

Ely City Council Proceedings

The City Council Meeting met in regular session on April 19, 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, William Tuthill, and Kay Hale. Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 7:18 pm by roll call / Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Consent Agenda Minutes from April 5, 2021 Meeting; Bills Payables, Casey's Tobacco Permit, Use of Public Property Salute to the Fallen and Library Board Minutes. Motion made by Wery to approve agenda, 2nd by Hale. By roll call Symonds, Hale, Whitaker, Wery Tuthill. All Ayes-5 motion carried.

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

ABC DISPOSAL SYSTEMS, Compost Clean Out	395.24
ADVANTAGE ACH, FSA	131.68
AIRGAS USA, LLC Cylinder Rental	58.73
BAKER & TAYLOR Books	975.04
BJORNSEN POND MANAGEMENT SVCS, Algaecide & Herbicide	817.47
CARDMEMBER SERVICE Credit Card Charges	269.98
CKENDALL CONSULTING, LLC 1st Quarter 2021	4,700.25
CLARK EQUIP CO DBA BOBCAT CO, Skid Steer S66 T4	47,660.50
CLEPPE'S Movie Night Event	20.00
COLONIAL LIFE INSURANCE Accidental Ins	32.55
CARDMEMBER SERVICES - LIB Credit Card	1,250.67
CUSTOM HOSE SUPPLIES, INC PW Supplies Oil Filters	12.19
DAVE SCHMITT CONSTRUCTION BVR WA Main Break	11,275.46
DOORS INC. CH Front Door Keys PW	12.70
EFTPS FED/FICA Tax	5,473.25
GAZETTE COMMUNICATIONS, INC Legal Publications	387.09
GLOBALPAYMENTS INTEGRATED CC Fees	180.99
GRONEWOLD BELL KYHNN & CO PC Exam/Audit Svcs	4,644.53
HAWKEYE FIRE & SAFETY Service extinguisher Svc Call	66.00
HDC PRINTED PRODUCTS Printed Postcards-LIB	320.81
ILLINOIS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION I-Read Summer Reading	220.30
KIECK'S CAREER APPAREL PW Clothing	256.00
LUANNE MILLER IMFOA Reimbursement Spring Conference	250.00
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT GROUP Street Sweeper Repair	1,541.84
MENARDS Anchor Bolts & PW Supplies	154.46
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY Gas Utilities CH	238.02
MIDWAY OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT Saw & Blower Parts	158.25
DBA THE COMPANY STORE Soccer Jerseys	493.50
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING C Maintenance	19.50
NICK TRENARY LIB Computer Help Technology	120.00
OFFICE OF AUDITOR OF STATE Annual Exam Audit	175.00
LINN COUNTY REC Electrical Svc	306.56
SAM'S CLUB/S/SYNCHRONY BK Parks Concession & Clean	121.71
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY Lab Testing	1,128.50
TERMINIX Pest Control	82.25

TRACY CLAIR Reimbursements	133.75
UNITY POINT CLINIC-OCC MED DOT Drug Testing	42.00
VAN METER PW VFD Blower 2	4,539.96
WM OF CEDAR RAPIDS-IOWA CITY, Refuse Services	13,157.94
Accounts Payable Total	\$101,824.67
Payroll Checks	17,997.59
TOTAL	\$119,822.26

Department Reports - Sheriff's Report given. Noted to Sheriff May 1st is Ely Garage Sale day. Volunteer Recognition Event is May 15th to thank all volunteers and welcoming all to come for small BBQ and later that night a Movie in the Park. City is looking for a few volunteers for the event and there will be a Sign-Up Genus on the city website. Callie of Parks & Recreation recognized Luke Chapman for his internship and all his help with Parks and Recreation Department events and projects. City Administrator gave updates on compost bunker clean out and hydrant flushing has begun around town.

Community Comments/Requests - None

Business - Open Public Hearing Presented for consideration is a proposal to enter into a general obligation loan for the Public Works Facility expansion in an amount up to \$400,000. No public comment. Motion to Open Public Hearing by Tuthill and 2nd by Symonds.

Resolution 2021-04.012 First Reading Taking additional action on proposal to enter into a General Obligation Public Works Facility Loan Agreement and combining Loan Agreements. Presented for consideration is a proposal to enter into a general obligation loan for the public works Facility expansion. This will allow the City of Ely to borrow up to \$400,000 for the expansion of the public works facility. The project is currently being budgeted for \$300,000. Motion by Wery and 2nd by Whitaker to enter into a General Obligation Public Works Facility Loan Agreement and combining Loan Agreements by Roll Call Tuthill, Wery, Hale, Whitaker, and Symonds – 5 Ayes Motion passed.

Open Public Hearing First Reading of Floodplain Ordinance. This is the first reading of an ordinance updating the floodplain ordinance for the City of Ely. This updates the ordinance to reflect requested language from state and federal partners. Motion by Tuthill, and 2nd by Whitaker Roll Call Tuthill, Wery, Hale, Whitaker, and Symonds 5-All Ayes motion passed as read.

Resolution 2021-04.013 Presented for City Council's consideration is a resolution setting the public hearing for the adoption of the Amended FY 21-22 Budget #2. At the previous council meeting the public hearing was incorrectly set for April 19th. This new action will set the public hearing for May 3rd, 2021 meeting. Motion by Hale, and 2nd by Wery Roll Call Tuthill, Wery, Hale, Whitaker, and Symonds 5-All Ayes motion passed as read.

Resolution 2021-04.014 Presented for City Council's consideration is a resolution approving the compensation and hiring of Riley Knopf for Recreation Intern and Jaymeson Westphal for Parks Assistant. Staff recommends hiring Riley and Jaymeson to fill the position that was originally budgeted for one employee. Motion by Symonds, and 2nd by Whitaker Roll Call Tuthill, Wery, Hale, Whitaker, and Symonds. 5-All Ayes Motion passed as read.

Request presented for City Council's consideration is a request to approve the purchase of a chemical sprayer for fiscal year 21-22. The new equipment will allow city staff to spray all city property if desired, allow for more flexibility, and future cost savings. Motion by Tuthill, and 2nd by Symonds Roll Call Tuthill, Wery, Hale, Whitaker, and Symonds 5-All Ayes. Motion passed.

Request presented for City Council's consideration is a request to direct the City Attorney to take legal action to abate the nuisance at 1635 Main St. The property owner has been non-compliant to notices to remove junk and abate the nuisance. Because of certain circumstances involving the residents of this property, staff believes it is best to receive a court judgement because of taking this additional action. Motion by Symonds, and 2nd by Wery. 5-All Ayes motion passed.

Discussion on Fourth of July parade. Parade to follow Linn County Public Health Guidelines. Discussed recruiting a chair and volunteers to run the parade.

Discussion on LOST Ballot Language for November Ballot 2021.

With no further business being evident, council adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm. Motion by Hale, 2nd by Symonds. 5-All Ayes motion passed.