

Ely City Council Proceedings

The Ely City Council met in regular session on 10/14/2019 in Council Chambers. Officials present were Council Members Kay Hale, Judy Wery, and Dan Whitaker. Council members Teri Billick and Ben Symonds were absent. Mayor Eldy Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council member Hale moved, second by Whitaker, to approve the agenda and the following consent items: Minutes from the 09/09/19 council meeting; September 2019 Treasurer's report; and Payment of claims totaling \$412,114.32.;

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

VENDOR	AMOUNT	VENDOR	AMOUNT
7G DISTRIBUTING LLC	513.64	LINN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH	45.00
ADVANCED BUSINESS SYSTEMS	78.64	LINN COUNTY SHERIFF	11,700.00
ADVANTAGE ACH	192.51	LIVING CHARACTERS	200.00
AIRGAS USA, LLC	30.00	LUANNE MILLER	54.23
ALLEGRA	983.63	LYNCH DALLAS, P.C.	3,303.50
ALLIANT	434.36	MARRILYN MERTA	25.00
ALLIANT	9,003.33	MELROSE COMPUTERS	800.00
AMAZON	260.75	MENARDS	196.52
BAKER & TAYLOR	1,004.90	MICHAEL TODD & COMPANY	191.81
BDH TECHNOLOGY	47.50	MICRO MARKETING	9.00
BOOMERANG CORP	243,606.95	MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	125.37
BROWN CONCRETE & BACKHOE	10,107.00	MMS CONSULTANTS, INC	26,520.85
CALLIE O'BRIEN	1,862.08	MUNICIPAL SUPPLY	2,577.41
CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC	109.00	NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	19.50
CASEY'S BUSINESS MASTERCARD	555.62	OHONA PEDAL PULLER	550.00
CEDAR VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY	130.00	ORKIN	326.91
CITY OF FAIRFAX	663.84	OVER DRIVE INC.	515.40
CKENDALL CONSULTING, LLC	2,425.14	PLAY IT AGAIN SPORTS	292.50
COLLECTION SERVICE CENTER	519.69	US POSTMASTER	534.27
COLLECTION SERVICE CENTER	591.07	US POSTMASTER	225.75
THE COMPANY STORE	421.50	PRIME MECHANICAL INC	414.41
CARDMEMBER SERVICES - LIB	554.42	PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL	87.12
CRL LAWN CARE	370.00	PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL	91.96
DANNY WHITSON	750.00	LINN COUNTY REC	490.52
DELTA DENTAL	225.55	RON STARK	91.68
DOMINI FUNDS FOR JEFFREY HORNE	171.81	SARAH SELTON	60.90
DOMINI FUNDS FOR JEFFREY HORNE	254.15	SCHUMACHER ELEVATOR COMPANY	184.32
DON SCOTT	200.00	SHERWIN-WILLIAMS	63.00
EFTPS	4,703.28	SIMMONS PERRINE MOYER BERGMAN	740.00
EFTPS	4,782.31	SOLBERG'S	209.00
ELI EBEL	30.00	SOLON STATE BANK	3,000.00
ETHAN STULL	30.00	SOLON STATE BANK	167.39
GAZETTE COMMUNICATIONS, INC	580.32	SOUTH SLOPE	635.49
H.F. HARTIN CONSTRUCTION	1,025.00	SPACE WALK	1,638.00
HAWKEYE FIRE & SAFETY	206.00	STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	962.50
HOUSE OF TROPHIES	1,619.00	T MARIE PORTRAITS PHOTO BOOTH	4,758.00
IA DIVISION OF LABOR/ELEVATOR	225.00	TELEDYNE INSTRUMENTS INC	3,134.00
INNOVATIVE SIGNS	133.52	TERMINIX	35.00
IOWA EXPRESS DELIVERY	360.00	TRACY CLAIR	24.36
IOWA ONE CALL	34.90	TRACTOR SUPPLY CO	57.96
IPERS	8,517.02	UNITED HEALTH	4,188.48
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES, INC.	147.50	UPS	49.55
KIRACOFFE OIL CO	1,494.10	VISION SERVICE PLAN	72.53
LEE'S AG CLINIC	2,336.07	WM OF CEDAR RAPIDS-IOWA CITY	12,157.89
LINN COUNTY EXTENSION	75.00	WOODWARD COMMUNITY MEDIA	170.00

September 2019 revenues per fund: General \$57,680.85; Road Use Tax \$25,517.44; Employee Benefit \$702.18; TIF \$9,837.69; Debt Service \$10,906.30; Water \$25,128.15; Sewer \$37,897.26; Storm Sewer \$1,570.64. Total \$169,240.51.

September 2019 expenses per fund: General \$88,460.37; RUT \$21,391.06; Capital Projects \$267,246.95; Water \$12,968.47; Sewer \$21,850.80. Total \$411,917.65

Department Reports:

Building Official: report presented and accepted.

Library: report on award received by the Library and bingo fundraiser

Park Board: minutes presented and accepted, report on Fall Fest accepted.

Planning & Zoning: Minutes from August 26th meeting accepted

Public Works: reports from Chris Henkel 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

Terry Smith of Ely addressed the State Street project.

Business

A discussion was held on 1600 Rowley. No bids came forward in the published period to move the house. Council wished to wait and see if someone emerged before seeking a demolition and directed staff to work with any parties that had shown interest.

The council discussed the first reading of Ordinance 282 adding stop signs on Ranmar Court and Ranmar Drive. Motion by Wery, second by Hale to approve the first reading. All ayes on a voice vote. Carried. Motion by Wery to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings, second by Hale. All ayes on a voice vote. Carried. Motion by Whitaker to implement ordinance upon publication, second by Wery. All ayes on a voice vote. Carried.

Deputy Clerk Luanne Miller presented a new phone system for City Hall to better direct incoming calls to the appropriate areas. Motion by Hale to go with Quote #2 to include one phone for the Community Center. Second by Whitaker. All ayes on a voice vote. Carried.

Ron Corbett from the Metro Economic Alliance made a presentation to the council about Ely joining and what costs would be to be included in their publications. Council wished more time to consider the issue and wanted to see what the experiences of other smaller communities in the organization have been.

A discussion was held on parking along Jappa Road because of a recent complaint made about on street parking in the area. Council directed staff to look at possible solutions and report back.

A discussion was held on the 28E Agreement with Linn County for snow removal for the upcoming 2019-20 season. Motion by Whitaker to approve agreement, second by Hale. All ayes on a voice vote. Carried.

A discussion was held regarding attorney services for the City. The council directed staff to prepare a request for proposal/qualifications and bring it back at the November meeting.

A discussion was held concerning the water main extension project. The contractor just started the project, which was supposed to be in August. Council directed staff to send a letter reminding them of the possibility of liquidated damages because of the late completion date of the project.

A discussion was held regarding storm water issues on Sunrise Drive. It was acknowledged that there was nothing the City could do to prevent flooding if there was a rain event similar to those that flooded the area in 2018, but council directed staff to bring back estimates on widening the culvert and storm water intake.

Scott Pottorff reviewed the progress on State Street/Vavra Drive project requiring approval of a pay request No.6 to Boomerang in the amount of \$49,763.50. Motions by Wery, second by Whitaker to approve pay estimate No. 6. All ayes on voice vote. Carried.

Scott Pottorff reviewed Change Order #10 for a water main re-location on the State Street/Vavra Drive project requiring for \$11,905.00. Motion to approve by Hale, Second by Wery. All ayes on a voice vote. Carried.

Scott Pottorff reviewed Change Order #11 for concrete removal near a culvert on the State Street/Vavra Drive project requiring for \$2,910. Council questioned the mobilization fee and other costs. Motion by Hale to table change order #11, second by Wery. All ayes on a voice vote. Carried.

Scott Pottorff reviewed Change Order #12 for a water connection excavation on the State Street/Vavra Drive project requiring for \$7,850. Council questioned the costs and actual work done. Motion by Hale to table change order #12, second by Whitaker. All ayes on a voice vote. Carried.

Scott Pottorff reviewed a request from Boomerang to extend the completion date of the project to October 11, 2019. Motion by Hale to extend completion date to Oct. 11, second by Wery. All ayes on a voice vote. Carried.

Scott Pottorff reviewed the design for the sidewalk to the pavilion in Vavra Park. Motion by Whitaker to approve longer sidewalk with more gradual slope, second by Hale. All ayes on a voice vote. Carried.

City Administrator Jeff Horne gave an update to the council on the parcel acquired by the City at 1510 Walker Street in Ely. It was decided to let tenants remain over the Winter and council directed staff to get a lease with the tenants that runs through March 31, 2020.

A discussion was held on forming an ad hoc committee to identify the next steps in the Library expansion project. Motion by Whitaker to appoint himself and council member Hale to committee along with the city administrator, librarian, and two members of the library board, second by Hale. All ayes on a voice vote. Carried.

A discussion was held about goal setting for the council for 2020-2022. Motion by Whitaker to proceed with moderator Elizabeth Hansen of Windsor Heights, IA on December 2, 2019, second by Hale. All ayes on a voice vote. Carried

With no further business being evident, council adjourned the meeting by motion made by Hale, seconded by Wery at 9:06 PM.

Eldrew Miller, Mayor

Jeffrey Horne, City Clerk