

**Ely City Council**  
**Special Meeting Proceedings April 17, 2018**

The Ely City Council met in special session on 04/17/2018 in Council Chambers. Officials present were Council Members, Kay Hale, Judy Wery and Dan Whitaker. Absent: Teri Billick, Elizabeth Rohner. Mayor Eldy Miller opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council member Hale moved, second by Whitaker, to approve the agenda as posted and presented. Ayes: 3.

City Administrator introduced building inspector / code enforcement officer candidate Mary McGuire. Council member Whitaker moved, second by Hale, to appoint Mary McGuire as the full-time building inspector/code enforcement office for the City of Ely. Ayes: 3.

Council discussed in detail property located at 1620 Dows Street, owned by Todd and Sarah Prokop. Prokop's would like to build a business on the vacant lot but have asked council to cost share the expense of getting water and sewer services to the lot. When the Dows Streetscape was completed a service-line was not provided to the lot. City Admin Hoy and PW Director Stark recommended to council that a sewer service main be installed in the rear of the lot. There are 3 services in the area that would benefit from the service line and clean-up some previous issues with a business line that has backed up in the past. Prokop's agreed that if the city were to help with the sewer expense they would run the water line to Walker Street at their expense. Council member Whitaker instructed staff to secure 3 bids for the project and then moved, to cost share the project with Prokop's up to a set dollar amount, seconded by Wery. Ayes: 3.

Council spent a great deal of time discussing Capital Projects identified during the 2018 Goal Setting Session. Maggie Burger, Speer Financial, gave council several different scenarios for financing three major projects: Resurfacing of State Street, and extending sewer and water services to the north end of Ely, which will service newly annexed land and existing business / residents located on State Street that currently do not have city services. Financing scenarios included a combination of utility rate increases and creating a Debt Service levy to pay back GO Bonds. Council took the information under advisement and instructed the City Administrator to put together samples of what the suggested rate increases would look like. Further conversation will be held at a future meeting.

Discussion regarding curbside limb and brush pickup continued from the last council meeting. Admin Hoy presented information on how surrounding cities handle residential brush and limbs. After information from Public Works staff Chris Henkel was discussed, council member Wery moved, second by Hale, to authorize an amount up to \$15,000 to purchase a used chipper. Ayes: 3. Council agreed to try the curbside pickup for this season and see how things go. Details on curbside pickup will be ironed out in a policy and presented to council at the May 14 council meeting.

Council member Hale moved, second by Whitaker, to adopt **Resolution 2018-04.015** A resolution in support of continued funding of statewide reimbursement of Commercial/Industrial property tax reductions. Ayes: Wery, Hale, Whitaker.

Council member Hale moved, second by Whitaker, to enter a closed session to discuss the purchase of real estate under Code section 21.5 (j). Ayes: 5.

Council re-convened the regular session at 9:20 and with no further business being evident, council adjourned the meeting by motion at 9:21 PM.

Eldrew Miller, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, Clerk/Administrator