

**ELY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
January 22, 2013
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Jim Doyle called a workshop meeting of the Ely City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday January 22, 2013 in the Council Chambers at Ely City Hall. Council Members present: Bob Ballantyne, Dave Rasmussen, Kay Hale, Bill Grove, and Dale Stanek. Also present Public Works Director Ron Stark, City Engineer Scott Pottorff, and City Administrator/Clerk Aaron Anderson.

The City Council met in special session, pursuant to notice as required by State Code, to conduct workshop sessions regarding State Street Improvements Project and Preparation of the FY 2013-14 budget as set out in the posted agenda.

Stanek moved to approve the agenda, second by Hale; motion carried – 5 to 0.

Workshop Session re: State Street Improvements Project. Mayor and City Council conducted a workshop discussion regarding improvements projects for State Street.

The Mayor and City Council discussed Linn County's plan to "white top" Ely Road (State Street) from 76th Ave to Ely's north city limits and from Ely's south city limits to the Johnson County line in 2014. City Administrator Anderson reported Linn County Secondary Roads plans to "white-top" Ely Road from roughly 76th Street, or further north depending on Cedar Rapids willingness to participate, to Ely's north city limits, and from Ely's south limits to the Johnson County Line. Mr. Anderson also reported Johnson County plans to resurface Ely Road from the Lake McBride/Solon intersection to the Linn County line in 2015; and the Linn and Johnson County Engineers are determining the "hand-off" point for the two surfacing projects. Items discussed include, but are not limited to: informing and educating the Ely community on the plans via various city media resources, that Ely has no intent to surface Mabie Road or School House Road to facilitate alternate traffic routes; whether Ely will participate with Linn County in the white-topping project and if so how far, and the impact of closing this essential route multiple times over several years for major construction projects.

Consensus of the City Council was to consider participating with Linn County for the 2014 "White Topping" project to extend to roughly Merry Hill Lane in Ely, and to widen State Street to include a turning lane, construct curb and gutter and other improvements from termination of the "white topping" to Fuhrmeister Street at the same time. By consensus the guiding principle is to limit the instances that properties from Fuhrmeister St north to Wright Bros have limited or no access to their property due to road/street construction.

Mayor and City Council discussed general improvements to State Street, mainly from Fuhrmeister St to the south city limits. Items discussed include, but are not limited to: turning lane, right of way availability, curb and gutter possibility, replacing street lights, and the general scope and outcome of such work. Consensus of the City Council was to have the City Engineer prepare a corridor study to reflect upgrading State Street and the outcome of that work. City

Council directed the City Engineer to prepare a proposed scope of services and contract to prepare and present the corridor study for consideration at the February 1, 2013 City Council meeting.

No action was taken on any matter discussed

Workshop Session re: Preparation of FY 2013-14 Budget. Mayor Doyle and City Council members discussed items regarding preparing the FY 2013-14 budget with City Administrator Anderson. Items discussed include: property valuation and proposed property tax rate, purchasing a used street sweeper, revising the storm water management ordinance more stringent standards, and capital projects to consider including in the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Mayor and City Council discussed paving the Hillcrest Street parking lot at Ely City Park, seeking design engineering for the “Downtown/Main Street Parking Lot” and a parking lot at Schulte Park. No action was taken on any matter discussed.

Rasmussen moved to adjourn at 8:07 p.m., second by Ballantyne; motion carried – 5 to 0. Mayor Doyle declared the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

James E. Doyle Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Aaron Anderson, Clerk/Administrator