

February 13, 2017

The Ely City Council met in regular session on 02/13/17 in Council Chambers. Officials present were Council Members Teri Billick, Kay Hale, Stephanie Mehmen (arrived at 7:12), Elizabeth Rohner and Judy Wery. Several residents were also in attendance. Mayor Eldy Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Marv Peters recognized Ely Area Veteran Heidi Lansing. A biography listing Heidi's many contributions to her Country, Community, and Family was read. Mayor, council members and residents responded with a standing ovation. Thank you Ms. Lansing for the impact you have made to this community in your lifetime!

Council member Hale moved, second by Wery, to approve the following consent items: 02/13/17 Agenda as posted; Minutes from the 01-16-17 council meeting and the 01-24-17 & 02-09-17 budget workshops; January 2017 financial reports; Payment of claims totaling \$126,793.98; Jim Miller slough exemption. Ayes- 4.

The following claims include expenses for the City, Park Board, and Library:

ABS, freight	12.76	Linn County REC, utilities	310.61
Allegra, newsletter	47.42	MMS, engineering	7,408.30
Alliant, 2 mo. utilities	8,917.60	Mid-American, utilities	378.57
Amazon, books	355.65	Luanne Miller, reimburse	362.47
American Legion, flags	90.00	Neal's Water Cond., bldg maint	38.50
Baker & Taylor, promotions	1678.69	Northway Corp, repairs	250.00
Book Farm, books	1767.35	Office Express, supply	4,984.41
Brown Backhoe, repairs	1688.50	IA One Call, locates	7.20
Brown Well Pump, repairs	2,407.64	Principal, life insurance	46.75
Casey's, fuel	140.14	Sarah Sellon, reimburse	468.17
Tracy Clair, reimbursement	308.48	City Attorney, services	1,406.00
Cleppe's, supply	25.00	Solon Economist, publications	162.00
Data Tech, software	12,010.00	Solon Bank, Fees	65.70
DEMCO, books	84.51	Solon Bank, petty cash	82.72
Doors, Inc, repairs	113.75	Southslope, telecommunications	597.97
Ely Postmaster, postage	229.84	Lori Stansberry, training	75.00
Ely Fire, 2 nd half allocation	20,021.50	State Hygienic, lab	943.00
FICA/Medicare, payroll taxes	6,943.47	State of Iowa, payroll withholding	3,603.00
Gazette, publications	200.98	Teledyne, PW repairs	595.20
Henderson Products, supply	399.15	Terminix, pest control	82.25
Hinton Plumbing, repair	80.00	Theisens, PW boots & equip	765.74
Denise Hoy, reimburse	325.58	Tire Associates, ice safety	343.55
IAMU, membership	637.50	To The Letter, typeset	50.00
IA Workforce, unemployment	1,815.93	Tony Tabaka, contractor	1,221.50
IDNR, fee	85.00	Nick Trenary, tech	150.00
Iowa Express Delivery, shipping	200.00	Verizon, cell phone	81.03
Jett Co, service	6,000.00	Vessco, repair & maint	1,065.00
John's Key & Lock, keys	44.59	Waste Management, services	11,159.17
Keystone, lab	24.00	Wellmark, health insurance	3,692.48
Kiracofe Oil, LP gas	483.75	Payroll	18,383.40
Letter Perfect, name plates	58.89		
Linn County Planning, inspections	816.53	Totals Claims	\$126,793.98

January 2017 expenses per fund: General \$38,711; Road Use Tax \$13,498, Water \$41,709; Sewer \$18,098; Sewer Sinking \$19,360; Landfill/Garbage \$12,389. Total \$124,405.

January 2016 receipts per fund: General \$9,233; TIF \$19,819; LOST \$18,667; Water \$22,577; Sewer \$34,835; Landfill/Garbage \$14,343; Storm Water Management \$199. Total \$119,673.

Correspondence: Council received minutes from the Planning and Zoning Commission and Park & Recreation Board. Also received were monthly reports from Ron Stark for Public Works, and Ron Higdon for the Library. A Sheriff's report was submitted and filed.

Citizen Requests: none.

Business: Connor Fisher, Director of Recreation, presented information for electronic locks for Ely parks. The cost for the locks alone are \$4849.19 but would require software to operate them and electrical to be installed. Council advised the Park Board to provide a quote with all components for consideration. Fisher also advised that the Board would have a pond policy ready for consideration by fall. Council member Hale asked the Board to consider placing signs at parks stating open hours.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended Council consider the revised preliminary plat for Deer Valley Addition. Council member Mehmen moved, second by Rohner, to approve resolution **2017-02.002** accepting the revised preliminary plat for Deer Valley Addition, area including lots 1-16 and lots 17-19. Ayes: Rohner, Wery, Hale, Mehmen, Billick. Nays: none.

The Planning and Zoning also recommended council consider a request from Duane and Connie Kunkel to change zoning on lots 46-60 & lot 65 from R-1 to R-2. Council member Hale moved, second by Mehmen, to set a public hearing for March 13, 2017 on the request to rezone certain lots in Deer Valley Addition from R-1 to R-2. Ayes: Rohner, Wery, Hale, Mehmen, Billick. Nays: none.

Council member Hale moved, second by Wery, to adopt resolution **2017-02.003** entering into an agreement for services with MMS for the re-surfacing of Knoll Court, and alternatives for Ranmar Drive and adding ADA compliant ramps where construction was being done. Ayes: Rohner, Wery, Hale, Mehmen, Billick. Nays: none.

Council member Hale moved, second by Rohner, to set a public hearing for March 13, 2017 on the plans, specification and form of contract for the Knoll Court project. Ayes- 5.

The request to vacate Worley Lane was tabled until more information on location and city utilities could be studied.

Council member Mehmen moved, second by Hale, to set a public hearing for March 13, 2017 on the Fiscal Year 17/18 City of Ely Budget. Ayes- 5.

Council member Hale moved, second by Rohner, to approve resolution **2017-02.004** approving a credit card policy for the city of Ely. Ayes: Rohner, Wery, Hale, Mehmen, Billick. Nays: none.

Council then moved into closed session for the purpose of potential negotiations on the purchase of land as permitted by Code of Iowa section 21.5 (j). Upon coming out of closed session Billick moved, second by Hale, to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 PM. Ayes- 5.