

**ELY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
February 19, 2015
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Jim Doyle called a special workshop meeting of the Ely City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday February 19, 2015 in the Council Chambers at Ely City Hall. Council Members present: Bob Ballantyne, Kay Hale, and Stephanie Mehmen; Bill Grove absent. Also present: Butch Wieneke, Annette Wieneke, and City Administrator/Clerk Aaron Anderson.

The City Council met in special session, pursuant to notice as required by State Code, to conduct a public hearing and take actions regarding the Hoover Nature Trail from Ely City Park to Ely Community Center project as set out in the posted agenda.

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

Hoover Nature Trail from Ely City Park to Ely Community Center

Public Hearing re: Plans, Specifications and Form of Contract. Ballantyne moved to open a public hearing regarding plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the Hoover Trail Extension from Ely City Park to Community Center Project of 2015 at 6:03 p.m., second by Mehmen. Motion carried – 3 to 0. Mayor Doyle declared the public hearing open at 6:03 p.m. Clerk-Administrator Anderson reported notice was published and posted February 13, 2015 and no comments received, verbally or in writing. Mayor Doyle asked Mr. Anderson to summarize the proposed project plans and specifications.

Aaron Anderson stated this project extends the Hoover Nature Trail from where it currently ends at Ely City Park to touch with State Street at the Ely Community Center. He stated the trail will be located on former railroad right of way Ely purchased several years ago, then the north side of Dows Street, then the east side of Main Street. Mr. Anderson stated the trail will be on the south side of Rowley Street, and curl behind City Hall/Community Center to connect with State Street. He noted the proposed project does not extend on to State Street, or further south.

Bob Ballantyne asked about access to the rear of lots on Hillcrest St, Mr. Anderson stated the motor vehicles are not, and will not be, allowed on the trail, and that the trail will be aligned so that vehicles could get to the rear of lots along Hillcrest St. without crossing the trail. Mr. Ballantyne asked if there is space for access to the back of the building at the Take's property either on the lot, or plans to allow from the trail or land the trail will be located on. Mr. Anderson replied he believes the building consumes most of the lot and that there is not enough space for vehicles to get to the back of the lot. Mr. Anderson stated there are not plans for vehicle access to the back of this property at this time. There was general discussion on the topic, including that motor vehicles would not be allowed on the trail as a conflict of uses and for safety reasons.

Annette Wieneke asked which side of the street the trail will be on in relation to Krobb's Elevator. Mr. Anderson reported the trail will be on the east side of Main Street, then down

the south side of Rowley, behind the Community Center and connect with State Street. Jim Doyle asked if there is a wide area for a turn-around at State Street. Mr. Anderson replied there is not.

Mayor Doyle asked for other comments, none were offered. Mehmen moved to close the public hearing at 6:22 p.m.; second by Ballantyne. Motion carried – 3 to 0.

Review Bids Received through IDOT Bid Letting Process. Mayor Doyle reported bids for this project were solicited via the Iowa DOT’s bid letting process, and the following received on January 21, 2015:

- \$235,984.11 - Peterson Contractors, Inc
- \$262,309.60 – Vieth Construction Corporation
- \$273,741.05 – Dave Schmitt Construction Co., Inc.
- \$294,213.03 - EA057
- \$296,844.45 – Tschiggfrie Excavating Co,
- \$300,266.35 – Boulder Contracting, LLC.
- \$305,456.35 – Pirc-Tobin Construction, Inc.
- \$317,604.08 – Metro Pavers, Inc.
- \$343,373.51 – Rathje Construction Co., Inc.

Resolution No. 05-0219-05, “Making Award of Bid for the Hoover Trail Extension from Ely City Park to Community Center Project” of 2015. Mayor Doyle reported this resolution accepts the bid of \$235,984.11 from Peterson Contractors, Inc. (PCI) to perform the Hoover Trail Extension from Ely City Park to Community Center project, and authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk/Administrator to execute a contract for same. Hale moved to approve Resolution No. 05-0219-05, “Making Award of Bid for the Hoover Trail Extension from Ely City Park to Community Center Project” of 2015; second by Mehmen.

Aye: Mehmen, Hale, Ballantyne
Nay: None
Absent: Grove

Mayor Doyle declared the motion carried and resolution approved – 3 to 0.

Mehmen moved to adjourn at 6:24 p.m., second by Hale. Motion carried – 3 to 0. Mayor Doyle declared the meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

James E. Doyle Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Aaron Anderson, Clerk/Administrator