

Ely City Council Proceedings May 14, 2018

The Ely City Council met in regular session on 05/14/2018 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.

After the pledge Council member Kay Hale presented the City of Ely with a flag that was commissioned by her grandson Collin who is currently serving in Kuwait. The flag flew over Iraq in support of Operation Inherent Resolve and the fight to defeat ISIS.

Council member Hale moved, second by Rohner, to approve the following consent items: 05/14/2018 Agenda as presented; Minutes from the 04/09/18 and 04/17/18 council meetings; April 2018 financial reports; Payment of claims totaling \$202,251.24. Ayes – 5.

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

Adam Smith reimburse	65.00	Keystone, lab	25.00
Advanced, copy charges	126.70	Kiracofe Oil, LP gas	1,615.30
Alliant Energy, utilities	11,849.08	KM Tree Service, tree removal	350.00
Amazon, library media	1,197.72	Kollegtown Sports, uniforms	3,884.67
Annette Wieneke, refund	75.00	Linn County Health, license	67.50
Baker & Taylor, books	963.52	Lite Window & Door, repair	185.00
Barth Equipment, chipper	15,000.00	MacQueen, training	25.00
Betty Moore, refund	25.00	Mar-Han, WWTP supply	172.05
Bluetarp Credit Service, plow	972.92	Martin Bros, food supply	315.26
Brown Concrete, repair	6,100.00	Martin Marietta, rock	1,022.57
Brown Well & Pump, repair	2,986.48	Menards, supply	141.75
BSN Sports, tennis court material	214.49	Mid-American, gas	99.00
Callie O'Brien, reimbursement	177.46	Midway Outdoor, supply	1,529.06
Cannon, lease	109.00	MMS, engineering	1,224.00
Cardmember Services, supply	1,029.93	National Playground, equipment	22,008.12
Casey's, fuel	354.88	Neal's Water Condition, service	19.50
CID, ice melt	76.00	Nick Trenary, IT work	120.00
Chulupsky's, mulch	134.00	Oakwood Nursery, trees	1,450.00
City Tractor Co, repairs	129.78	Office Express, office supply	412.49
Collection Service Center, support	1,182.14	Ottsen Oil, bulk oil	408.01
The Company Store, League exp	496.00	US Postmaster, postage	230.30
CR Signs, flag pole	1,812.50	Principal, life insurance	67.76
Creative Product, library exp	234.73	Linn County REC, electrical	281.61
Library CC, supply	498.81	Roto-Rooter, clean main	1,100.00
CRL Lawncare, ball fields	370.00	Sarah Sellon, reimbursement	201.42
David Schrock, reimbursement	65.00	Schumacher, elevator inspection	172.80
Denise Hoy, reimbursement	241.98	Sherwin-Williams, graffiti removal	20.00
EFTPS, fed/fica tax	14,180.65	Simmons Perrine, legal	925.00
Esther Benesh, refund	25.00	Solon Economist, publications	170.00
Fern Fackler, refund	25.00	Solon State Bank, petty cash	149.23
Forever Green, trees	269.98	South Slope, phone/internet	486.21
Gary Whittom, allowance	41.99	Star Equipment Rental	3,379.00
Gazette, publications	266.43	State Hygienic, lab	756.00
Hawkeye Electric, repairs	832.50	Storm Steel, repairs	9.32
HD Supply, equipment	2,121.70	T & K Roofing, final payment	19,235.00
Hinton Plumbing, service	235.12	Terminex, pest control	129.50
Iowa Express, delivery	160.00	Theisen's, supply	8.99
Iowa One Call, locates	30.60	Tracy Clair, reimburse	10.80
IA Park & Rec, dues	235.00	Trans Equipment, repairs	122.89
IPERS, contributions	5,280.61	UPS, shipping	9.73
JDM Concrete, slab at park	14,040.00	VSP, insurance	66.72

Waste Management, services	11,518.35	William McCalley, reimbursement	106.82
Wellmark, insurance	3,570.76	Payroll, 04/10 – 05/14, 2018	38,152.05
Welter, office furniture	2,064.00	Total Bills	\$202,251.24

April 2018 expenses per fund: General \$110,786; Road Use Tax \$12,993; LOST \$161,175; TIF \$209,158; Water \$36,974; Sewer \$135,343. Total \$699,429.

April 2018 receipts per fund: General \$259,965; RUT \$8,637; Employee Benefits \$5,389; LOST \$15,378; TIF \$88,047; Debt Service \$370,333; Water \$88,514; Sewer \$136,727; Storm Water Management \$121. Total \$973,111.

Department Reports/Requests: Council received minutes for the 04/10/18 Park & Rec meeting and the 04/18/18 P & Z meeting. Mary McGuire presented the Building Inspector report and briefed council on the need for a certified building site plan showing where the house will be located on a lot and at what elevation to ensure that SWIPP is being met. McGuire will present more information on this at the June meeting. Sarah Sellon presented library board minutes and the monthly report. Council member Whitaker moved, second by Hale, to approve a street closing request on Dows from Main to Walker from 5 PM to 9 PM for a Summer Block Party for the Ely Library on June 1. Ayes 5.

Ron Stark, Public Work Director, presented his monthly report and stressed the importance of getting Well #2 in operational order. Council also received the monthly report from the Linn County Sheriff.

Citizen Requests: Council acknowledged information and letters received from Robert Jacobson concerning the Hoosier Creek.

Business: Mayor Miller opened the public hearing on the FY2018 Budget Amendment. Hearing no oral or written comments the hearing was closed. Council member Wery moved, second by Billick, to approve **resolution 2018-05.016** adopting the FY2018 Budget Amendment. Ayes: Rohner, Wery, Hale, Whitaker, Billick.

Council member Rohner moved, second by Wery, to approve **resolution 2018-05.017** Establishing Guidelines for Curb Side Limb and Brush Pickup for the City of Ely, Iowa. Ayes: Rohner, Wery, Hale, Whitaker, Billick.

Council member Rohner moved, second by Whitaker, to adopt **resolution 2018-05.18** Directing the Clerk to Publish Notice of Hearing on the Adoption of the Proposed “Code of Ordinances of the City of Ely, Iowa”. Ayes: Rohner, Wery, Hale, Whitaker, Billick.

Council member Whitaker moved, second by Hale, to adopt **resolution 2018-05.19** Directing the Clerk to Publish Notice of Hearing on the Adoption of the Proposed “Franchise Ordinance with Alliant Energy, Linn County REC, and Mid-American Gas”. Ayes: Rohner, Wery, Hale, Whitaker, Billick.

Council member Hale moved, second by Whitaker, to adopt **resolution 2018-05.020** Directing the Clerk to Publish notice of Hearing on a Voluntary Annexation Application filed by Linn County Board of Supervisors. Ayes: Rohner, Wery, Hale, Whitaker, Billick.

Resolution 2018-05.021 was TABLED until the June 11, 2018 regular city council meeting.

Council member Rohner moved, seconded by Wery, to adopt **resolution 2018-05.022** Setting the Procedure and Charges for a Special City Council Meeting. Ayes: Rohner, Wery, Hale, Whitaker, Billick.

Council member Hale moved, second by Whitaker, to adopt **resolution 2018-05.023** amending the Employee Handbook by including the Building Inspector and the Recreation Coordinator position in the Clothing Allowance Benefit. Ayes: Rohner, Wery, Hale, Whitaker, Billick.

Council member Hale moved, second by Wery, to adopt **resolution 2018-05.024** to Increase the Credit Limit on the City of Ely’s Visa Business card held by City Administrator Denise Hoy to \$2,000. Ayes: Rohner, Wery, Hale, Whitaker, Billick.

Council accepted, with regret, the resignation of Elizabeth Rohner. Rohner will be moving to the Solon School District to enable her kids to attend the Solon School District. Her resignation is effective after July 9, 2018. Residents interested in filling this vacant council seat should inquire at City Hall.

Council also accepted the resignation of long time Public Works employee Gary Whittom effective November 7, 2018. Whittom has served 20 years as a fulltime PW employee and council thanked him for

his service to the City of Ely. The city will advertise for his replacement in September with a October start date.

Council authorized Scott Pottorff to put a simple design plan together for the sewer service line for properties located behind 1600 & 1620 Dows Street. Pottorff will also file a variance request with the DNR to install a 6" rather than 8" line.

Council discussed the financing of capital projects including the Water and Sewer Line Extension for new development north of Ely, State Street Resurfacing, and Well #2 renovations. Hoy demonstrated what sewer & property tax increases would look like for residents. Council set an informational open house to be held at the City Hall in the dining room on May 30, 2018 from 6-8 PM. This will be a forum where residents will be able to ask specific questions regarding the proposed projects.

Council member Hale moved, second by Rohner, to move forward with Well #2 renovations using cash on hand in the water fund. The repairs will cost \$24,419 plus another \$4,000 for the electronic aspects for switching between Well #1 & Well #2. Ayes: 5.

Council set a special council meeting for Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 12:30 PM to consider a zero-lot line request from MMS.

Council member Rohner moved, second by Hale, 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 9:40 and with no further business being evident, council adjourned the meeting by motion at 9:41 PM.

Eldrew Miller, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, Clerk/Administrator