

**ELY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
June 17, 2013
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, June 17, 2013 in the Council Chambers at Ely City Hall. Council Members present: Bob Ballantyne, Dave Rasmussen, Kay Hale and Dale Stanek; Bill Grove arrived during the meeting. 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 workshop sessions regarding capital projects planning and the State Street Improvements Project, as set out in the posted agenda.

Stanek moved to approve the agenda, second by Hale; motion carried – 4 to 0.

Council member Grove arrived.

Workshop Session re: Capital Projects Planning & Prioritization. Mayor Doyle and City Council members discussed Ely's infrastructure needs, park development and other items identified in the 2013 Strategic Plan. The Mayor and City Council discussed several possible projects including, but not limited to:

- Drainage improvements at Fuhrmeister and State Streets.
- Drainage improvements for the area from Fuhrmeister to Dows Streets and State to Main Streets in general.
- Drainage and road improvements for Main Street from Dows to Fuhrmeister.
- Improvements to State Street from Northgate Drive to Rock Island Road, including the possibility of:
 - installation of curb & gutter and storm sewer.
 - installation of sidewalks on both sides of street.
 - widening the street to include a turn lane.
- Sidewalk along Rowley Street from Main to State St.
- Extending Hoover Trail from Ely City Park to the Community Center.
- Installation of a community welcome sign on south side of Ely.
- Drainage study for the area from Fuhrmeister St. to Dows St. and State St. to Main St.
- Purchase of land adjacent to Rogers Creek on the south side of the Community Center.
- Plan and design to develop the above parcel as a passive use recreation area.
- Feasibility study for a cultural, community and recreational facility in Ely.
- Hard surface the "Downtown Dows" parking lot by the American Legion.
- Construct a Bus Stop to support a public transportation connection for Ely to the Cedar Rapids area.

Mayor and City Council discussed possible improvements to State Street; including whether to pursue two-lane or three-lane (with turning lane) designs, segments of the overall project area, whether to pursue in phases over several years, and other options.

Mayor Doyle and City Council discussed financial resources that may be available for capital city projects; including the City's constitutional debt capacity, whether TIF may be used for the State Street project, and Mr. Anderson's report that the project is not likely to be eligible for TIP funding from the Corridor MPO.

No action was taken on any matter discussed above.

Workshop Session re: State Street Improvements Project. Mayor Doyle and the City Council discussed the State Street project and directed the City Administrator to contact TIF Counsel regarding use of Tax Increment Finance for the State Street project. No action was taken on any matter discussed above.

Hale moved to adjourn, second by Grove; motion carried – 5 to 0. Mayor Doyle declared the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

James E. Doyle Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Aaron Anderson, Clerk/Administrator