

Council Proceedings April 17, 2017

The Ely City Council met in regular session on 04/17/17 in Council Chambers. Officials present were Council Members Teri Billick, Kay Hale, Stephanie Mehmen, 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.

Council member Mehmen moved, second by Billick, to approve the following consent items: 04/17/17 Agenda as posted; Minutes from the 03/13/2017 council meeting; March 2017 financial reports; Payment of claims totaling \$135,033.06; Liquor License renewal for American Legion; Beer permit renewal for Cleppe’s 66 Service Station; Set public hearing on the FY17 Budget amendment for 5-8-17; Accept with regret the resignation of Kathleen Banowetz from the P & Z; and long time member Jeff Hilleman from the Park Board. Mayor Eldy commended Hilleman on the many years of service he gave and the impact he has made for the community. Ayes: 5.

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

Payroll, March, 2017	35,225.25	Mid American Energy, Utilities	177.73
Advanced, Copy Charges	86.67	MMS, Engineering fees	12,443.85
Ali Alldredge, reimburse	25.49	National Playground, equip down	672.50
Allegra, 2 nd qtr newsletter	575.63	Neal’s Water Condition, service	48.65
Alliant Energy, Utilities	9,503.82	Nick Trenary, technology	60.00
Amazon, Library Books & Media	218.12	Office Express, Office Supplies	340.94
Baker & Taylor, library exp	914.49	Linn County REC, electrical	288.68
BDH Tech, web hosting	60.00	RJ Thomas, bike racks	718.00
Canon Financial, Copier Fee	194.00	Ron Start, reimbursement	53.46
Cardmember Services, registration	637.88	Sarah Sellon, Reimbursement	225.07
Casey’s, Fuel	278.60	Scholastic, books	308.88
Cedar Valley Humane, contract	130.00	Schumaker, elevator maintenance	167.04
Connor Fisher, mileage	32.40	Sherwin Williams, paint	175.00
Costume Specialist, library program	140.00	Solon State Bank, FED/FICA	13,195.47
Custom Hose Supply, PW Supply	15.06	Solon Economist, newsletter	162.00
Gazette, Publications	167.76	South Slope, phone/internet	408.02
Hawkins, chemicals	882.16	State Hygienic Lab, Analysis	834.00
IA Prison Industries, street signs	227.20	State of Iowa, 1 st qtr sales tax	3,516.00
IMFOA, dues	100.00	State of Iowa, 1 st qtr withholding	4,550.00
Iowa Express, delivery	250.00	Sweet Auto Repair, service	1,070.60
Iowa One Call, locates	36.00	Tandw Service, services	3,044.59
Ia Park & Rec, dues	180.00	Teledyne, control panel	573.20
ISU, registration fee	260.00	Terminix, Pest Control	82.25
IPERS, contributions	4,931.07	Theisens, supplies	383.06
Jan’s Small Engine, repair	206.71	Tire Associates, Repair	368.11
John’s Lock & Key, service	139.00	Tracy Clair, reimbursement	324.63
Keystone, Water Analysis	24.00	Tractor Supply Co, Supplies	74.70
Kirkwood, WA class registration	475.00	UPS, Shipping	12.48
Linn County, Inspection Fees	776.11	USA Blue Book, Locate Supplies	329.98
Linn County Sheriff, contract	21,450.00	Verizon Wireless, Cell Service	50.90
Martin Marietta, Road Supplies	610.31	Waste Management, services	11,174.88
Menards, Office Supplies	445.96	Total Bills	\$135,033.36

March 2017 expenses per fund: General \$41,233; Road Use Tax \$16,147, Water \$9,048; Sewer \$31,996; Landfill/Garbage \$12,836. Total \$111,260.

March 2017 receipts per fund: General \$45,896; RUT \$17,504; LOST \$15,580; TIF \$5,100; Water \$19,652; Sewer \$31,406; Landfill/Garbage \$12,766; Storm Water Management \$146. Total \$148,050.

Correspondence: Council received minutes from the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Park & Recreation Board did not have a quorum at their last meet so there were no minutes presented. Ron Stark, Public Works, presented his monthly report and requested the purchase of a blower seal replacement for the WWTP. Hale approved the purchase, seconded by Elizabeth. Ayes: 5. Minutes and a report from the Library were submitted by Sarah Sellon. A Sheriff's report was submitted and filed.

Citizen Requests: There were no Citizen Comments.

Business: Council members reviewed bids for the Knoll Court and Ranmar Drive resurfacing project. Five bids were received the lowest responsible bid was from Eastern Iowa Excavating, Cascade, IA. Council proceeded to review financial reports and discussed options for Ranmar Court. After discussion, Council member Mehmen moved, seconded by Hale to enter into a contract with Eastern Iowa Excavating for the resurfacing of Knoll Court as specified, and to request a change order with Eastern Iowa Excavating for patching two areas around man holes on Ranmar Court. Ayes: Rohner, Wery, Hale, Mehmen, Billick. The project will be financed with both RUT and General funds.

Scott Pottorff, MMS Engineering, discussed ideas to address deficiencies in the wetland mitigation plan. The city is required to replace several trees and spray for certain grasses in the wooded area along Rogers Creek next to the sewer plant. Public Works Director Stark and City Administrator Hoy will put together a plan of action to move forward on the mitigation process.

Council members reviewed final construction plans dated 03/07/2016 for Buresh Estates. Buresh' noted that the only change was the shelf that was installed along Jappa Road for future sidewalk expansions as required in the Development Agreement. Council member Mehmen moved, second by Hale, to approve the final plan of improvements for Buresh Estates Third Addition to the City of Ely, Iowa by resolution **#2017-04.008**. Ayes: Rohner, Wery, Mehmen, Billick. Abstaining due to conflict of interest: Hale.

Upon recommendation by Scott Pottorff, city engineer, Mehmen moved, second by Billick, to adopt **Resolution #2017-04.009** approving the release of Lot 20, Deer Valley First Addition to the city of Ely, from the Developers Agreement with the exception of the sidewalk requirements. Ayes: Rohner, Wery, Hale, Mehmen, Billick.

Council member Hale moved, second by Mehmen, to accept the second reading of **Ordinance #253**, AMENDING THE ELY ZONING MAP BY AMENDING SPECIFIC PARCELS FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY TO R-2 MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING. Ayes: Rohner, Wery, Hale, Mehmen, Billick. Council member Mehmen moved to waive the third reading of **Ordinance #253**, Billick seconded. Ayes: Rohner, Wery, Hale, Mehmen, Billick. Council member Mehmen then moved, Wery seconded, to adopt **Ordinance #253**, AMENDING THE ELY ZONING MAP BY AMENDING SPECIFIC PARCELS FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY TO R-2 MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING. Ayes: Rohner, Wery, Hale, Mehmen, Billick.

Council reviewed quotes for a lawn mower from City Tractor, P & K Midland, and Bobcat of Iowa. Council member Hale moved, second by Elizabeth, to approve the purchase of a Kubota ZD1200 zero turn mower from Bobcat of Iowa for \$13,293.54. Ayes: 5.

Council then reviewed quotes received for Ford F150 & F250 pickups for public works. Bids were received from Billion Ford, Lynch Ford, and Deery Brothers Ford. After discussion Council member Mehmen approved the purchase an F250 extended cab pickup with 8' box, cloth seats, and a shift on the fly transfer case from Lynch Brothers in the amount of \$27,195. Ayes: 5.

Council member Hale moved, second by Billick, to send out an RFQ for the removal of old compost that had built up at the city maintenance building. Ayes: 5.

Council member Wery moved, second by Mehmen, to approve a \$300 onetime expense to contract with staff from Main Street Iowa to conduct a “Downtown Walk Around Visit in Ely”. Administrator Hoy will coordinate the visit with volunteers and business leaders. Ayes: 5.

A proposal from Iowa Codification to update the city Zoning Code was reviewed. Council member Mehmen moved, second by Hale, to approve the quote from Iowa Codification for the base cost of \$5750. Ayes: 5

Needs for some sort of visual technology for council chamber was discussed. Council instructed Hoy to obtain quotes and ideas to present at the next meeting.

Council member Hale introduced Molly Donahue who was in attendance. Democrat Donahue will face incumbent GOP Rep. Ken Rizer in November’s general election for House District 68 in hopes of representing Iowans in Marion, Bertram, Ely and Putnam.

Council member Mehmen moved, second by Hale, to go into closed session to discuss the potential purchase of land as allowed under section 21.5 Code of Iowa at 9:50 PM . Ayes: Rohner, Wery, Hale, Mehmen, Billick.

Upon coming out of closed session at 8:50 PM, council members instructed the city administrator to contact Fred Showalters to set up a meeting to discuss option for acquiring land next to the city park.

With no further business evident, the meeting was adjourned by a motion at 8:51 PM.

Eldrew Miller, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, Clerk/Administrator