

(Subject to approval)  
CITY OF ELY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
May 15, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER:** The City Council of Ely, Iowa, met in regular session on May 15, 2023, at 7:01pm with Mayor Eldy Miller presiding. The following City Council members were present: Mark Becicka, Ben Symonds, Dan Whitaker and Judy Wery. Absent was William Tuthill.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion by Symonds, 2nd by Wery to approve consent agenda of minutes of May 1, 2023, bills payable, Treasure's Reports from April, receive & file Finance Committee Minutes and approve street closer request by the fire department. All Ayes. Motion Carried 4-0

**Finance Committee Minutes:** On May 11, 2023, Finance Committee members; Councilmembers Judy Wery and Ben Symonds met at 5:30pm to go over invoices for accounts payable with the City Clerk Tara Miller. Invoices were reviewed and approved by Wery and Symonds. Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

**Listed below are the approved bills payable**

<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
ACME ELECTRIC COMPANY	6,650.00
ADVANCED BUSINESS SYSTEMS	112.71
AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM OF IA	25.00
AIRGAS USA, LLC	86.18
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES-BUS	754.28
BAKER & TAYLOR	258.38
BASE	30.00
BLANK PARK ZOO	231.26
BOOK FARM LLC	1,618.06
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	403.83
CEDAR RAPIDS MUSEUM OF ART	67.03
CITY TRACTOR CO.	827.08
COLD BLOODED REDHEAD LLC	200.00
COLONIAL LIFE INSURANCE	27.17
CSG FORTE PAYMENTS, INC	882.95
EFTPS	6,595.02
EMILY BOYCE	75.00
FRANZEN FAMILY TRACTORS	31,148.00
FSA - TARA MILLER	19.18
FSA - TARA MILLER	130.68
FSA - TARA MILLER	24.99
GAZETTE COMMUNICATIONS, INC	115.95
HAWKINS, INC.	50.00
HUNTER PARRISH	125.00
ILLINOIS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION	175.50

IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	75.00
JDM CONCRETE, LLC	6,945.50
JIM WESTPHAL	150.00
JOSH HAYNES	150.00
LAURA WENZEL	100.00
LEVEL 10 APPAREL	321.10
MENARDS	316.56
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	193.51
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	31.50
OFFICE EXPRESS	76.99
PLAY IT AGAIN SPORTS	50.99
US POSTMASTER	151.41
SAM'S CLUB/S/SYNCHRONY BK	803.12
SARAH SELLON	59.61
SOUTH SLOPE	850.91
MCCLLOUD SERVICES	142.34
TO THE LETTER TYPE & DESIGN	55.00
TRACY CLAIR	13.10
US CELLULAR	29.49
VEDA HIGGINS	25.00
WARTBURG COLLEGE NSTA CHAPRTER	<u>107.20</u>
<b>Accounts Payable Total</b>	<b>61,281.58</b>
Payroll Checks	<u>18,988.07</u>
<b>REPORT TOTAL</b>	<b>80,324.85</b>

**City Department Reports:** Sheriff's report was given by Linn County Deputy Sheriff Tindal. The report was given to the council prior to the meeting. City Administrator Thompson asked how a warning was handled.

City Administrator Adam Thompson updated the Council on city staff and ongoing projects. He also reminded everyone Trash Amnesty Day is this Saturday, May 20. He then gave an update on the municipal complex.

**Community Comments/requests:** Katie Jo Bruhn questioned handicap parking in front of the library and then had a concern with the bird nests in the library sign.

**Business:** Motion by Whitaker, 2nd by Symonds to approve ARPA subaward Agreement with Linn County. All Ayes. Motion carried 4-0

Motion by Wery, 2nd by Becicka for resolution to increase Parks and Rec petty cash to have the funds for concession during tournaments. Motion Carried 4-0

Motion by Whitaker, 2nd by Symonds for resolution approving amending employee handbook. Motion carried 4-0

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City Administrator Thompson lead a discussion related to roadway maintenance and the possibility of the city buying equipment to be able to do maintenance ourselves and not contracting it out. Jeff Johnson got up to speak about the condition of the road leading into his driveway and how it has sunk.

Motion by Becicka, 2nd by Whitaker to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4-0

Mayor Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:47pm.