

**ELY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2019
ELY CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Eldy Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Teri Billick, Stephanie Mehmen, Kay Hale, Judy Wery and Elizabeth Rohner. Also present: Jim Miller, Dave Schaab, Alan Wery, Jeff Hilleman, Joe Horaney, Sarah Sellon, Shannon Billick, Bob Mreen, Clary Illian, and Clerk-Administrator Aaron Anderson.

Mayor Miller led the City Council and others attending in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hale, second by Billick, moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of:

- Agenda, as presented.
- Minutes of the January 18, 2016 regular meeting.
- Minutes of the January 25, 2016 special meeting.
- Minutes of the February 2, 2016 special meeting.
- Minutes of the February 3, 2016 special meeting.
- Treasurer's Report for the period ended January 31, 2016
- Bills Payable for February, 2016 totaling \$86,760.28
- Appointment of Kathleen Banowetz, 2105 Dows St., to Plan and Zoning Commission.

Motion carried – 5 to 0.

Communications. Library Director Sarah Sellon reported on activities at the Ely Public Library. Linn County Deputy Steffens presented the Sheriff's Office Activity Report.

Citizen Requests. Jim Miller reported neighbors on Walker Street want a streetlight in the alley between Traer and Fuhrmeister Streets.

Presentation re: Historic Preservation in Ely – Clary Illian. Clary Illian discussed historic preservation efforts in Ely with the Mayor and City Council members. Ms Illian noted the City Council established a Historic Preservation Commission in the late 1990's; and that commission got the Downtown Dows Street district on the National Register of Historic Places, and the Community Center on the National Register. She noted simply being listed on the National Register does not result in any restrictions in how a building may be used, and such limitations only happen if the city would enact an ordinance creating related standards and a review committee to enforce the standards. Ms Illian noted it is important to be sensitive to the historic aspect of Ely and that it is very rare for a town our size to have two blocks of wood construction buildings listed as a historic place. She reported the Historic Preservation Commission created a not-for-profit entity that is housed in City Hall, and thanked the Mayor and City Council for their support.

Presentation re: Linn County Solid Waste Agency – Joe Horaney. Joe Horaney, of the Linn County Solid Waste Agency, reported on the status of negotiations with Republic Services for processing recyclables and higher cost for that service. Mr. Horaney noted that Republic has proposed increasing contract cost for processing recyclables as much as 88%; and that Linn

County Solid Waste expects to assess all member communities \$1.79 for FY 16-17 to cover the increased fee if the tipping fee would have to exceed \$34.50/ton. Mayor and City Council members discussed the matter with Mr. Horaney and Dave Schaab. Clerk/Administrator noted he suggests Ely pay the increased cost out of general sources and not increase fees.

Parks & Recreation Commission

Approve Purchase and Installation of Security Cameras. Parks Commission Chair Jeff Hilleman reported Parks Commission reviewed quotes they received to purchase and install security cameras at Ely City Park and Schulte Park; and that they recommend approving the quote from Ramsey Communications to install up to a total of a combination of six “Axis” and “Hikvision security cameras” at Ely City Park and Schulte Park for \$5,786.47. Mehmeh moved to accept the quote from Ramsey Communications, of Cedar Rapids, to provide and install up to six security cameras as presented in their quote at a cost not to exceed \$5,786.47, second by Rohner. Motion carried – 5 to 0.

Solid Waste and Recyclables Collection & Disposal Service.

Review and Discuss Proposal from Waste Management. Dave Schaab, regional municipal service manager for Waste Management, presented a proposal to change Ely’s residential solid waste and recycling program so that Waste Management provides a 64 or 96 gallon cart for garbage and a 64 or 96 gallon cart for recyclables to each residence in Ely; garbage collected every week and recyclables every other week. Mr. Schaab noted that garbage stickers would not be needed under the proposed service change and stated three tiers of service would be offered to Ely residents under the proposal:

- Light Generation – Waste Management charge - \$13.50/month
 - 64-gallon cart for solid waste (trash)
 - 64-gallon cart for recycling
- Standard Service (default) – Waste Management charge - \$17.25/month
 - 64-gallon cart for solid waste (trash)
 - 96-gallon cart for recycling
- Family Service – Waste Management charge - \$21.50/month
 - 96-gallon cart for solid waste (trash)
 - 96-gallon cart for recycling

Mayor and City Council members discussed the proposal with Mr. Schaab, items discussed include: Waste Management would own the carts and repair or replace due to routine use; that Waste Management will provide rolloff dumpsters and trucks for annual clean up day, Fall Fest and the Fire Fighter’s Pancake Breakfast; whether Ely should add 75-cents per month to each account for and similar administrative costs; that Ely residents can include glass for recycling because of Ely’s contract with Waste Management; and that Waste Management will offer sharps disposal kits for residents who need them. Mr. Schaab noted the City of Ely needs to approve a proposed agreement for services with Waste Management for the change in service to take effect. Mayor Miller noted that agreement will be on the March 14, 2016 agenda for consideration.

Schedule Public Hearing re: Ordinance 248, Amending Residential Sanitation & Recycling Service and Rates.. Mr. Anderson reported the city code section that deals with

residential garbage and recyclables collection and disposal will need to be revised to reflect the terms of the proposed agreement with Waste Management, as will the related rates for service. Mr. Anderson suggested City Council consider adding 75-cents to each residential bill for each level of service to pay for costs of preparing and mailing bills and other associated administrative costs. Mehmen moved to schedule a public hearing for 7:00 p.m. Monday March 14, 2016 re: Ordinance No. 248, Amending Residential Sanitation & Recycling Service and Rates, to include the 75-cents suggested by Mr. Anderson, second by Wery. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Hale moved to direct staff not to sell annual garbage tags until after City Council action regarding the Waste Management proposal and proposed Ordinance No. 248, second by Mehmen. Motion carried – 5 to 0.

Preparation of FY 2016-17 Budget

Review and Discuss Draft Version of Budget. Mayor and City Council reviewed draft version of the FY 16-17 budget with City Administrator Anderson; he noted this version includes full funding of requests from Library and Parks/Recreation Commissions; funds a full time recreation coordinator/social media tech position and a fourth full-time public works position; and \$250,000 for General Fund capital/one-time spending. Mr. Anderson reported the proposed property tax rate is \$8.31266/\$1,000 taxable valuation, which is slightly less than the property tax rate for the current fiscal year.

Schedule Public Hearing re: FY 16-17 Budget and Proposed Property Tax Levy. Mehmen moved to schedule a public hearing re: the proposed budget and property tax levy for FY 16-17 for 7:00 p.m. Monday March 14, 2016; second by Hale. Motion carried – 5 to 0.

City Council 2015 Goals and Goal Setting

Review City of Ely, Goal Setting Report and Schedule Public Input. Mayor and City Council members reviewed the report of their 2016 Goal Setting session which was prepared by Jeff Schott of the Iowa Institute for Public Affairs. Mehmen moved to schedule an opportunity for public input on the City Council's 2016 Goal Report for 7:00 p.m. Monday March 14, 2016, second by Billick. Motion carried – 5 to 0.

Administrative, Personnel and Staffing

Website Update. Mayor Miller reported he is meeting with BDH Technologies regarding work they have performed so far, and that he has prepared a request for proposals for a more advanced website that is more robust and offers greater functionality. Mayor Miller noted he will discuss that RFP with BDH during the meeting with them and noted much of the improvement will be similar to the city of North Liberty's website. Mayor Miller noted he will report further at the March City Council meeting.

Resolution No. 16-0208-05, Approving Contract with Linn County Sheriff's Office. Mayor Miller reported this resolution approves renewing Ely's contract with Linn County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services at \$33/hour for 25-hours per week of contract patrol. Council member Mehmen noted she discussed possibility of increasing contract

hours with a law enforcement contact who suggested she ask herself if she feels safe in Ely. Council member Wery noted she is abstaining from this matter due to a conflict of interest related to her place of employment. Mehmen moved to approve Resolution No. 16-0208-05, Approving Contract with Linn County Sheriff’s Office, second by Rohner.

Aye: Billick, Mehmen, Hale, Rohner
Nay: None
Absent/Abstain: Wery

Mayor Miller declared the motion passed and Resolution approved – 4 to 0, Wery abstaining.

Authorize Advertising for 2016 Seasonal Landscape Maintenance. Hale moved to authorize advertising to hire a seasonal landscape worker for 2016 at \$10/hour, duties to include preparing and striping sports fields, second by Wery. Motion carried – 5 to 0.

Discuss Possible Purchase of Land. No report on this matter.

Mehmen moved to adjourn, second by Hale; motion carried – 5 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Eldrew Miller, Mayor

Attest:

Aaron Anderson, Clerk/Administrator