Code related to noise. Legal Counsel to write up ordinance for City Council to review in the near future. No action taken.

Discussion on Front Desk Application from G-Works. Janelle Heuton of G-Works was panelist and gave presentation of Front Desk Module. General discussion and staff recommendations for G-Works Front Desk Module. Cloud based module will help to better serve the community. Special \$1200 discount for the onboarding until the end of September. No vote needed; Council agreed a good time to increase the service to the community. On boarding will take place in the next month to release to the residents.

Discontinuation of NoJoCo General discussion with the Solon Economist NoJoCo going away, of how the city can get the information out to our residents possibly using web base newsletter. There will be more discussion in the future.

With no further business being evident, council adjourned the meeting at 8:36 pm. Motion by Symonds, 2nd by Hale. 5-All Ayes motion carried.