

**ELY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
January 28, 2013
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Bob Ballantyne called a workshop meeting of the Ely City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday January 28, 2013 in the Council Chambers at Ely City Hall. Council Members present: Bob Ballantyne, Dave Rasmussen, Bill Grove, and Dale Stanek; Mayor Jim Doyle and Kay Hale absent - excused. Also present: Stephanie Mai, Cheryl Krob, Sandra Winterowd, Jeff Hilleman, Mark Harapat, Sarah Sellon, 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 with the Library Board and Parks Commission and regarding preparing the FY 2013-14 budget as set out in the posted agenda.

Stanek moved to approve the agenda, second by Grove; motion carried – 4 to 0.

Workshop Session with Library Board of Trustees. Sandra Winterowd, Cheryl Krob and Sarah Sellon discussed matters related to the Library and the Library budget for FY 2013-14 with the City Council. Topics discussed include, but are not limited to: decrease in contribution for Library from Linn County, whether Library Board is obliged to adjust employee pay at same levels as other city employees, and the likely amount of roughly \$115,000 “bottom line” total Library expenditure budget for FY 2013-14. No action was taken on any matter discussed.

Workshop Session with Parks Commission. Jeff Hilleman reported the Park Commission’s priorities for the remainder of the current fiscal year and FY 2013-14. Park Commission’s “regular” budget priorities for the balance of this fiscal year include constructing two sand volleyball courts at Schulte Park, installing concrete for the Ball Diamond #2 dugouts, and installing an aerator for the pond at Ely City Park; capital project priorities include a retaining wall on the east side of the pond at Ely City Park, new roof on shelter at Schulte Park and resurfacing the tennis/basketball courts at Community Center Park (if funds available and Council approves). Mr. Hilleman reported the Parks Commissions priorities for FY 2013-14 are:

“Regular Budget”

1. Potential Trail Sealing
2. Youth Activity Registration Software
3. New roof on Schulte Park Shelter (if not completed)
4. Bleachers for ball diamonds at City Park

Capital Improvement Funding

1. Phase 1 of City Park Shelter – Restrooms/Concession Stand
2. Playground at City Park
3. Resurface tennis court at Community Center
4. Pave City Park parking lot

City Council discussed the above along with continuing to plant trees, contacting DNR to restock the pond at City Park, whether concessions will be offered this summer and likely roughly \$75,800 “bottom line” operating expenditure budget for Parks activities with Mr. Hilleman, Stephanie Mai and Mark Harapat. No action was taken on any matter discussed.

Workshop Session re: Preparation of FY 2013-14 Budget. City Council members discussed matters regarding preparing the FY 2013-14 budget with City Administrator Anderson. Items discussed include: local option sales tax estimates and the significant decrease from this revenue source beginning July 1, 2014; availability of TIF revenues to pay for Park development projects; including the following capital projects: Park Shelter/Restrooms; Playground; and paving Downtown/Main Street, Ely City Park and Schulte Park parking lots. No action was taken on any matter discussed.

Ballantyne moved to revisit the Capital Improvements Plan to begin FY 2014-15, second by Stanek. Motion carried – 4 to 0.

Grove moved to adjourn at 7:26 p.m., second by Stanek; motion carried – 4 to 0. Mayor Pro-Tem Ballantyne declared the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

James E. Doyle Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Aaron Anderson, Clerk/Administrator