

**ELY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 2016
5:45 p.m.
ELY CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Eldy Miller called a special meeting of the Ely City Council to order at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday February 3 in the Council Chambers at Ely City Hall. Council Members present: Teri Billick, Kay Hale, Stephanie Mehmen, Judy Wery and Elizabeth Rohner. Also present: Stephanie Mai, Jeff Hilleman, Public Works Director Ron Stark, and City Administrator/Clerk Aaron Anderson.

The City Council met in special session, pursuant to notice as required by State Code, to conduct a workshop session with the Parks/Recreation Commission and in regard to preparing the FY 2016-17 budget as set out in the posted agenda.

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

Workshop Session with Parks & Recreation Commission. Jeff Hilleman, Parks Commission Chair, presented the updated Ely Parks Master Plan, and budget request for FY 16-17 to the Mayor and City Council. Mayor and City Council discussed these matters with Mr. Hilleman and Ms Mai; items discussed include but are not limited to: plans for how Vavra Park will be used in the future while keeping in mind that the area floods frequently, planting trees at City Park between the parking lot curb and gutter and the south trail, professional grooming/pruning of trees along the Hoover Trail between City Park and Community Center, baseball/softball tournaments at Ely City Park and arrangements for tournament parking, further development of Schulte Park and presence of bedrock near surface, lighting the segment of Hoover Trail from Ely City Park to the Community Center, and possibly installing electronic scoreboards earlier than shown on the parks master plan. Plans to create a full time Recreation Director/Media Tech position were also discussed, including that one-half the cost of the position would be paid through Recreation budget, and the other half through Administrative budget, with likely starting wage of \$15.00/hour. No decisions were made or voted on regarding any matter discussed.

Workshop Session re: Preparation of FY 2016-17 Budget. City Council members discussed matters regarding preparing the FY 2016-17 budget with Public Works Director Ron Stark and City Clerk/Administrator Anderson. Items discussed include, but are not limited to: street maintenance and repair priorities including Knoll Court and RanMar Drive, priority of building additional heated storage bins for Public Works equipment, extending Northgate Drive from to connect to Ely City Park, and spending down as much as \$250,000 of General Fund cash on hand for one time capital type projects. No decisions were made or voted on regarding any matter discussed.

Hale moved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m., second by Billick; motion carried – 5 to 0. Mayor Miller declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Eldrew Miller, Mayor

Attest:

Aaron Anderson, Clerk/Administrator