

(Subject to approval)  
CITY OF ELY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
December 4, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER:** The City Council of Ely, Iowa, met in regular session on December 4, 2023, at 6:59pm with Mayor Scott Ladwig presiding. The following City Council members were present: Ben Symonds, Judy Wery James Cox; Remotely: Mark Becicka, Absent: Dan Whitaker.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion by Symonds, 2nd by Cox to approve consent agenda of minutes of November 20, 2023, bills payable, receive & file Finance Committee Minutes. All Ayes. Motion Carried 4-0

**Finance Committee Minutes:** On November 30, 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>
ALLIANT	6,828.08
ALTORFER INC	750.90
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES-BUS	349.95
BOLTON & MENK, INC.	4,950.00
CASEY'S BUSINESS MASTERCARD	374.98
COLLECTION SERVICE CENTER	184.61
COLONIAL LIFE INSURANCE	59.67
COMPASS MINERALS AMERICA INC.	5,420.66
DELTA DENTAL	386.60
EFTPS	5,933.21
EVERGREEN LANDSCAPE	4,160.00
GAZETTE COMMUNICATIONS, INC	421.39
THE HARTFORD GROUP BENEFITS	542.20
HAWKINS, INC.	50.00
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY	25,449.57
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IPERS	11,555.26
KAREN LANDUYT	100.00
LINN COUNTY TREASURER	980.00
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT GROUP	179.07
MARCIA FRANKLIN	100.00
OFFICE EXPRESS	49.99
PATRICK BREHENY	100.00
POINTCORE GRAPHIC SOLUTIONS	23.31
US POSTMASTER	147.00

REXCO	756.38
STACIE FOWLER	100.00
STATE OF IOWA TREASURER	1,345.86
MCCLOUD SERVICES	50.09
THEISEN'S	344.56
UMB BANK, N.A.	7,131.95
UMB BANK, N.A.	40,698.75
UMB BANK, N.A.	4,200.00
UNDER-HILL TRUCK & AUTO REPAIR	1,671.48
US CELLULAR	29.49
VISION SERVICE PLAN	131.14
WM OF CEDAR RAPIDS-IOWA CITY	15,544.60
WELLMARK	5,086.43
<b>Accounts Payable Total</b>	<b>150,019.68</b>
<u>Payroll Checks</u>	<u>17,425.41</u>
<b>Report Total</b>	<b>167,445.09</b>

**September 2023 revenues per fund:** General \$67,706.64; Employee Benefit \$885.81; TIF \$4,008.51; Debt Service \$15,481.21; Water \$25,702.69; Sewer \$47,981.69; Storm Sewer \$1,685.27

**September 2023 expenses per fund:** General \$122,403.52; Road Use Tax \$37,641.46; Employee Benefit \$537.58; Debt Service \$44,898.75; Technical Grants \$58.98; '22 Old Town Project \$11,685; Municipal Complex Project \$224.66; '22 Drinking Water Project \$5,150; City Park Capital IMP \$6,172; Water \$25,820.34; Water Sinking Fund \$3,832.50; Sewer \$18,262.83; Sewer Sinking \$32,581.52; Storm Sewer \$321.78

### City Department Reports:

City Administrator Miller gave council an update on working on minor updates to the City's snow plan and will present it to council at the 12/18 meeting. Electric charging station modem returned today, setting up an appointment to test the station and have it go live. With the nice weather this week Public Works is working on straightening signs around town and touching up some areas that need attention before the weather turns cold again. Change in ARPA agreement approved by Linn County Supervisors. Toured IPI in Anamosa and working on a list for bid to reduce costs including cleaning supplies, furnace filters, signs printing, etc. Fifth annual Ely night at the Rough Riders January 20<sup>th</sup> and reminder Winterfest is this coming weekend, Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 9am – 2pm.

**Community Comments/requests:** Jake Hansen lives on Rock Island and wanted to know if there was an update on traffic controlling measures.

**Business:** Motion by Wery, 2nd by Symonds to close the public hearing on zoning ordinance 305. All Ayes. Motion carried 4-0

Motion by Cox, 2nd by Wery approving first reading of ordinance 305 zoning ordinance. All Ayes. Motion carried 4-0

Motion by Symonds, 2nd by Becicka to close the public hearing pertaining to City Park Parking Lot. All Ayes. Motion carried 4-0

Motion by Wery, 2nd by Symonds for resolution approving plans & specs related to the City Park Parking Lot and set the bid opening date for January 30<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. All Ayes. Motion carried 4-0

Motion by Symonds, 2nd by Wery for resolution approving a public hearing for Monday, December 18, 2023, related to the Comp Plan Update. Motion carried 4-0

Motion by Cox, 2nd by Becicka for resolution approving public hearing for Monday, December 18, 2023, related to designation of the 2024 Ely Urban Renewal Area and On Urban Renewal Plan and Projects. All Ayes. Motion carried 4-0

Discussion lead by City Administrator Miller on City Hall Building and maintenance for upkeep.

Motioned by Cox, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Symonds to adjourn the meeting. All Ayes. Motion carried 4-0

Mayor Ladwig adjourned the meeting at 7:51pm.

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