

## Ely City Council Proceedings

The City Council Meeting met in person, online over ZOOM Platform, and Facebook on June 6, 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, Ben Symonds and Mark Becicka. Dan Whitaker excused absence. 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	943.60
ACME ELECTRIC COMPANY, Christmas Light Outlet Repair	7,688.00
ADAM THOMPSON, Lunch Supplies	181.81
ALLIANT, Electric	7,176.34
AMAZON, LIB Media Books	722.06
AMERICAN LEGION, American Flags City Hall	150.00
ANTHONY WEISS, Mileage	21.76
BAKER & TAYLOR, Books	334.96
CASEY'S BUSINESS MASTERCARD, Fuel Trucks & Mowers	300.91
CENTRAL BANK-VISA	921.49
COLD BLOODED REDHEAD LLC, Summer Program Story	110.00
COLONIAL LIFE INSURANCE, Accidental Ins	32.55
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DAN AND DEBBIE'S CREAMERY INC, Concession Stand	45.00
DELTA DENTAL, Dental- Pre-Tax	298.52
DEMCO, Library Furniture Fixture	9,162.06
DENGLEZONE CUSTOMS LLC, Ely Open Prize	220.00
DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP, Legal Services	11,500.00
EFTPS Fed/Fica Tax	5,420.96
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FSA - LUANNE MILLER, FSA Withholding	20.00
FSA - TARA MILLER, FSA Withholding	8.09
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THE HARTFORD GROUP BENEFITS, STD -Short-Term	418.22
HAWKINS, INC., PW Chemical Supplies	50.00
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY, Loan # D0187R	51,973.75
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY, Loan # C124R	1,221.86
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES, Grant Finder	50.00
IOWA ONE CALL, Locates	93.60
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY, MPI Classes	560.00
IOWA WESTERN COMM COLLEGE, Vista	250.00
IPERS	6,649.06
JIM WESTPHAL, Umpire	12.00
JOHN'S LOCK & KEY, Locksmith	129.49
KIRACOFE OIL CO, Diesel Fuel	2,251.20
LUANNE MILLER, Mileage	56.16
LYNCH DALLAS P.C., Professional Services	1,738.28
MENARDS, PW Misc Supplies	336.83
DBA THE COMPANY STORE, Baseball Jersey/Camp T-Shirt	1,384.50
MIKE SAUSER, Umpire Payout	60.00
OFFICE EXPRESS, Office Express	1,223.21
US POSTMASTER, June UB Postage	137.20
REBECCA COBLENTZ, Comm Ctr Rental Deposit	100.00
LINN COUNTY REC, Electrical Svc	314.23
SAM'S CLUB/S/SYNCHRONY BK, Concessions/Sumr Camp	539.28
SARAH SELLON, Mileage & Inv Reimbursement	231.21
SCHRADER EXCAVATING, Sewer Trunk Project #6	122,280.20
SPACE WALK, Summer Camp Inflatable	381.00
TERMINIX, Pest Control	82.25
THEISEN'S, Supplies	57.96
TRACY CLAIR, Mileage	17.55
TRUSTMARK, Med Ins- Pre-Tax	2,210.06
TRACTOR SUPPLY CO, Supplies	70.93

UMB BANK, N.A., 2012A Called Bonds	304,062.50
UMB BANK, N.A., 2014 DTD Called Bonds	334,097.50
UMB BANK, N.A., I050 SRS 2019 DTD Called Bonds	163,338.75
UMB BANK, N.A., 930 SRS 2021 Called Bonds	39,402.50
UMB BANK, N.A., 2021 B Principal Reduction	123,418.10
VISION SERVICE PLAN, VSP - Pre-Tax	98.94
WM OF CEDAR RAPIDS-IOWA CR, Refuse Services	13,407.57
WEIKERT IRON & METAL, 65 Appliances X \$5 EA	325.00
Accounts Payable Total	1,224,603.92
Payroll Checks	33,300.46
<b>REPORT TOTAL</b>	<b>1,257,904.38</b>

**May 2022 revenues per fund:** General \$43,878.88; Road Use Tax \$13,369.40; Employee Benefit \$420.87; LOST \$29,762.42; TIF \$932.96; Debt Service \$4,156.11; Storm 2020 \$6,357.39; Water \$23,737.77; Sewer \$38,030.28; Storm Sewer \$1,706.10.

**May 2022 expenses per fund:** General \$38,500.12; Road Use Tax \$5,883.23; Debt Service \$840,901.25; Sewer Trunk \$133,487.27; Ely Lib Exp \$1,611.00; Water \$10,276.89; Sewer \$10,357.62; Sewer Sinking \$123,418.10; City Garage \$627.00.

Mayor Miller moved **Community Comments/Requests** to before the **City Department Reports**.

**Consent Agenda** Minutes from May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, Council Meetings; Bills Payable 5/17/22– 6/06/22 Totaling \$1,257,904.38; Approve Liquor License for Casey's Marketing Company. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion by Symonds to approve consent agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wery. All Ayes-motion carried 4-0.

**Community Comments/Requests** Guest Bob Guyer addressed council regarding a piece of property along the bike trail. He requested that an address for his property for safety reasons as he has had some vandalism and stolen items. Council deferred to city legal Pat O'Connell to review and address at a later meeting. City Admin Thompson requested Mr. Guyer put his request in writing. No other community requests or comments.

**City Department Reports** City Department FY 21-22 Top Success Reports given by Sarah Sellon, Library; Callie O'Brien Stulz, Parks and Rec; Ron Stark, Water & Sewer; Tyler Schurbon, Streets, Equipment & Public Property; Luanne Miller, Clerks Office; Adam Thompson, Administrative.

**Business Public Hearing related to FY 21-22 budget amendment #2** Public hearing regarding FY 21-22 budget amendment #2. This is the final budget amendment of the fiscal year that balances revenues and expenses for any funds that may be over the budgeted amount. The net amendment increases expenses by \$20,774. Mayor Miller opened the Public Meeting. No Public Comments. Motion to close by Symonds, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Becicka. All Ayes-motion carried 4-0.

**Resolution approving FY 21-22 budget amendment #2** Presented to council for consideration was a resolution approving the adoption of FY 21-22 budget amendment #2. This is the final budget amendment of the fiscal year that balances revenues and expenses for any funds that may be over the budgeted amount. The net amendment increases expenses by \$20,774. No Public Comments. Motion to approve the Resolution as submitted by Wery, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tuthill. By Roll Call All Ayes-motion carried 4-0.

**Second reading of an ordinance updating sewer service** Presented for council consideration was the second reading of an ordinance updating sewer service rate. The ordinance increases the sewer rate by 26% effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 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. The increase will 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. It is expected that the next round of funding will open the middle of July. The City of Ely has committed to the truck 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 Miller opened the Public Hearing. Discussion from Mr. Wieneke If grant is won will it come off the principal but continue approved percentage to pay off loan quicker. Motion to close the Public Hearing by Symonds, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Becicka. All Ayes motion carried 3-1. Motion to approve the second reading by Wery, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Symonds. By Roll Call, Wery, Symonds, Becicka - Ayes, Tuthill – Nay. motion carried 3-1.

**Resolution approving inter-fund transfers.** Presented to council for consideration was a resolution approving inter-fund transfers. The transfer moves funds from one fund to another to cover expenses of ongoing activities. The largest transfer is for the early redemption of bonds. No Public Comments. Motion to approve Resolution as submitted by Becicka, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tuthill. By Roll Call All Ayes motion carried 4-0.

**Request to approve Southbrook Pond project subject to funding.** Presented to council for consideration is a request to approve the Southbrook Pond project subject to funding support from residents around the pond. The goal is to improve the visual appearance of the stormwater detention pond. The pond is owned by the City of Ely and is managed as a stormwater practice. The aesthetics of the pond has no bearing on its function as a stormwater management practice. Understandably, the residents around the pond would like the quality of the pond to be improved due to the extreme vegetative growth in the pond throughout the warmer months. The estimated cost of the project is \$8,617.38. Staff has worked on a plan and are asking council to approve initial funding not to exceed \$10,000 and subject to reimbursement from residents around the pond. No Public Comments. Motion to approve as submitted by Symonds, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wery. All Ayes motion carried 4-0.

**Request to approve purchase of second scoreboard for city park.** Presented to council for consideration is a request to approve the purchase of the second scoreboard at city park totaling \$6,420. The parks board has approved this purchase and funds for this purchase will come from the parks board fundraising reserve account. No public comments. Motion to approve the purchase of the 2<sup>nd</sup> scoreboard for city park by Tuthill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Becicka. All Ayes motion carried 4-0.

Councilman Tuthill requested the ATV & UTV state law be deferred until after the RFP Interviews since the meeting is running behind. Mayor moved item #7 to item #10.

**Interview of comprehensive plan RFP respondents.** Each of the three RFP interview were given approximately 20 minutes to give their presentations. Bolton & Menk presented first; ECICOG presented second and MSA was third and all presentations ended at approximately 9:25 pm.

**Discussion of comprehensive plan RFP respondents.** Council discussed proposal and interviews. Council will recommend Bolton & Menk at the June 20<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting.

**Discussion related to ATV & UTV state law.** City Administrator Thompson opened the discussion. The State of Iowa changed the ATV & UTV regulations which overrules any local and county regulations. The Golf Cart ordinance will be split from the UTV ATV Ordinance in the next few months.

**Request to Enter Closed Session per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i) for the City Administrator's Annual Evaluation.** Symonds motioned to go into closed session to conduct the City Administrators review; seconded by Judy at 10:03pm, passed 4-0. Mark motioned to come out of closed session; seconded by Judy at 11:10pm, passed 4-0.

**Potential Action Stemming from Closed Session.** Symonds motioned to increase the annual salary of the City Administrator to \$100,000 effective July 1st, 2022, allow for cost-of-living increase July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, and increase the auto allowance to \$250 per month effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, Seconded by Tuthill, passed 4-0.

With no further business being evident, council adjourned the meeting at 11:15 pm. Motion by Symonds, 2nd by Wery. All Ayes motion carried 4-0.