

Ely City Council Proceedings

The City Council Meeting met in person, online over ZOOM Platform, and Facebook on December 20, 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.

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

ABC Disposal Systems, Compost Cleanout	642.24
Advanced Business Systems, Copies	109.96
Airgas USA LLC, Cylinder Rental	61.20
Alliant, Electric	6,692.95
Baker & Taylor, Books	933.31
BASE, Jan Cafeteria Plan	30.00
BDH Technology, Web Hosting Technologies	159.99
Book Systems Inc, Annual Renewal	795.00
Cardmember Service, Credit Card Charges	486.45
Clinton County Extension, Recert Aquatic/Turf	70.00
Cardmember Services – LIB Credit Card	1,401.86
CSG Forte Payments Inc, CSG Forte Process Contract	86.60
Dorsey & Whitney LLP, GO Bond Legal Services	10,000.00
EFTPS, Fed/FICA Tax	5,706.50
Gazette Communications Inc, Legal Publications	26.77
Grainger, Freightliner Solenoid	31.40
Hoosier Creek LLC, Hoosier Creek Sewer Easement	68,732.00
IA Municipalities Workers Com, Comp Install #6	635.00
ION Environmental Solutions LLC, Water & Waste Testing	694.00
Iowa League of Cities, Mayor Dues	30.00
JDM Concrete LLC, City Hall Sidewalk Repair	2,030.00
Kieck's Career Apparel, Staff Logo Clothing	3,457.50
Letter Perfect, Nameplate Mark B Council	34.78
Lynch Ford-Mt Vernon, F55 Engine Replacement	20,888.29
Menards, PW Shop Breakroom Lights	130.68
MMS Consultants Inc, Engineer Services	24,085.11
Neal's Water Conditioning, City Hall Maintenance	19.50
Office Express, Office Supplies	183.45
Orville & Donna Meskimen, Hoosier Creek Sewer Easement	2,455.24
Paul Lemke, Tree Trimming Refund	100.00
Pro Tow LLC, F550 Tow to Dealer	262.50
Linn County REC, Electrical SVC	314.02
Schimberg Co, Supplies Water & Wastewater	4,175.73
Schumacher Elevator Company, Elevator Maintenance	196.08
South Slope, Phone/Internet Service	792.16
Terminix, Pest Control	129.50
The Book Farm, Inc, Books	1,492.53
WM of Cedar Rapids-Iowa City, Refuse Service	<u>13,861.58</u>
Accounts Payable Total	171,933.88
Payroll Checks	<u>16,717.18</u>
Report Total	188,651.06

Agenda Motion by Hale to approve agenda, 2nd by Symonds. All Ayes – 5-0 motion carried.

Consent Agenda Minutes from December 6th, 2021, Council Meeting and Bills Payable 12/07/21–12/20/21 Totaling \$188,651.06; Appoint Josh Entler for a new term to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion by Whitaker to approve consent agenda, 2nd by Wery. All Ayes 5-0 motion carried.

City Department Reports Sheriff Report 32 calls between 11/15/21 – 12/20/21. City Administrator Thompson gave updates on Trunk Sewer Project and Schulte Parking Lot.

Community Comments/Requests Residents Ryan Hart and Ryan Olson asked questions regarding the Old Town Master Plan Street parking and sidewalks. Draft Master Plan will be reviewed and adopted in early 2022 by council. Next step after that would be to get estimated costs for the plan.

Council person Tuthill asked about the CO2 pipeline proposed in Linn County close to Ely. Guest Stacy Schildroth spoke on the initial meeting she attended regarding the pipeline. Mayor Miller asked the council to become more educated on the subject and would revisit the proposed pipeline at a future meeting. No additional community comments or questions.

Business - Public hearing related to updated Golf/ATV/UTV Ordinance This public hearing for ordinance amending Chapter 75 and Chapter 77 of City Code related to Golf Carts, ATVs, UTV, and other off-road vehicles. The update provides for the use of registered vehicles at night, drivers 16 and older, parents/guardian liability for violations by dependents, and more strict penalties for those who violate the ordinance. The first reading of this ordinance will take place January 3rd. In depth discussion on changes and additional items. No additional community comments or questions. Motion to set public hearing for January 3rd, 2022, by Symonds, 2nd by Tuthill. By Roll Call all Ayes 5-0 motion carried.

Public hearing on proposal to enter into a Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement

This public hearing for proposal to enter into a sewer revenue loan and disbursement agreement. The proposal will allow the City of Ely to receive the \$2.7 Million dollar loan for the trunk sewer project. Council voted to move in this direction at a previous council meeting and it is now time for council to approve the loan for the project. No community comments or questions. Motion to close public meeting by Hale, 2nd by Whitaker. 5-0 motion carried

Resolution authorizing and approving a Loan and Disbursement Agreement providing for the issuance and securing the payment of \$2,703,000 Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2022. The agreement will allow the City of Ely to receive the \$2.7 Million dollar loan for the trunk sewer project. Motion to approve resolution by Hale, 2nd by Wery. By Roll Call, Nay: Tuthill, Aye: Wery, Whitaker, Symonds, Hale. 4-1 motion carried.

Resolution setting public hearing for January 3rd, 2022 related to an ordinance amending zoning code. A request has been received to amend zoning on the lot and property locally know as 1465 Main Street from R-1A to C-1. The request has been reviewed and approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Public Hearing will take place on January 3rd, 2022 at 7:00pm in Council Chambers. Motion by Symonds to set public hearing, 2nd by Whitaker. By Roll Call All Ayes 5-0 motion carried.

Resolution approving employment, salaries, and wages for January 1st, 2022. This resolution is updating and approving the employment, salaries, and wages for City of Ely employees. The Ely Public Library recently hired 2 new employees. The City of Ely hired Brennan Hall as a full-time maintenance 1 employee in the public works department and the personnel committee has recommended council approve the new wage for Nick Kertels. The effective dates for the changes are listed on the resolution. Motion by Hale, 2nd by Whitaker. By Roll Call All Ayes 5-0 motion carried.

Request to approve pay request #1 related to the trunk sewer project. This request is to approve pay request #1 totaling \$36,575.00 related to the truck sewer project. The pay request has been reviewed by City Engineer and City Staff. Motion by Symonds, 2nd by Hale, By Roll Call All Ayes 5-0 motion carried.

Request to approve pay request #2 related to the City Hall parking lot project and approve closeout agreement. This request is to approve pay request #2, totaling \$17,574.86, and close out the agreement related to the City Hall Parking Lot Project. The contractor has agreed that the city will

retain \$750 to ensure final grass stabilization is completed in the spring. One section of the parking lot is going to be monitored for premature cracks and the contractor has agreed to replace that section if cracks develop within 5 years per agreement per city engineer. The pay request has been reviewed by City Engineer and City Staff. Motion by Whitaker, 2nd by Symonds All Ayes 5-0 motion carried.

Request to permit City Administrator to consult on a limited basis. The employment contract with Admin Thompson encourages consulting and teaching on a limited basis to help grow and expand the development of the City Administrator's expertise. It is understood that such arrangements shall not constitute interference with, or be a conflict with, ongoing responsibilities. It is required to gain permission from the City Council before taking opportunities. Motion by Symonds, 2nd by Wery, All Ayes 5-0 motion carried.

Mayor Miller thanked Councilperson Kay Hale for her 12 years of service to the City of Ely at her last Council Meeting.

With no further business being evident, council adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm. Motion by Hale, 2nd by Symonds. All Ayes 5-0 motion carried.

Eldy Miller, Mayor

Luanne Miller, Clerk