

Ely City Council Proceedings

The Ely City Council met in regular session on 05/13/2019 in Council Chambers. Officials present were Council Members Teri Billick, Kay Hale, Ben Symonds, Judy Wery. Excused absent: Dan Whitaker. Mayor Eldy Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council member Hale moved, second by Wery, to approve the following consent items: Minutes from the 04/08/2019, 04/22/19, 04/25/19 & 05/06/2019 council meetings; April 2019 financial reports; Payment of claims totaling \$189,746.64; Fall Fest beer permit application; Street Closing request for the July 4 parade; Appointment of Lisa Horrigan to the Park Board to fill an unexpired term. Ayes – 4.

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

A & H Electric, install outside light	461.56	Linda McCann, book	20.00
Action Services, portable restrooms	180.00	Linn County Treasurer, bridge inspect	385.00
Advance Business System, copies	173.18	Linns Heating & Cooling, service	493.00
Airgas, supply	22.45	LL Pelling, grade & pave trail	10,148.00
Alcohol Beverage Division, FF permit	25.00	Luanne Miller, reimbursement	23.37
Alliant Energy, utilities	12,352.93	Martin Marietta, rock	227.59
Amazon, library media	482.39	Mary McGuire, tools	171.23
Anton Stump removal, mitigation	300.00	Menards, supply	342.02
Baker & Taylor, books	2,327.63	MidAmerican, utilities	178.12
BASE, administration	30.00	MMS, engineer fees	59,620.00
Brown Concrete, service call	320.00	Neal's, softener service	29.40
Brown Well & Pump, waterline	1,292.97	Nick Trenary, IT	60.00
Callie O'Brien, reimbursement	226.46	Office Express, office supply	108.00
Cannon Financial, copier lease	109.00	Plumb Supply, repair parts	72.76
Cardmember Services, supply	549.10	US Postmaster, postage	221.55
Casey's, fuel	791.14	Prime Mechanical, repair	752.40
Central Iowa Farm, mower parts	228.09	Principal, life ins	96.80
City of Fairfax, services	277.54	Linn County REC, electric	289.59
Cleppe's, tire repair	20.00	Ron Stark, reimbursement	224.55
Collection Service Center, support	1,773.21	Sam Joens, playground equipment	200.00
Cardmember Serv, library	1,629.42	Sam's Club, supply	20.24
CRL Lawn Care, ball field	370.00	Sarah Sellon, reimbursement	87.48
Denise Hoy, reimbursement	173.80	Schimberg, repairs	2.61
EFTPS, fed/fica tax	14,061.18	Sherwin-Williams, paint	6.59
Engineered Equipment, UV lights	709.97	Simmons, Perrine, legal	240.00
FJ Krob, spray	122.47	Solon Economist, NOJOCO	340.00
Ferguson, plumbing parts	617.69	Solon Hardware, keys	8.83
Gazette, publications	228.17	Solon State Bank, petty cash	300.20
Hawkins, chemical	383.75	South Slope, phone/internet	665.36
HD Supply, supplies	103.97	Speer Financial, disclosure statement	345.00
IDNR, permits	1,470.70	State Hygienic, lab	1,218.50
Iowa DOT, paint	727.25	Terminix, pest control	82.25
Iowa Express, delivery	120.00	The Accel Group, annual premium	112.00
Iowa League, grant base	50.00	The Letter, newsletter typeset	50.00
Iowa Once Call, locates	20.70	Tracy Clair, reimbursement	149.95
Iowa Storm Water, training	20.00	Tyler Schurbon, reimbursement	84.82
IPERS, contributions	6,335.21	UPS, shipping	10.22
Keystone, lab	25.00	VSP, insurance	95.74
Kiracofe Oil, SVC call	1,294.65	Waste Management, services	12,059.87
Kirkwood, class registration	540.00	Wellmark, insurance	5,828.12
Krivachek Janitorial, WWTP supply	726.35	Payroll, 4/09-05/13, 2019	41,959.81
Kromminga Motors, repair	742.74	Total	\$189,746.64

April 2019 expenses per fund: General \$68,081; Road Use Tax \$15,173; Water Main Ext \$1,471; Water \$19,294; Sewer \$18,513; Storm Sewer \$398. Total \$122,930.

April 2019 receipts per fund: General \$298,581; RUT \$9,666; Employee Benefits \$4,793; LOST \$16,527; TIF \$86,492; Water \$20,226; Sewer \$27,723; Storm Water Management \$1,716. Total \$465,724.

Department Reports:

Building Official: report presented and accepted.

Library: report presented by Alan Wery and accepted.

Park Board: Minutes from the Park Board's previous meeting were received. Callie O'Brien informed council that the Park Board had decided to move forward with the riprap along the north and west side of the pond bank to help with erosion.

Planning & Zoning: Minutes presented and accepted. Bill Maly also updated council on the recodification process.

Public Works: reports from Chris Henkel, Tyler Schurbon and Ron Stark were presented and accepted.

Sheriff's Report: An activity report was presented by the Linn County Sheriff's deputy and accepted.

Community Comments

Glenn and Fran Buresh addressed council regarding their concerns with the city expecting them to run the additional 320' feet of water line to the edge of their property in the Buresh Development. They felt that since council is now running a water line around in front of other developments, they should enjoy the same privileges. Council will take this under consideration and discuss at the June 10 meeting.

Jason Ballard was not present for discussion.

Jim Miller, 1200 Vista Road, addressed council concerning previous agreements for an easement. After some time, Mayor Miller asked Jim to meet with him later to further discuss his concerns.

Brian Ackerberg, 1515 Fuhrmeister, addressed council concerning the drainage area that runs through his property. Brian informed council that it had silted in and the water continues to spill out further into his yard past the easement right of way. City Admin reported that she had talked to Brian and has asked Scott for an opinion on this concern.

Business

Josie Rozum, Heather Aden, Erica Gogle, Jill Harper made a presentation for a new Logo and marketing plan. The presentation showed the different implementation phases and included a couple sample banners that Callie O'Brien presented. The roll out of the logo will be at the Block Party on May 31 sponsored by the Ely Library.

The public hearing on the fiscal year 2019 budget amendment was moved to June 10, 2019 at 7 PM.

Council member Hale moved, second by Symonds, to open the public hearing on the plans, specifications, cost estimate and form of contract for the Water Line Extension Project. Hearing no oral and receiving no written objections the hearing was closed.

Council member Wery moved, second by Symonds, to adopt resolution 2019-05.015 approving the Plans, Specifications, Cost Estimate and Form of Contract for the Water Line Extension Project. Ayes: Symonds, Wery, Hale, Billick. Nays: none.

Council then proceeded to review the contractor bids received for the Water Line Extension Project. There were 6 bids received at 3 PM on Wednesday, May 8, 2019. The apparent low bidder was Rathje Construction of Marion, Iowa with a base bid amount of \$1,032,721.55.

Council member Hale moved, second by Wery, to adopt resolution 2019-05.016 Awarding Contract to Rathje Construction, Marion, Iowa at the base bid of \$1,032,721.55 for the Water Line Extension Project. Ayes: Symonds, Wery, Hale, Billick. Nays: None.

Council member Hale moved, second Wery to adopt resolution 2019-05.017 Approving Change order #2 and #4 to the State Street/Vavra Drive Reconstruction Project in and increased amount of \$22,300 to the original contract. Ayes: Symonds, Wery, Hale, Billick. Nays: None. Change Order #3 was tabled until the next city council meeting for further clarification from the contractor.

Council member Symonds moved, second by Hale, to approve pay request #1 to Boomerang Corp in the amount of \$91,371.00 for the State Street / Vavra Drive Reconstruction Project Contract. Ayes: 4.

Council discussed tap on fees for new developments to help offset the cost to run water and sewer lines. They preliminary identified the preliminary benefited area and discussed a set amount. Council asked for sample ordinances from other cities that have this same type of set up. They also discussed the 13 existing services and how they would handle the hook ups for these services. Scott Pottorff identified some options for council to consider. Pottorff will also secure the cost for each service so council can use this information to make the final decision at the next regular council meeting.

Scott Pottorff also submitted a written report regarding the Meadowhill washout behind residential properties. While it is evident that there are erosion problems it was noted that there is no imminent danger to homes. Council talked about the volume and frequency of the runoff and possible solutions. City Admin Hoy was asked to consult with the City attorney regarding who is responsible for the maintenance of the drainage area.

Chris Henkel, Street Superintendent, made a verbal recommendation to council regarding parking on Traer Street. The traffic in this area has shown a significant increase because of business activities. Henkel made the recommendation to make the north side of Traer a no parking area. There were also concerns of emergency vehicles being able to pass if when there is parking on both sides of the street. Council also asked the City Admin to investigate limiting truck traffic on Traer Street.

Council approved the purchase of a new chain for the WWTP in the amount of \$6,000. They also directed staff to see if there was a discount if more than one was purchased. The 4 existing chains have not been replaced in the past 10 years and the City Admin recommended replacing one per year unless a significant cost saving could be had by purchasing all of them at once.

Council member Hale introduced the second reading of **Ordinance #278 amending provisions of the city code pertaining to sewer service charges**. Wery seconded the motion and roll was as follows: Ayes -Symonds, Wery, Hale, Billick. The 3rd reading will be placed on the June city council agenda for consideration and adoption.

Council considered a Real Estate Purchase Agreement for property located at 1600 Rowley Street. Council member Wery moved, second by Billick, to adopt Resolution 2019-05.018 Entering into a Purchase Agreement between the City of Ely and the St. John's Lutheran Church, Ely, Iowa effective July 1, 2019. Ayes: Symonds, Wery, Hale, Billick. Nays: None.

Council member Symonds moved, second by Hale, to adopt Resolution 2019-05.019 Entering into a Lease Agreement between the City of Ely, Iowa and St. John's Lutheran Church for the use of a future Parking Area at 1600 Rowley Street, Ely, Iowa. Ayes: Symonds, Wery, Hale, Billick. Nays: None.

Council discussed the current salary range that was set for the new city administrators' position and agreed to move it from \$60,000 - \$75,000 to \$60,000 - \$80,000 in hopes to attract more experienced administrators since there are so much competition in the Administrator field.

Council was reminded of the special meeting scheduled for May 20 at 5:45 PM.

With no further business being evident, council adjourned the meeting by motion at 9:50 PM.

Eldrew Miller, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, Clerk/Administrator