

**ELY CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
January 22, 2015  
7:30 p.m.**

Mayor Jim Doyle called a workshop meeting of the Ely City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday January 22, 2015 in the Council Chambers at Ely City Hall. Council Members present: Bob Ballantyne, Kay Hale, and Stephanie Mehmen; Bill Grove and Dave Rasmussen absent-excused. Also present:, Stephanie Mai, Dave Schrock, Jeff Hilleman, Sarah Sellon, Sandra Winterowd, Annette Wieneke, Janine Norman, Amy Clefisch, Lisa Hinton, Dan Whitaker, Ron Stark, 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 with the Parks Commission, Library Board and regarding preparing the FY 201-16 budget as set out in the posted agenda.

Mehmen moved to approve the agenda, second by Hale; motion carried – 3 to 0.

**Workshop Session with Parks Commission.** Jeff Hilleman, Parks Commission Chair, presented the updated Parks Commission Master Plan for Ely’s Recreational System and discussed it with the Mayor and City Council. Items discussed include, but are not limited to: the Parks Commission found that sand volleyball courts are not feasible at the location envisioned in Ely City Park; that there are two USSA baseball in Ely, Parks Commission preference re: City Park parking lot is to install curb for the perimeter, hard surfacing is not as important; installation of base line and outfield fences on both ball diamonds; and policy regarding ball diamond and batting cage rental. Mr. Hilleman presented a draft version of FY 15-16 Parks and Recreation budgets which includes \$41,310 in park development projects. No action was taken on any matter discussed.

**Workshop Session with Library Board of Trustees.** Library Director Sarah Sellon presented information regarding Library activities, number of patrons, programs, and expenditures. Ms Sellon reported Clerk/Administrator Anderson sent her budget numbers for personnel that include the second half of the two-year Library pay adjustment plus a 4.5% overall compensation increase. Ms Sellon presented a request to increase the mileage reimbursement line by \$400 and increase the books line item by \$1,500 to meet accreditation requirements. Mayor and City Council discussed these matters with Ms. Sellon, including the Library’s services demand and facilities size analysis process. Bob Ballantyne noted a greater increase for books purchases may be in order. No action was taken on any matter discussed.

**Workshop Session re: Preparation of FY 2014-15 Budget.** City Council members discussed matters regarding preparing the FY 2015-16 budget with City Administrator Anderson. Items discussed include: proposed property tax rate and estimated general fund revenue, proposed administrative/general government budget, proposed 4.5% increase in compensation budget, estimated Parks/Recreation and Library spending amounts and percentage of tax revenue. Ron Stark, Public Works Director, noted he is gathering quotes for various street maintenance and repair projects. No action was taken on any matter discussed.

Hale moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m., second by Ballantyne; motion carried – 3 to 0. Mayor Doyle declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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James E. Doyle Jr., Mayor

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Aaron Anderson, Clerk/Administrator