

## Ely City Council Proceedings April 09, 2018

The Ely City Council met in regular session on 04/09/2018 in Council Chambers. Officials present were Council Members Teri Billick, Kay Hale, Elizabeth Rohner, Judy Wery and Dan Whitaker. Mayor Eldy Miller opened the regular meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Marv Peters introduced long time resident and veteran Terry Wear. Terry was drafted and served in the military from April 1962 to November 1963. Marv shared details about Terry's deployment and his experience in Germany during the Cold War. We thank Terry Wear for his service to our Country and the contributions he has made to Ely over the years.

Mayor Miller proclaimed April 2018 as KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL MONTH and encouraged residents to take part in the park grounds and ditch cleanup on April 21, and tree planting on April 22 to show their support of this effort.

Council member Wery moved, second by Billick, to approve the following consent items: 04/09/2018 Agenda as presented; Minutes from the 03/12/2018 council meeting; March 2018 financial reports; Payment of claims totaling \$175,669.33; Liquor licenses renewal for Cleppe's 66. Ayes – 5.

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

Advanced, copy charges	84.22	Linn County Recorder, annexation	147.00
Ali Alldrege, reimbursement	55.49	Linn County Sheriff, contract	11,050.00
Allegra, newsletter	519.47	Luanne Miller, reimbursement	19.62
Alliant Energy, utilities	6,143.92	Mid-American Energy, utilities	302.91
Amazon, library media	614.76	Menards, supply	456.63
Baker & Taylor, books	389.88	Midway Outdoor, supply	456.90
Brendon Cable, refund dep	25.00	MMS, engineering	2,271.60
Brown Concrete, repair	694.25	Municipal Supply, supply	438.42
BSN Sports, tennis court material	613.05	Neal's Water Condition, service	19.50
Callie O'Brien, mileage & reimburse	54.57	Office Express, office supply	120.97
Cannon, lease	109.00	US Postmaster, postage	404.16
Cardmember Services, supply	342.74	Principal, life insurance	67.76
Casey Grover, clothing allowance	50.72	Linn County REC, electrical	279.02
Casey's, fuel	330.31	Ron Stark, reimbursement	404.54
The Company Store, League exp	366.00	Roto-Rooter, clean main	5,776.72
Cortez, snow plow repairs	1,271.31	Sam's Club, supply	74.82
CR Signs, deposit on flag pole	1,812.50	Sarah Sellon, reimburse	69.12
Library CC, supply	70.36	Simmons Perrine, legal	758.50
Demco, books	721.00	Solon Economist, publications	170.00
Denise Hoy, mileage	85.02	Solon State Bank, petty cash	282.29
EFTPS, fed/fica tax	9,140.33	South Slope, phone/internet	593.14
FJ Krob, chemical	26.43	State Hygienic, lab	982.00
Fisher Scientific, test supply	90.25	State of Iowa Treasurer	8,938.00
Gazette, publications	128.85	T & K Roofing, 1 <sup>st</sup> payment	16,288.00
Grainger, supplies	127.39	Terminex, pest control	35.00
Hawkeye Electric, repairs	381.15	The Accel Group, insurance	20,147.00
Henderson Products, plow parts	162.00	The Jymbag, shirts	121.00
Innovative Signs, signs	380.00	Theisen's, supply	13.61
Iowa Express, delivery	225.00	Tracy Clair, reimburse	35.64
IPERS, contributions	10,950.15	Trans Equipment, repairs	828.00
Janway Co, lib magnets	294.33	TSC, supplies	137.97
Keystone, lab	25.00	VSP, insurance	55.96
Kim Bingham, refund	70.00	Waste Management, services	11,487.50
Kirkwood College, class	135.00	Wellmark, insurance	3,520.66
Kollegstown Sports, BB jersey	190.25	Payroll, 03/13 – 04/09, 2018	51,399.69
Linn County Planning, inspections	835.98	<b>Total Bills</b>	<b>\$175,669.33</b>

March 2018 expenses per fund: General \$103,766; Road Use Tax \$21,940; Water \$14,188; Sewer \$17,851; Storm Sewer \$1,442. Total \$159,187.

March 2018 receipts per fund: General \$31,293; RUT \$15,817; Employee Benefits \$185; LOST \$30,757; TIF \$3,101; Water \$18,649; Sewer \$27,703; Storm Water Management \$178. Total \$127,683.

**Department Reports/Requests:** Council received minutes for the 03/21/2018 P & Z meeting and approved the appointment of Bill Maly to the Commission to fill the unexpired term vacated by Bob Mreen. Callie O'Brien presented minutes from the March Park and Rec meeting. Mayor Miller asked the Park Board to look at trail markings, especially going from Dows Street making the trail more visible to visitors. O'Brien also informed council of the upgrades to Schulte Park, including new matting under the equipment. There was no report presented by the Linn County Sheriff Office. Ron Stark, Public Work Director, presented his monthly report. Sarah Sellon presented information on the successful Spring Break Programing and the upcoming Spaghetti Supper fundraiser and Garage Sales.

**Citizen Requests:** No requests.

**Business:** Joe Horaney, Solid Waste Agency, presented council with updated information concerning the landfill and recycling program. He also informed council that the Agency would again be paying out recycling incentives and Ely's share for FY19 is \$4,715.

Mark Reinders, Mid-American Energy, informed council that the 25-year franchise agreement with Ely expires in July 2018. He brought material outlining the process to renew the franchise and the potential of a franchise fee. Council will be working with Mid-American, Linn County REC and Alliant Energy to implement franchises that direct the 1% LOST to the city as a franchise fee. Council anticipates setting a public hearing for the June Council meeting.

Council member Hale moved, Whitaker seconded, to adopt **resolution 2018-04.013** Approving and Adopting a Revenue Purpose Statement for the Use of Revenues from Electric and Natural Gas Franchise Fees. Ayes: Rohner, Wery, Hale, Whitaker, Billick.

Todd & Sarah Prokop presented information regarding their vacant lot at 1620 Dows Street. Prokop's shared with council that there was not a water or sewer connection to their lot and it will cost \$15,000 to get the service there. They asked council to cost share in the expense so that a commercial building could be built. Calvin Corrin was also present to express his interest in leasing the new building for a Micro-Brewery. Council would like to seek the input of Scott Pottorff, MMS Engineering, before making the commitment. The item will be discussed at the special meeting scheduled for April 17.

Thomas Rohner presented council with information regarding spring/summer events that Odies would like to host, including a cancer benefit on May 19 and Kyle's Mile Ride on August 25. Odies would like to extend their liquor license to properties located next their building. Council showed support for the benefits and instructed Thomas to follow the procedures through the ABD to extend his license.

Callie O'Brien presented information to council about implementing a new program to recognize an Ely Citizen each year for their volunteerism to Ely and surrounding communities. This program kick-off would begin this year at a Volunteer Recognition Event to be held on May 17 at the American Legion at 7:30 PM.

Council member Whitaker moved, second by Hale, to accept the first reading of **Ordinance 265 Amending Chapter 3-1-6 Fireworks by shortening the time frame fireworks will be allowed to be discharged in Ely.** Ayes: Rohner, Wery, Hale, Whitaker, Billick.

Council member Rohner moved, second by Wery, to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of Ordinance 265. Ayes: Rohner, Wery, Hale, Whitaker, Billick.

Council member Whitaker, second by Rohner, to adopt **Ordinance 265 Amending Chapter 3-1-6 Fireworks by shortening the time frame fireworks will be allowed to be discharged in Ely.** Ayes: Rohner, Wery, Hale, Whitaker, Billick.

Council member Hale moved, second by Whitaker, to adopt **resolution 2018-04.014** amending the personnel handbook to include an Early Retirement Benefit. Ayes: Rohner, Wery, Hale, Whitaker, Billick.

Council members discussed options regarding residential brush & limbs. City Admin was instructed to survey other cities to see if and how other communities addressed the issue.

Discussion on the whether the city should consider selling the city maintenance shed located at 1590 Main Street was tabled.

Council member Rohner moved, second by Whitaker, to authorize the repair of two sections of sewer line located near 1905 & 1945 Dows Street by Brown Concrete for the bid amount of \$6,618. Council also instructed Ron Stark, Public Works Director, to check into a fire hydrant that is located in the same vicinity as it appears to be lower than it should be. Ayes: 5.

City Admin Hoy updated council on the wetland mitigation progress. Public Works rented a brush hog and have been diligently working on the action plan that was adopted at the last council meeting.

Quotes from Billion Auto and Lynch Ford were presented for a new public works pickup to be converted to a flat-bed and delivered after July 2018. Council member Billick moved, second by Weary to approve the quote and the purchase of a 2019 Ford F250 Super Duty 4X4 pickup with no box, from Lynch Ford in the amount of \$26,325 plus alternate for power options in the amount of \$841. Ayes: 5.

Council member Hale moved, second by Rohner, to approve the installation of snow rail guard on the city hall roof for the amount of \$4,250. Ayes: 5.

Council set the public hearing on the FY2018 budget amendment for May 14, 2018 at 7 PM.

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 9:24 and with no further business being evident, council adjourned the meeting by motion at 9:25 PM.

Eldrew Miller, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, Clerk/Administrator