

**ELY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
April 28, 2014
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Jim Doyle called a workshop meeting of the Ely City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday April 28, 2014 in the Council Chambers at Ely City Hall. Council Members present: Bob Ballantyne, Dave Rasmussen, Kay Hale, Bill Grove and Stephanie Mehmen. Also present: City Engineer Scott Pottorff and City Administrator/Clerk Aaron Anderson.

The City Council met in special session, pursuant to notice as required by State Code, to conduct a workshop session regarding the Downtown/Main Street Parking Lot project as set out in the posted agenda.

Hale moved to approve the agenda, second by Grove; motion carried – 5 to 0.

Workshop Session re: Downtown/Main Street Parking Lot Project. Mayor and City Council members discussed matters regarding a project to construct a hard surfaced parking lot on the city owned lot at 1535 Main Street and to install drainage improvements and re-grade the alley adjacent to this parcel. Topics discussed include, but are not limited to: preferred configuration of the parking lot, allowing for future expansion, work needed to correct deficient drainage in the alley from Dows to Traer Streets, and options to enhance storm water management.

City Council consensus following discussion was as follows:

- Include a bid alternate for underground storage of storm water as discussed by City Engineer.
- Save as many trees as possible
- Replace the sidewalk on Main Street with a new five-foot sidewalk.
- Sealcoat the alley after installing new storm sewer and re-grading is complete.
- Contact neighboring property owners to coordinate repair of bad segments of sidewalk along Main Street.
- Locate the parking lot as far south on the lot as possible without damaging existing trees.
- Configure the parking lot to allow another expansion to the north and to possibly work with the American Legion.
- Install overhead street/security lights that are the same design as the streetlights in the Dows Streetscape area. Lights should illuminate the parking area well, with minimal light spillover on other properties.
- Bike racks will not be installed at this time.
- Install one trash can of the same design as the Dows Streetscape area.
- Benches will not be installed at this time.

City Engineer was directed to prepare plans and specifications based on the above consensus items. No action was taken on any matter presented.

Hale moved to adjourn at 7:15 p.m., second by Grove; motion carried – 5 to 0. Mayor Doyle declared the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

James E. Doyle Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Aaron Anderson, Clerk/Administrator