

Ely City Council Proceeding

The City Council Meeting met in person, online over ZOOM Platform, and Facebook on May 16th, 2022, 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 and Mark Becicka. Ben Symonds and Dan Whitaker attended via ZOOM. Mayor Eldy 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 Clean Out	389.48
ADVANCED BUSINESS SYSTEMS, Copies	147.10
AIRGAS USA LLC, Cylinder Rental	72.14
BAKER & TAYLOR, Books	765.79
BASE, FSA CAFETERIA PLAN-JUNE	30.00
CARDMEMBER SERVICE, CC Charges Conf Hotel T. Miller	634.08
CARGILL INCORPORATED, Road Salt Fuel Surcharge	57.37
CAROL & DON GUGLER, Comm Ctr Rental Dep. Refund	100.00
COLONIAL LIFE INSURANCE, ACCIDENTAL INS	32.55
CARDMEMBER SERVICES, LIB CC Purchases	1,127.30
EFTPS, Fed/FICA Tax	5,841.02
GAZETTE COMMUNICATIONS INC, Legal Publications	609.64
IOWA ONE CALL, LOCATES	55.80
JENNIFER RICHMOND, Intro to Sports Refund	25.00
KIRACOFE OIL CO, L.P. FUEL	627.00
LAURA WENZEL, Comm Ctr Rental Refund	180.00
LINN COUNTY TREASURER, Property Tax 1510 Walker St	1,611.00
MENARDS, Field Paint	75.96
MICRO MARKETING, Audio Books	20.80
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO, Gas Utilities City Hall	376.50
MMS CONSULTANTS INC, Engineer Services	11,413.57
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING, CH Maintenance Salt	31.50
NICK TRENARY, TECHNOLOGY	90.00
OFFICE EXPRESS, Office Supply	64.89
RAPIDS REPRODUCTIONS INC, Golf Cart Flag Print	1,200.00
SAFETY VEHICLE EMBLEM INC, Golf Cart UTV Flags	202.41
SAM'S CLUB/S/SYNCHRONY BK, Sam's Club Concessions	574.86
SOUTH SLOPE, Phone/Internet Service	771.17
TO THE LETTER TYPE & DESIGN, Newsletter Typeset	55.00
TRACTOR SUPPLY CO, Post Hole Auger	379.98
WEBER STONE CO, Ball Field Lime	129.88
Accounts Payable Total	27,691.79
Payroll Checks	16,831.71
REPORT TOTAL	\$44,523.50

Consent Agenda Minutes from May 2nd, 2022, Council Meeting; Bills Payable 5/02/22– 5/16/22 Totaling \$44,523.50; Approve Tobacco Permit for Casey's; Approve Liquor License for Ely American Legion. Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Becicka, 2nd by Symonds. All Ayes 5-0

City Department Reports City Administrator Adam Thompson gave updates: At the June 6th City Council Meeting Department Head Reports on 5-6 top accomplishments, City Administrator Annual Review. Staff Reviews with Personnel Committee. On the June 20th City Council Meeting they will be doing first review of the City Code and Zoning Code. Council person Wery asked on status for paint for striping update. No paint purchased yet, still shortage. There are 2 Public Works seasonal openings. Golf Cart/UTV Permit Flags are now in. Sheriff's Report – Reminded residents to report all break ins to Sheriff's Department. Mayor Miller mentioned the Linn County Historic Preservation Commission Grant of \$3,000 was awarded to the city and will be utilized to purchase historical signs to place throughout the city in time for the 150th Sesquicentennial celebration in August. Adam Thompson City Admin said they are working on Way Point signs, City Hall signs and Parking Lots. Reminder the city clean up is Saturday May 21st at Public Works site 8am-12pm.

Community Comments/Requests: No Public Comments.

Business: Public hearing related to an ordinance updating sewer service charges. This is a public hearing regarding an ordinance updating solid waste collections fees. This ordinance increases the sewer service rate by 26%. This increase is made to cover the construction loan for the Hoosier creek trunk sewer. The City of Ely is actively applying for a grant from Linn County to assist this project and reduce the impact of this rate increase. The City of Ely has committed to the trunk sewer project and the SRF funding. The City has an agreement with the Iowa Finance Authority to pay the SRF debt with revenue from the sewer system. Mayor requested to convene to the Public Hearing. On Average \$10 increase to the sewer portion of the bill. No Public Comments. Public Hearing closed.

First reading of an ordinance updating sewer service charges. Presented to council for consideration was the first reading of an ordinance updating sewer service rate. The ordinance increases the sewer rate by 26% effective July 1st, 2022. This increase is only to the sewer rate and not the total bill. This is a \$10 per month increase on average per household. Motion by Wery to approve to close and approve the first reading of the update to the sewer service charges, 2nd by Symonds. By Roll Call: Tuthill-Nay; Wery-Aye; Whitaker-Aye; Symonds-Aye; Becicka-Aye. 4-1 Motion carried.

Resolution guaranteeing funds for Destination Iowa Grant-City Park. The State of Iowa has committed \$100 million towards recreation and tourism. The City of Ely is applying for \$400,000 in grant funds to support the improvements to City Park. The city is responsible for 60% of the project cost totaling \$601,462.95. The Friends of Ely Parks and Recreations has committed \$60,000 towards the project and anticipates an additional donation of \$50,000 towards the project. The City of Ely must guarantee the commitment to be eligible for the grant. Parks Director Callie corrected the commitment amount from Friends of Parks and Recreation of Ely Iowa that \$60,000 wasn't the correct committed amount, it was \$15,000 over 4 years. She will confirm at the Park Board Meeting on May 17th. No Public Comments. Motion by Tuthill to approve Resolution as corrected, 2nd by Becicka. By Roll Call All Ayes 5-0 Motion carried.

Request to approve rock overlay maintenance project agreement. Presented to council for consideration was a request to approve rock overlay agreement. Rogers Creek Rd. has been overlaid with rock and calcium chloride by Linn County. The city has a maintenance agreement with Linn County and is responsible for \$3,185.76 of the maintenance completed on the road. The work needed to be done and was important to be completed prior to the reconstruction of the road in the future. No Public Comments. Motion by Wery to approve maintenance project agreement, 2nd by Whitaker. All Ayes 5-0 Motion carried.

Request to approve pay request #6 related to the trunk sewer project. Presented to council for consideration is a request to approve pay request #6 totaling \$122,280.20 related to the trunk sewer project. The pay request has been reviewed by City Engineer and City Staff. Scott with MMS City Engineer spoke regarding the Winterowd property working with them about their horses. No Public Comments. Motion by Tuthill to approve the pay request, 2nd by Symonds. By Roll Call All Ayes 5-0 Motion carried.

Request to approve payment related to the trunk sewer project. Presented for council consideration is a request to approve a \$6000 payment for 60 days of work to the Winterowd's related to the trunk sewer project. The City has agreed to pay the property owner \$100 per day that the construction project interrupted their business operations after April 15th. We are ready to begin construction on their property. If we go over 60 days, the property owner will be paid for the additional time once construction has been completed on their property. This is the most cost-effective option currently to allow construction to continue. Councilman Tuthill asked about the liability of the animals. There is liability for any damages to their property. The city does carry liability insurance to cover for damages to their property; the contractor has insurance that they will be responsible for, and the city will not be

fronting the financial expense. No Public Comments. Motion by Becicka to approve payment related to the Trunk Sewer Project, 2nd by Whitaker. By Roll Call All Ayes 5-0.

With no further business being evident, council adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm. Motion by Symonds, 2nd by Becicka. 5-0 All Ayes motion carried.

Luanne R. Miller, Clerk

Eldy Miller, Mayor