

**ELY CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 18, 2013  
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, November 18, 2013 in the Council Chambers at Ely City Hall. Council Members present: Bob Ballantyne, Dave Rasmussen, Kay Hale, Bill Grove and Dale Stanek. Also present: Jeff Hilleman, Stephanie Mai, Dave Schrock, Stephanie Mehmen, Al Tjelmeland and Administrator/Clerk Aaron Anderson.

The City Council met in special session, pursuant to notice as required by State Code, to conduct a workshop with the Parks Commission regarding park planning, a possible restroom and other use building at Ely City Park and new playground equipment at Ely City Park as set out in the posted agenda.

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

**Workshop Session with Parks Commission**

**Review Current Park Plan.** Mayor Doyle reviewed the current version of the Master Plan for Ely's Recreational System, which the Park Commission prepared January 23, 2013 and discussed with City Council members, Parks Commission Chair Jeff Hilleman and other Parks Commission members.

**Discuss Preferred Functions to Be Served By a Building at Ely City Park, Including Design Preferences and Expectations.** Bob Ballantyne discussed progression of this matter, noting that it started with confusion regarding budget priorities at the beginning of the fiscal year. Mr. Ballantyne noted Ely's ongoing growth; followed by general discussion of topics including Ely's demographics, how the Parks Commission assessed Ely's recreation needs and that strategic planning processes were not used.

Mayor Doyle, City Council members and Parks Commission members discussed various topics related recreational activities and park development needs and preferences, including but not limited to: Ely's current and changing demographics, recreational activities and facilities to match Ely's residents interests, planning efforts and public input for park development plans, use of Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) proceeds for park development, allocating LOST proceeds for various programs or projects. There was considerable discussion regarding constructing a building at Ely City Park which includes restrooms, concession facilities with an extended metal roof to offer a shaded area.

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 8:34 p.m.

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James E. Doyle Jr., Mayor

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Aaron Anderson, Clerk/Administrator