

**ELY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 30, 2007
7:00 p.m.**

Mayor Dale Stanek called a special meeting of the Ely City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 23, 2007 in the Council Chambers at Ely City Hall. Council Members present: Kevin Meskimen, Mark Banowetz, Tom Winkowski, Bob Ballantyne and John Smith. Guests included: J. Donald Musil, Mark Harpole and Cary Solberg.

The City Council met in special session, pursuant to notice as required by State Code, to conduct business related to the 2007 State Street Bridge Replacement Project, Dows Street East Subgrade Improvements Project, and to discuss upgrades to the city water system and sidewalk standards.

Smith, second by Ballantyne, moved to approve the agenda as presented; motion carried – 5 to 0.

2007 State Street Bridge Replacement Project

Public Hearing re: Plans, Specifications Form of Contract and Estimate of Cost.

Winkowski, second by Smith, moved to open a public hearing regarding the plans, specifications form of contract and Engineer's estimate of cost for the 2007 State Street Bridge Replacement project; motion carried – 5 to 0. Mayor Stanek declared the public hearing open at 7:02 p.m. Clerk-Administrator Anderson reported no comments regarding the public hearing item had been received verbally or in writing. Mayor Stanek asked for comments from the public. Donald Musil asked if the Iowa Department of Natural Resources have specifically approved the bridge project. Mark Harpole, project Engineer with Shive-Hattery, Inc., stated DNR has received plans and check plans for this project. Mr. Musil asked if the project included a temporary footbridge during construction. Mayor Stanek stated a temporary footbridge is not included in the proposed project. Mr. Musil asked if the proposed sidewalks would be ADA accessible. Mark Harpole stated the sidewalks/bike paths are designed to conform to ADA standards. Mr. Musil stated his comments were complete. Mayor Stanek asked for additional comments from the public; none were received. Meskimen, second by Smith, moved to close the public hearing; motion carried – 5 to 0. Mayor Stanek declared the public hearing closed at 7:05 p.m.

Resolution No. 07-0430-25 Approving Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Estimate of Cost. Meskimen, second by Winkowski, moved to approve Resolution No. 07-0430-25:

Aye: Meskimen, Banowetz, Winkowski, Ballantyne, Smith

Nay: none.

Absent: none

Motion carried – 5 to 0.

Review Bids Received by Iowa Department of Transportation. Clerk-Administrator reported the following bids were received by the Iowa Department of Transportation:

PETERSON CONTRACTORS INC. (PE320)	\$ 481,005.62
TAYLOR CONSTRUCTION, INC. (TA060)	\$ 547,521.96
IOWA BRIDGE & CULVERT, L.C. (IO081)	\$ 560,276.22

Resolution No. 07-0430-26, Making Award of Construction Contract – State Street Bridge Replacement Project. Mayor Stanek reported the Iowa Department of Transportation has reviewed the bids received, verified eligibility for FHWA funding and recommends the contract be awarded to low responsible bid from Peterson Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$481,005.62.

Ballantyne, second by Meskimen, moved to approve Resolution No. 07-0430-26, Making Award of Construction Contract for the State Street Bridge Replacement Project to Peterson Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$481,005.62.

Aye: Meskimen, Banowetz, Winkowski, Ballantyne, Smith

Nay: none.

Absent: none

Motion carried – 5 to 0.

Resolution No. 07-0409-21a, Approving Contract with Shive-Hattery, Inc., for Construction Observation. Clerk-Administrator Anderson reported IDOT was unsatisfied with the “not to exceed” basis of this contract, as previously approved by the City, for the purposes of FHWA participation. This resolution would approve a contract for construction engineering and observation with Shive-Hattery, Inc., at a lump sum fee of \$39,600.00. Ballantyne, second by Smith, moved to approve Resolution No. 07-0409-21a.

Aye: Meskimen, Banowetz, Winkowski, Ballantyne, Smith.

Nay: none.

Motion carried – 5 to 0.

Dows Street East Subgrade Project. The City Council discussed the quotations received and options available for this project.

Resolution No. 07-0409-23, Accepting Quotation. Banowetz, second by Ballantyne, moved to approve Resolution No. 07-0409-23, Accepting Quotation from K&G Land Improvements, Ely Iowa, to conduct the base project at a cost not to exceed \$30,800.00.

Aye: Banowetz, Winkowski, Ballantyne, Smith.

Nay: none.

Abstain: Meskimen, due to conflict of interest.

Motion carried – 4 to 0.

Water System Improvements. Cary Solberg, of MMS Consultants, reported on options available to improve the city water system; including pressure and flow for the higher areas and storage. Mr. Solberg presented a proposal to prepare detailed analysis to install a pumping station that would enhance domestic pressure for the proposed Edellen Meadows subdivision and serve as the pump station for a new water tower at a cost of \$5,000.00. Meskimen, second by Smith, moved to approve the proposal described above. Motion carried – 5 to 0.

Sidewalks.

The City Council discussed sidewalks, including: policy options regarding repairing existing sidewalks and installation of sidewalks on lots that have been built on but don't have sidewalks. The matter will be discussed further at the May 14, 2007 meeting.

Banowetz, second by Winkowski, moved to adjourn. Motion carried – 5 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Dale Stanek, Mayor

Attest

Aaron Anderson, Clerk/Administrator