

Council Proceedings May 8, 2017

The Ely City Council met in regular session on 5/08/17 in Council Chambers. Officials present were Council Members Teri Billick, Kay Hale, Stephanie Mehmen (arrived at 7:15 pm), 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 Hale moved, second by Wery, to approve the following consent items: 05/08/17 Agenda as amended; Minutes from the 04/17/2017 council meeting; April 2017 financial reports; Payment of claims totaling \$623,305.02; Temporary outdoor liquor license for Odies; Reschedule the public hearing on the FY17 Budget amendment to 6-12-17; Ayes: 3. (Rohner recused herself from voting because of potential conflict of interest.)

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

Payroll, April 2017	12,200.32	Neal's Water Condition, service	19.50
Aaron Anderson, reimbursement	59.99	Nick Trenary, IT services	120.00
Advanced, Copy Charges	82.38	Northway Corp, pump	2,402.88
Alliant Energy, Utilities	4,714.84	Office Express, Office Supplies	269.19
Amazon, Library Books & Media	218.31	Outdoor Creations, lawn care	516.00
Baker & Taylor, library expense	727.52	Pace supply, parks	80.00
Bankers Trust, P & I	472,873.45	Piper Jaffery, dissemination	1,000.00
Barnes & Noble, books	265.71	Play it Again, park league	1,479.92
Canon Financial, Copier Fee	109.00	Principal Financial, insurance	58.08
Cardmember Services, CC	285.34	Linn County REC, electrical	281.73
Casey's, Fuel	438.23	Sarah Sellon, reimbursement	342.31
Chulupsky Nursery, mulch	520.00	Sherwin Williams, paint	69.48
Company Store, league	264.00	Simmons Perrine, attorney	129.50
Denise Hoy, mileage	267.30	Solon Economist, newsletter	162.00
Direct Electric, services	243.36	Solon State Bank, petty cash/slips	190.92
EFTPS, fed/fica tax	3,762.09	South Slope, phone/internet	86.35
Ely Postmaster, postage	224.40	State Hygienic Labs, testing	904.00
Gazette, Publications	164.34	T Marie, fall fest vendor	475.00
IA Prison Industries, street signs	366.96	Tandw Service, services	1,070.77
Iowa Express, delivery	100.00	Teri Billick, reimbursement	31.92
Iowa Finance, P & I	51,932.50	Terminex, pest control	70.00
Iowa One Call, locates	27.00	Theisens, supplies	240.43
IA Workforce, unemployment	5,902.00	To the Letter, typeset	70.00
IPERS, contributions	5,071.23	Tracy Clair, reimbursement	38.88
John's Lock & Key, service	4,797.00	Trans Equip, repairs	3,455.65
Keystone, Water Analysis	25.00	Tractor Supply Co, Supplies	92.22
Kim Morris, reimburse	30.00	UPS, Shipping	24.96
Kirkwood, WA class registration	135.00	USA Bluebook, supplies	554.11
Krominga Motors, supply	481.50	Verizon Wireless, Cell Service	139.80
Linn County, Inspection Fees	1,106.44	Waste Management, services	11,232.69
Mid-American Energy, Utilities	111.90	Wellmark, insurance	9,122.02
Millhiser Smith, insurance	17,704.00		
MMS, engineering	3,363.60	Total Bills	\$623,305.02

April 2017 expenses per fund: General \$68,751; Road Use Tax \$15,042, LOST \$164,769; TIF \$211,059; Knoll Court \$10,450; Water \$78,573; Sewer \$161,705. Total \$710,349.

April 2017 receipts per fund: General \$261,235; RUT \$12,440; LOST \$15,580; TIF \$87,503; Debt Service \$375,828; Water \$18,347; Water Sinking \$63,018; Sewer \$27,001; Sewer Sinking \$146,813; Storm Water Management \$139. Total \$1,007,904.

Correspondence: Council received minutes from the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor Eldy also reported that the P&Z are working to develop a “Good Neighbor Policy” that they will present to council for consideration. The Park & Recreation Board did not have a quorum at their last meeting so there were no minutes presented. A Sheriff’s report was submitted and filed. Ron Stark, Public Works, presented his monthly report. Minutes and a report from the Library were submitted by Sarah Sellon. Sellon also requested council consider allowing the library to roll over into a reserve account net balances at the end of the fiscal year. City Administrator Hoy will develop a policy for council to consider at the June meeting. The CCREC Committee will be lining up a meeting for May or June.

Citizen Requests: Jim Miller thanked all the volunteers for helping on Earth Day to clean city parks, the waypoint sign and road ditches. Teri Billick was thanked personally for organizing the event.

Business: Curt Wheeler addressed council and spoke of the social host legislation and concerns regarding ESD’s and tobacco use.

Council addressed concerns about the length of grass on vacant lots and reviewed their current ordinance. They agreed to research what other communities enforce regarding mowing vacant, undeveloped, and wooded lots. Hoy will submit a report in June.

Council member Mehmen moved, second by Hale, to appoint resident Jeff Johnson, 1905 Southbrook Drive to fill an unexpired term on the Board of Adjustments. Ayes: 5.

Council member Mehmen, second by Billick, to enter a letter of engagement for legal services for the Board of Adjustments concerning an appeal hearing. Ayes: 5

Council member Hale moved, second by Wery to approve an expense up to \$7500 for replacement of a fire hydrant on the corner of Banner Valley and Pacific Street. Public Works Director Stark was to solicit bids for the project. Ayes: 5.

After last month’s approval to purchase an F250 pickup from Lynch Motors, PW Director Stark, found that the cost of the truck would change by making the seats cloth rather than vinyl. Bids were re-submitted for council’s consideration and council member Hale moved, second by Rohner, to accept the bid from Lynch Ford in the amount of \$27,420. Ayes: 5.

Quotes were submitted for options to change light in the city hall and community center. Council member Wery moved, second by Mehmen, to accept a bid from Hawkeye Electric for option 1 in the amount of \$1,075. This option includes changing out exit lights, installing 6 T8 bulbs, and changing ballasts on 3 fixtures. Ayes: 5.

Council considered 3 quotes submitted to provide and install a TV and HDMI cables to allow for projection in Council Chambers. Council member Mehmen moved, second by Rohner, to accept a bid from Audio Experts in the amount of \$2,145. Ayes: 5.

Scott Pottorff, MMS Engineering, presented council with an agreement for services at the request of City Administrator Hoy to update water and sewer mapping. The current mapping is of the town proper and does not include any addition or updates. Council member Hale moved and Mehmen seconded to enter into the agreement with MMS for this service for a not to exceed fee of \$16,500, which will include 5 sets of maps and an updated digital copy annually, or anytime upon request. Ayes: 5.

Council also received a proposal from Pottorff for services to investigate options for extending sanitary and water services to areas north of Ely, Iowa. Council member Hale moved, Mehmen seconded, to enter into this agreement for services for a not to exceed fee of \$9,100. Ayes: 5.

Mayor Eldy introduced Scott Foens. Foens will be running for Iowa House District 68 in the fall election hoping to represent Marion, Bertram, Ely and Putnam.

Council member Wery moved, second by Billick, to go into closed session to discuss the potential purchase of land as allowed under section 21.5 Code of Iowa at 8:54 PM. Ayes: Rohner, Wery, Hale, Mehmen, Billick.

Upon coming out of closed session at 9:10 PM, council members adjourned.

Eldrew Miller, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, Clerk/Administrator