

Ely City Council Proceedings December 11, 2017

The Ely City Council met in regular session on 12/11/2017 in Council Chambers. Officials present were Council Members Teri Billick, Kay Hale, Judy Wery and Dan Whitaker. Elizabeth Rohner arrived at 6:30 PM. The meeting opened at 6:00 PM with a hearing, requested by Bob Guyer, on a junk vehicle nuisance letter he was served. The vehicles in question are located along the bike trail behind 1555 Hillside drive. Bob Guyer and David Stone were present to discuss the vehicles. After hearing all sides of the case, council member Hale moved, second by Billick, to deem the vehicles as junk and grant Mr. Guyer until March 31, 2018, pending weather circumstances, to have the 3 vehicles removed from the property. Ayes-4. The hearing was closed at 6:26 PM and a short recess was taken before calling the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Eldy Miller opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council member Wery moved, second by Billick, to approve the following consent items: 12/11/2017 Agenda as presented; Minutes from the 11/13/2017 council meeting; November 2017 financial reports; Payment of claims totaling \$131,320.16. Ayes – 5.

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

Advanced, copy charges	53.49	Luanne Miller, reimburse	80.86
Alliant Energy, utilities	9,134.73	Lynch-Ford, service	553.62
Altorfer Rent, equipment rent	373.00	Menards, supply	114.06
Amazon, library media	535.81	Mid-American Energy, utilities	218.28
Baker & Taylor, books	601.56	Midwest Patch, street patch	472.50
Brendon Cable, refund	25.00	Milhiser Smith, insurance	95.00
Cannon, lease	109.00	Neal's Water Condition, service	19.50
Cardmember Services, supply	372.01	Nick Trenary, technology	120.00
Casey Grover, reimbursement	120.09	Office Express, supply	51.84
Casey's, fuel	244.08	UPS, Shipping	230.86
Certified Pest, bat control	13,000.00	Quality Care, ball fields	582.30
City Tractor, repairs	1,343.47	Linn County REC, electrical	262.96
Cornerstone Excavating, contract	14,085.18	Rexco, service	96.11
Solid Waste Agency, tire disposal	1,128.00	Sarah Sellon, reimburse	52.16
Library CC, supply	199.75	Simmons Perrine, legal	2,127.50
Dennis Donovan, audit services	2,250.00	Solon Economist, publications	162.00
Doors Inc, keys	30.00	Solon State Bank, petty cash	135.35
EZ Ice, skate rink	5,110.00	South Slope, phone/internet	588.05
EFTPS, fed/fica tax	9,006.99	State Hygienic, lab	795.00
Future Line, light bar	982.00	T&K, repairs	2,761.08
Gazette, publications	175.89	Terminex, pest control	35.00
Hach, lab equipment	233.61	Tracy Clair, reimburse	5.40
Hawkeye Electric, repairs	832.50	Truck Country, repairs	687.72
Hinton Plumbing, services	482.50	TSC, supply	92.55
Iowa Prison Industries, signs	157.08	IRS, 9-2016 penalty	19.20
Iowa Express, delivery	225.00	UPS, shipping	12.48
IPERS, contributions	5,230.32	USA Bluebook, supply	377.25
Keystone, lab	25.00	Verizon Wireless, Cell Service	151.58
King's Material, blocks	1,490.00	VSP, insurance	55.96
Kiracofe Oil, diesel	434.50	Waste Management, services	11,075.40
Linda McCann, speaker	45.00	Wellmark, insurance	3,154.38
Linn County Planning, inspections	2,023.87	Payroll, 10/17 to 11/14, 2017	25,024.78
Linn County Sheriff, contract	11,050.00	Total Bills	\$131,320.16

November 2017 expenses per fund: General \$80,708; Road Use Tax \$11,886; Debt Service \$22,666; Main Street Sewer Ext. \$14,085; Water \$11,075; Water Sinking \$10,500; Sewer \$17,072; Sewer Sinking \$16,867. Total \$184,859.

November 2017 receipts per fund: General \$55,801; RUT \$20,514; Employee Benefits \$588; LOST \$25,561; TIF \$8,173; Water \$22,894; Sewer \$26,155; Storm Water Management \$166. Total \$159,852.

Correspondence: Council received minutes from the 11/15/2017 Planning and Zoning Meeting; minutes from the Park & Rec 11/14/2017 meeting, a report from Linn County Sheriff Office dated 11/13 to 12/11/2017, and the Public Works Directors report. Sarah Sellon, Library Director, presented information on program updates and stats, along with the minutes.

Citizen Requests: Jim Miller expressed his concerns about branches and limbs being left along the road to the WWTP when the city stops accepting them. Council instructed staff to send out a separate mailer to residents reminding them of the decision by council to not accept limbs any longer, and to order signs to put along the road going to the WWTP.

Business:

Council again discussed option regarding the future of building inspections for Ely. Linn County presented additional information regarding associated costs. Council members asked the City Admin to calculate updated costs to hire a building inspector including training costs. Council member Wery moved, second by Hale, to table the item until the regular January 2018 council meeting. Ayes- 5.

Callie O'Brien presented information on an event she is planning for March 9, 2018. The event includes comedian Scott Long of Newton and will be held at the American Legion. Advance tickets will be sold along with the opportunity to reserve tables.

City Administrator Hoy informed council that she had recently learned the Historic Preservation Commission had dis-banned and formed a 501(c) 3 calling themselves the Ely Historic Society. Clary Illian was present to answer questions concerning the change. After discussion, Council agreed to delete the portion of the City Code forming a Historic Preservation Commission and enter into an agreement with the Ely Historic Society for maintaining historic documents and for use of the Historic Room located at City Hall.

Council member Hale moved, second by Whitaker to appoint Carrie Ebel to the fill the unexpired term on the Library Board created by the resignation of Dan Whitaker. Ayes – 5. Council member Hale moved, second by Billick, to approve the council committee appointments and the renewal of Stephanie Mai to the Park Board for a 2-year term. Ayes-5. A position on the Board of Adjustment and another Park Board position will be appointed in January 2018.

Council member Hale moved, second by Rohner, to enter into a contract with the Linn County Sherriff for law enforcement services for Fiscal year 2018-2019. Ayes – 4; Wery abstained due to a potential conflict of interest.

Council member Whitaker moved, second by Hale, to approve the final pay request and retainage to Cornerstone Construction for the extension of the sewer main to north Main Street. Ayes -5.

Council received a resolution from the Planning and Zoning Board recommending council consider amending the Rural Residential District to include a clear diagram and explanation on how to measure a home in connections with accessory buildings. Josh Entler was present to answer

questions about the amendment. After discussion, council member Wery moved, second by Hale, to accept the first reading of **ORDINANCE #264 AMENDING TITLE VI PHYSICAL ENVIROMENT, CHAPTER 13, ZONING CODE, BY AMENDING THE RURAL RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT.** Ayes - Rohner, Wery Hale, Whitaker, Billick.

Council member Billick moved, second by Rohner, to waive the second and third reading of **Ordinance 264.** Ayes - Rohner, Wery Hale, Whitaker, Billick.

Council member Wery moved, second by Whitaker, to adopt **ORDINANCE #264 AMENDING TITLE VI PHYSICAL ENVIROMENT, CHAPTER 13, ZONING CODE, BY AMENDING THE RURAL RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT.** Ayes - Rohner, Wery Hale, Whitaker, Billick. The ordinance will become effective upon publication as required by law.

With no further business evident, Hale moved, second by Whitaker, to adjourn at 8:37 PM.

Eldrew Miller, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, Clerk/Administrator