

Ely City Council Proceedings

The City Council Meeting met in regular session on June 7, 2021, in person and simulcast electronically thru Zoom as allowed by Section 21.8 of Iowa Code. Officials present in person at City Hall were Mayor Eldy Miller, Council Members William Tuthill, Judy Wery, Dan Whitaker, Kay Hale and Ben Symonds. Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm by roll call / Pledge of Allegiance.

Prior to Meeting beginning at 5:30 pm, Mayor, City Council Members and City Administrator when on a tour of the Library Facilities; Ely Public Works Buildings and Well #1 located next to the City Hall offices.

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

Consent Agenda Minutes from May 17, 2021, Meeting; Bills Payables totaling \$101,011.54; Application for use of Fire Works for Fall Fest; Liquor License for Fall Fest and Liquor License for 1555 State Street, Ronald Cleppe. Application for use of public property by the Ely Fire Department. Motion by Whitaker to approve agenda, 2nd by Hale. By roll call Tuthill, Hale, Whitaker, Wery, Symonds. All Ayes-5 motion carried.

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

ABC DISPOSAL SYSTEMS, Compost Cleanout	532.28
ADVANTAGE ACH, FSA	131.68
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ALCOHOL BEVERAGE DIV, Fall Fest ABD License	25.63
ALLIANT, Electric	7,155.73
AMAZON, LIB Media Books	2,017.95
BAKER & TAYLOR, Books	590.54
BDH TECHNOLOGY, Security Cameras	4,061.89
CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES INC, Copier Lease	109.00
CARDMEMBER SERVICE, Credit Card Charges	703.97
CASEY'S BUSINESS MASTERCARD, Fuel Trucks Mowers	597.36
CENTRAL IOWA FARM STORE, Mower Parts	180.02
COLONIAL LIFE INSURANCE, Colonial Accidental Ins.	32.55
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COLONY HEATING, 2 NEW HVAC	14,900.00
DALTON KANE, Umpire \$30/per game	120.00
DAN AND DEBBIE'S CREAMERY INC, Ice Cream Cups	72.50
DELTA DENTAL, Pre-Tax	226.60
EFTPS, Fed/FICA Tax	5,208.94
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THE HARTFORD GROUP BENEFITS, STD	406.02
HAWKINS, INC., PW Chemical Supplies	574.47
IA MUNICIPALITIES WORKERS COMP, Premium	1,482.00
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES, Grant Finder	50.00
IOWA ONE CALL, Locates	39.60
IPERS,	6,767.18
MENARDS, PW Misc Supplies	164.14
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY, Gas Utilities	143.11
MIDWEST ELECTRONICS, City Cleanup	847.00
MOBILE BEACON, Mobiles Hotspots	774.00
MUNSON ELECTRIC, Electrical Plugs LIB	350.00
NICK TRENARY, Technology	210.00
THE NORTHWAY CORPORATION, We4ll #2 1.5 HP	2,442.90
OFFICE EXPRESS, Office Supply	32.91
US POSTMASTER, Postage	97.09
US POSTMASTER, Postage	57.51
US POSTMASTER, June UB Postage	150.84
RANDY'S FLOORING, Lib Meeting Room Carpet	3,437.66

SARAH SELLON, Reimbursement	638.01
SITEONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY, Turf Marker/Drying Agent	196.98
SOUTH SLOPE, Phone Internet Svc	785.71
TERMINIX, Pest Control	82.25
THEISEN'S, Sprayer Repairs	49.95
TRACTOR SUPPLY CO, Vehicle Supplies & Parks	266.02
UNITED HEALTH, Med Ins-Pre-Tax	4,590.44
USA BLUE BOOK, Well #2 Parts & Supplies	246.55
VISION SERVICE PLAN, Pre-Tax	76.80
WEIKERT IRON & METAL, Appliance Recycle Cleanup	328.00
ZACHARY HILLEMANN, Umpire \$30/per game	120.00
Accounts Payable Total	67,908.80
Payroll Checks	33,102.74
REPORT TOTAL	101,011.54

CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS-Linn County Sheriff Report

COMMUNITY COMMENTS/REQUESTS-July 5th Council Meeting to be rescheduled as a Bills Payable review and approval only with short meeting on Tuesday, July 6. Resident Cozzie requested update on sewer extension project. City Administrator said working with City Engineer to secure the remaining few easements and right on track to go out to bid in July. City Attorney gave update that abatement on property on Main St. has been assigned to attorney in their office.

BUSINESS-Presented for City Council to discuss a modification to the Mask Policy for the City of Ely. The Linn County Board of Supervisors has rescinded the county's face covering regulation and lifted the requirement for mask inside county buildings. The CDC's updated guidance is that fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask or physically distance. Discussion/action related to the modification of the Mask Policy for the City of Ely. Motion Hale 2nd by Symonds. General discussion on policy. Hale made a motion to modify and rescind the mask policy, 2nd by Tuthill. Roll Call Wery, Tuthill, Hale, Whitaker, Symonds. 5-Ayes Motion passed as submitted.

Presented for City Council's consideration is a request to approve the purchase of a replacement HVAC system for the library. The Library HVAC system has been a maintenance issue for the past couple of years costing over \$2500.00. Additionally, it does appear that construction of a new library is at least a few years out. The HVAC system replacement is not budgeted and is not listed in the CIP. However, the library has realized operation savings due to the reduced spending during the pandemic as we al has seen an increase in funding from the state and county due to the increase usage. Request to approve purchase of a replacement HVAC system for the library. Motion Hale 2nd by Wery. Roll Call Wery, Tuthill, Hale, Whitaker, Symonds. 5-Ayes Motion passed as submitted.

Presentations from City Departments related to Fiscal Year 20-21 accomplishments were given: Tyler - Public Facilities, Equipment, Street; Ron - Water and Wastewater; Sarah - Library; Callie - Parks and Recreation; Luanne - Finance & Billing; Adam - P & Z, Code, Budget, Citywide.

At 8:50 pm entered Closed Session per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i) for the City Administrator's Annual Evaluation. Motion Hale 2nd by Whitaker. Roll Call Wery, Tuthill, Hale, Whitaker, Symonds. 5-Ayes Motion passed as submitted. Motion made by Tuthill to come out of closed session, 2nd by Whitaker. 5-Ayes

Potential Action Stemming from Closed Session

Motion by Symonds to approve the City Administrators pay increase as agreed to in the employment contract, to approve a 3% cost of living pay increase effective July 1st, and to give mayor direction to work the City Attorney to modify residency requirements., 2nd by Wery. 5-Ayes

With no further business being evident, council adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm. Motion by Whitaker, 2nd by Tuthill. 5-All Ayes motion carried.