

**ELY CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
January 27, 2014  
7:30 p.m.**

Mayor Jim Doyle called a workshop meeting of the Ely City Council to order at 7:30 p.m. on Monday January 27, 2014 in the Council Chambers at Ely City Hall. Council Members present: Bob Ballantyne, Dave Rasmussen, Kay Hale, and Stephanie Mehmen; Bill Grove arrived during the meeting. Also present:, Sarah Sellon, Cheryl Krob, Annette Weineke, Janine Norman, Sandra Winterowd, Terry Smith, Amy Clefish, 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 Library Board and regarding preparing the FY 2014-15 budget as set out in the posted agenda.

Hale moved to approve the agenda, second by Mehmen; motion carried – 4 to 0.

Bill Grove arrived.

**Workshop Session with Library Board of Trustees.** Library Director Sarah Sellon presented information regarding activities, number of patrons, programs, expenditures and compensation of Library staff. Ms Sellon reported education level of current Library staff is higher than comparable city library's in the area, and that the Ely Library is open more hours than most libraries serving similarly sized communities in the area. Mayor and City Council discussed the matter and report with Ms Sellon. Bill Grove and Stephanie Mehmen stated support for the quality and breadth of Library services and programs and satisfaction with Library staff. Ms Sellon presented a recommendation to increase compensation for Library staff, with options for one, two and three year implementation. 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 2014-15 budget with City Administrator Anderson. Items discussed include: proposed property tax rate and estimated general fund revenue, proposed administrative/general government budget, proposed overall payroll increase of 4.5%, that water or sewer rate changes are not expected to be necessary. City Council directed Mr. Anderson to put together a wage comparison for administrative and public works positions, to research enabling the option of emailing utility bills, and to have MMS put together a proposal for the NW Sanitary Sewer Study. Ron Stark, Public Works Director, noted they are gathering quotes for a new plow truck, and will work on a recommendation for sidewalk repairs and new installation using remaining sidewalk budget. No action was taken on any matter discussed.

Hale moved to adjourn at 9:03 p.m., second by Grove; motion carried – 5 to 0. Mayor Doyle declared the meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

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James E. Doyle Jr., Mayor

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Aaron Anderson, Clerk/Administrator