

Ely City Council Proceedings

The Ely City Council met in regular session on 03/11/2019 in Council Chambers. Officials present were Council Members Teri Billick, Kay Hale, Ben Symonds, Judy Wery and Dan Whitaker. Mayor Eldy Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council member Wery moved, second by Hale, to approve the following consent items: Minutes from the 02/11/2019 & 02/21/2019 council meetings; February 2019 financial reports; Payment of claims totaling \$201,375.70. Ayes – 5.

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

A & H, electrical work	2,468.85	John's Lock & Key, lock smith	222.00
Advance Business System, copies	142.42	Keystone, lab	25.00
Affordable Heating, repairs	349.60	Kiracofe Oil, LP/diesel	2,140.35
Airgas, supply	21.13	Kollegstown Sports, uniforms	446.22
Ali Alldredge, reimbursement	30.00	Kromminga, repairs	467.38
Alliant Energy, utilities	6,623.61	Letter Perfect, supply	42.51
Amanda Zahn, dep refund	25.00	Linn County Public Health, permit	150.00
Amazon, library media	1,131.89	Lins Heating, library furnace repair	452.25
Baker & Taylor, books	753.24	MidAmerica Research, chemical	392.40
BASE, administration	30.00	Martin Marietta, rock	142.56
Blank Park Zoo, lib program	163.44	Menards, supply	287.70
BSN Sports, soccer nets	409.89	MidAmerican, utilities	414.44
Callie O'Brien, reimbursement	39.22	Midway, chainsaw repairs	134.70
Cannon Financial, copier lease	109.00	Midwest Wheel, shop tools	121.18
Cardmember Services, supply	210.06	MMS, engineering	98,898.82
Casey's, fuel	345.17	Municipal Supply, shipping	15.20
CID, supplies	154.00	Neal's, softener service	19.50
Collection Service Center, support	1,182.14	Novak Unlimited, services	90.00
Cardmember Serv, library	83.61	Office Express, office supply	96.45
Custom Hose Supply, supplies	91.62	Ottsen Oil, maintenance supply	574.75
Denise Hoy, reimbursement	146.16	US Postmaster, postage	219.45
EFTPS, fed/fica tax	9,428.09	Principal, life ins	96.80
Flex Payout, reimbursement	1299.00	Linn County REC, electric	360.34
Gazette, publications	296.98	Sam's Club, fee & supply	89.22
Global Equipment, chlorine	153.66	Sarah Sellon, reimbursement	101.98
Grainger, PW supply	197.92	Schumacher, elevator maintenance	178.47
gWorks, software training	180.00	Simmons, Perrine, legal	166.50
HACH, chemicals	258.60	Solon Economist, publications	202.00
Hawkeye Electric, repairs	277.50	Solon State Bank, petty cash	190.61
Hawkeye Fire, extinguisher check	122.00	South Slope, phone/internet	607.27
Henderson, plow parts	672.00	St. Luke's, lab	30.00
Hinton Plumbing, repair	297.95	State Hygienic, lab	1,957.00
Home Repair, partial on front doors	5,000.00	Swank, movie license	105.00
IA Prison, door decal	48.60	Corporate Billing, truck repairs	2,726.95
IAMU, dues	689.00	Terminix, pest control	35.00
Iowa DNR, permits	719.00	TPC, electrical training	1,100.00
Iowa Express, delivery	240.00	Tracy Clair, reimbursement	10.80
Iowa One Call, locates	19.80	Treasure Bay, books	415.36
IA Park & Rec, dues	400.00	Unity Point, testing	126.00
IPERS, contributions	6,374.03	UPS, shipping	38.14
JDM Concrete, trucking sand	307.50	VSP, insurance	95.74

Waste Management, services	11,984.95	Payroll, 01/15/19 – 02/11/19	28,084.91
Wellmark, insurance	5,828.12	Total	\$201,375.70

February 2019 expenses per fund: General \$62,407; Road Use Tax \$11,391; Sewer Trunk Ext \$17,460; Water Main Ext \$3,309; State Street Vavra Drive Project \$9,360; Water \$12,849; Sewer \$11,703. Total \$128,479.

February 2019 receipts per fund: General \$55,221; RUT \$19,203; Employee Benefits \$43; LOST \$16,527; TIF \$828; Water \$19,256; Sewer \$28,219; Storm Water Management \$1,506. Total \$140,803.

Department Reports/Requests

Building Official: Council reviewed a written report submitted by Mary McGuire. Council agreed to the concept of giving contractors a \$25 credit on their SWPPP permit from the city if they would agree to attend a SWPPP training.

Mary introduced and council discussed **Ordinance No. 277 – Construction Site Erosion and Sediment Control**. Council member Whitaker moved to accept the first reading, second by Hale. Ayes: Symonds, Wery, Hale, Whitaker, Billick. Whitaker moved, Symonds seconded, to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance 277. Ayes: Symonds, Wery, Hale, Whitaker, Billick. Council Member Whitaker moved to adopt **Ordinance No. 277 – Construction Site Erosion and Sediment Control**, Symonds seconded. Ayes: Symonds, Wery, Hale, Whitaker, Billick.

Library: Sarah Sellon shared the minutes from the previous library meeting and highlights from January events. She also spoke about upcoming events including BINGO, and Spring Break activities.

Park Board: Minutes from the Park Board’s previous meeting were received.

Planning & Zoning: Council received minutes from the P & Z’s previous meeting. Also discussed was a recommendation to amend ordinance 170.06- expiration of a preliminary plat. After discussion Dan moved to table the item, however it died due to lack of a second. Billick then moved to accept the recommendation from the P & Z on the zoning amendment, Symonds seconded. Ayes: Symonds, Billick. Nays: Wery, Hale, Whitaker. Motion did not pass. Mayor Miller advised that if the council had questions regarding the amendment, they should attend the next P & Z meeting.

Public Works: Council received written reports from Ron Stark regarding Water and Sewer; Chris Henkel regarding Streets; and Tyler Schurbon regarding Parks.

Sheriff’s Report: An activity report was presented to the city council by the Linn County Sheriff’s deputy.

Business

Joe Horaney, Cedar Rapids-Linn County Solid Waste Agency, gave a presentation on the agency and stated that disposal fees would remain the same for 2019. He also informed council that they would receive a recycling incentive for being an associate member in the amount of \$4,715 for FY20.

Mayor Miller opened the public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2020 budget. City Clerk/Admin Hoy made the following announcements regarding FY20. Taxable valuation \$92,146,627; Tax Levy \$10.81; Est Revenues \$3,361,883; Est Expenses \$3,296,933; Debt Service Obligation \$787,110. There being no other oral or written comments, the hearing was closed.

Council member Billick moved to approve resolution 2019-03.006 “Adopting Levy for Property Taxes Payable FY2020 and Financial Budget for FY2020, Wery seconded. Ayes: Symonds, Wery, Hale, Whitaker, Billick.

The Park Board presented council with minutes and proposed master plans showing that Vavra Park development has been part of the ongoing park renovation plans for several years. They also shared a

survey recently taken to gauge the interest in developing Vavra Park. There were up to 143 responses and 81% of them were favorable to the park renovations. They also shared the statistics of an increase in park reservations over the past 6 years, showing the need for additional rental park space.

Council then opened a public hearing on the plans, specifications and form of contract for the State Street/Vavra Drive Capital Project. There being no oral or written comments besides the Park Boards presentation regarding the improvements at the park, the hearing was closed.

Council member Whitaker moved to adopt Resolution 2019-03.007 “approving the plans, specifications, and form of contract for the State Street / Vavra Drive capital project”, Hale seconded. Ayes: Symonds, Wery, Hale, Whitaker, Billick.

Council then reviewed the 6 bids that were received on the State Street / Vavra Drive Project. City engineer Scott Pottorff recommending they accept the bid from Boomerang Corporation, 12536 Buffalo Road, Anamosa, Iowa in the amount of \$1,079,588 and if desired the alternate bid of \$73,165. Council then considered the alternate bid which includes a parking lot, stairs and handicap sidewalk at Vavra Park and a sidewalk along Vavra Drive from State Street to the proposed Vavra Park parking lot. The Park Board asked council to consider the alternate bid and allow the parking lot, stairs and handicap sidewalk at Vavra Park be included. They also indicated they would like to contribute \$15,000 of allocated money from their budget for FY2019 for a Vavra Park Study to the project. Council member Whitaker suggested that if the alternate bid for Vavra Park be accepted that the Park Board pay for these expenses out of their annual budget allocation. The Park Board expressed their concern that if they allocated the next several years of budget to these park accessible improvements, there would be several other much needed projects that would not be accomplished. No final decision was made, and they agreed to table the decision on the alternate until the April regular council meeting.

Council member Whitaker moved to adopt resolution 2019-03.008 “to award contract for the base bid of the State Street / Vavra Drive Street Project to Boomerang Corporation, 12536 Buffalo Road, Anamosa, Iowa in the amount of \$1,079,588”, Hale seconded. Ayes: Symonds, Wery, Hale, Whitaker, Billick.

Rob Smith shared with council that the St. John Lutheran Church congregation voted unanimously to donate the property located at 1600 Rowley to the City of Ely for the purpose of building a parking lot. Council instructed the City Clerk/Admin to have the city attorney draw up a purchase agreement outlining the terms of the sale/donation to be acted upon at the April council meeting.

With no further business being evident, council adjourned the meeting by motion at 9:10 PM.

Eldrew Miller, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, Clerk/Administrator