

**ELY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
August 23, 2010
7:00 p.m.**

Mayor Jim Doyle called a workshop meeting of the Ely City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday August 23, 2010 in the Council Chambers at Ely City Hall. Council Members present: Bob Ballantyne, Stephanie Mai, Bill Grove, Kay Hale and Dale Stanek. Also present Aaron Anderson, City Administrator/Clerk.

The City Council met in special session, pursuant to notice as required by State Code, to conduct a consider maintenance work on Jappa Road, and conduct workshop sessions regarding the Downtown Commercial Building Incentive Program, Law Enforcement/Police Services and Storm Water management policies as set out in the posted agenda.

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

Jappa Road Repair and Seal Coat

Resolution No. 10-0823-28, Approving Participation with Linn County to Repair and Resurface Shared Jurisdiction Portion of Jappa Road. Clerk-Administrator Anderson reported Linn County Secondary Roads seeks to perform road bed repairs and seal coat surfacing on a section of Jappa Road for which Linn County and Ely share jurisdiction. Mr. Anderson reported Linn County estimates the cost of work for Ely's portion of the road would be \$5,600. Stanek moved to approve Resolution No. 10-0823-28, second by Hale.

Aye: Stanek Grove, Hale, Mai, Ballantyne

Nay:

Absent:

Mayor Doyle declared the motion carried and the resolution approved - 5 to 0.

Workshop Session re: Downtown Commercial Building Incentive Program

Discuss Current Version of Downtown Commercial Building Incentive Program.

Mayor Doyle and the City Council discussed the current commercial building incentive program with City Administrator Anderson. After discussion it was the consensus the program should be changed as follows:

- Work on the building must be done before any payment from the City will be approved.
- A property is not eligible to participate in the program or receive another incentive grant or forgivable loan for five years after payment of an approved grant.
- The city's maximum contribution should be either one-half of project cost, or no more than \$3,000, rather than a maximum city contribution of \$5,000.
- The principal use of the building for which the assistance was provided must remain commercial for at least five years after final payment under from the City. Ely will allow a transition period of no more than 180 days during that five-year period to allow a building owner to make repairs, renovations, or convert the building as needed to change from one commercial use to another.

- The property owner is to repay the city within 180 days if they fail to comply with the ongoing requirements; repayment is subject to a lien on property taxes if not paid.
- Change the name to Commercial Building Improvements Forgivable Loan Program to reflect the change in guiding principles.
- Roof, siding and painting is eligible and may be allowed subject to the City Council's specific approval of the work; approval of City participation is not automatic.
- Delete references to requiring participating work to "result in increased taxable value".

The City Administrator was directed to present a draft program revised per the above for City Council consideration at the September 13, 2010 meeting.

The City Council also briefly discussed considering adopting and inspecting for commercial building codes and an intermediary grant/loan for downtown and commercial development projects through the USDA.

Workshop Session re: Law Enforcement and Police Services

Discuss Expectations and/or Preferred Level of Service for Ongoing Law Enforcement/Police Services. Mayor Doyle and the City Council discussed expectations for level and type of service provided for ongoing law enforcement/police services in Ely.

Items discussed include:

- Mayor and City Council are not satisfied when the deputy who presents the monthly report cannot provide detailed information at the City Council meeting.
- Deputies need to do reasonable enforcement of speed limits on a more routine basis.
- Deputies do not seem to be knowledgeable of specific Ely ordinances such as curfew for minors.
- Deputies seem to be using Ely time to do paperwork or for other stationary activities.
- Suggests a deputy or other Sheriff's Office representative offer public meetings on Neighborhood Watch and similar programs.
- More visibility and patrol in all areas of town, not just on State Street, Dows Street and Jappa Road.
- Wants to see faster response times.
- Wants to see deputies in town at critical times, such as before and after school and morning and evening rush periods.
- Prioritized responses.
- Better understanding and enforcement of Ely golf-cart and quad-runner/ATV ordinances.
- More information regarding reciprocity to city when deputies are performing grant supported activities (ex Governors Safety Belt Grant program).

The Mayor and City Council discussed the following as action items to address the items discussed earlier (listed above):

- In-person meeting with Sheriff Gardner of Major Hansell.

- Talk with other smaller Linn County cities regarding how they handle law enforcement, their contract with Linn County Sheriff's Office and other commonalities.
- Open competition for law enforcement contract to possibly include Johnson County or other qualified entities.
- Consider a 28E agreement with other cities for standardized expectations for law enforcement contract with Linn County Sheriff's Office.
- Public meetings regarding Neighborhood Watch and similar programs.

City Council also discussed an article in the NoJoCo reminding parents to watch out for and be aware of where their children are and what they are doing.

Workshop Session re: Storm Water Management Policies and Standards. Mayor Doyle and the City Council briefly discussed goals and guiding principals for review of Ely's storm water management and flood plain development ordinances and standards. Following discussion it was the consensus of the City Council that the general guiding principal for storm water management standards should be:

- Ely's storm water management and flood plain development standards should protect all persons and property owners, especially people and property located at lower elevations or "down stream", from risk or damage related to storm water, runoff and flooding related to new development and construction.

Hale moved to adjourn at 8:34 p.m., second by Mai; motion carried – 5 to 0. Mayor Doyle declared the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

James E. Doyle Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Aaron Anderson, Clerk/Administrator