

Ely City Council Proceedings

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

Council member Hale moved, second by Symonds, to approve the agenda and the following consent items: Minutes from the 09/09/19 council meeting; September 2019 Treasurer's report; the Appointment of Annie Palas to the Planning and Zoning Commission and Payment of claims totaling \$731,303.04.;

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

VENDOR	AMOUNT
A TO Z CHEMICAL SUPPLY	\$ 753.53
ADVANCED BUSINESS SYSTEMS	\$ 90.88
ADVANTAGE ACH	\$ 192.51
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AIRGAS USA, LLC	\$ 30.00
ALLEGRA	\$ 314.32
ALLIANT	\$ 7,239.43
ALTORFER RENTS	\$ 205.00
AMAZON	\$ 774.75
BAKER & TAYLOR	\$ 299.72
BLUE LAKE PLASTICS	\$ 312.75
BOOMERANG CORP	\$ 431,126.62
BROWN SUPPLY CO	\$ 56.25
CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC	\$ 109.00
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	\$ 1,487.86
CASEY'S BUSINESS MASTERCARD	\$ 441.42
CEDAR VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY	\$ 130.00
CITY OF ELY	\$ 153.76
COL SVC CT	\$ 519.69
COLLECTION SERVICE CENTER	\$ 519.69
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CONTINENTAL WESTERN GROUP	\$ 1,000.00
CARDMEMBER SERVICES - LIB	\$ 77.00
CRL LAWN CARE	\$ 650.00
CUSTOM HOSE SUPPLIES, INC	\$ 366.74
DAN WHITAKER	\$ 130.39
DELTA DENTAL	\$ 280.34
DOMINI FUNDS FOR JEFFREY	\$ 254.15
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EFTPS	\$ 4,877.17
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ELDY MILLER	\$ 214.88

FASTENAL	\$ 62.28
GAZETTE	\$ 183.71
GAZETTE COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$ 104.42
GEE ASPHALT SYSTEM, INC.	\$ 2,433.56
gWorks	\$ 4,071.94
HINTON PLUMBING & REPAIR	\$ 127.50
ICMA MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS	\$ 560.00
IA MUNICIPALITIES WORKERS COMP	\$ 1,862.00
IOWA EXPRESS DELIVERY	\$ 120.00
IOWA ONE CALL	\$ 102.60
IOWA STORMWATER EDUCATION PART	\$ 35.00
IPERS	\$ 5,831.11
KAY HALE	\$ 225.51
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES, INC.	\$ 25.00
KIRACOFE OIL CO	\$ 2,155.45
LINN COUNTY TREASURER	\$ 11,339.00
LYNCH DALLAS, P.C.	\$ 785.50
LYNCH FORD-MT VERNON	\$ 51.30
MARY MCGUIRE	\$ 250.00
MENARDS	\$ 104.79
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	\$ 114.40
MIDWEST PATCH	\$ 1,000.00
MMS CONSULTANTS, INC	\$ 18,894.00
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	\$ 39.30
OFFICE EXPRESS	\$ 69.90
POPULAR SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES	\$ 376.15
POSTMASTER	\$ 181.50
US POSTMASTER	\$ 220.15
PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL	\$ 96.80
RATHJE CONSTRUCTION CO	\$ 199,960.75
LINN COUNTY REC	\$ 270.54
RON STARK	\$ 131.96
SARAH SELLON	\$ 56.84
SIMMONS PERRINE MOYER BERGMAN	\$ 440.00
SOLON STATE BANK	\$ 136.74
SOLON STATE BANK	\$ 118.12
SOLON STATE BANK	\$ 40.00
SOUTH SLOPE	\$ 627.10
ST. LUKES WORK WELL SOLUTIONS	\$ 20.00
CORPORATE BILLING, LLC	\$ 692.72
TECH SOLUTIONS	\$ 312.50
TERMINIX	\$ 334.25

TO THE LETTER TYPE & DESIGN	\$	50.00
TRACY CLAIR	\$	30.74
TYLER C SHURBON	\$	35.00
UNITED HEALTH	\$	4,791.38
UPS	\$	106.44
VITAL IMAGERY LTD	\$	50.00
VISION SERVICE PLAN	\$	80.46
WM OF CEDAR RAPIDS-IOWA CITY	\$	12,250.47
WILLIAM & LISA HORRIGAN	\$	55.40
WOODWARD COMMUNITY MEDIA	\$	170.00
Accounts Payable Total	\$	731,303.04

October 2019 revenues per fund: General \$48,679.38; Water \$22,674.90; Sewer \$36,272.06; Storm Sewer \$1,565.61. Total \$109,191.95

October 2019 expenses per fund: General \$65,050.89; RUT \$18,993.36; Capital Projects \$23,640.00; Water \$11,518.73; Sewer \$18,957.61. Total \$138,160.59

Department Reports:

Building Official: report presented and accepted.

Library: report on award received by the Library

Park Board: minutes presented and accepted

Public Works: reports from Casey, Grover Chris Henkel and Ron Stark were presented and accepted. Ron Stark discussed part time snow removal help with the council.

Community Comments

No Community Comments.

Business

A discussion was held on 1600 Rowley. Mr. Dan Novak was on hand to discuss his interest in the house and where and how he might move it. He will continue to explore and keep in contact with the City.

A discussion was held regarding snowmobile routes in town for the 2019-20 season. Representatives from the snow mobile club indicated that they would park behind Casey's and walk to businesses and would not need to have an area behind City Hall.

An update was given on the Meadowbrook Drainage. The City Administrator informed the Council that Terracon would take a more advanced look at the issue and report to the City. Residents have been kept informed by email.

A discussion was held regarding the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a library architect. Once approved by the Library Board it will be issued shortly after the new year begins in January with the idea of having someone on board in the Spring.

A discussion was held on Tax Increment Financing. The City will be using TIF for 2 bond payments; one for a sewer refinance and one for the 2014 General Obligation Bond. Motion by Wery to approve certification for FY 20-21, second by Symonds. All ayes on a voice vote. Carried.

A discussion was held on Sunrise Drive Drainage. City Engineer Scott Pottorff described house widening out the intake might work. It would help move water faster, but would not solve problem during a large rain event. Council directed him to proceed and bring back costs and more detail at a meeting before Spring.

A discussion was held regarding a Request for Proposal (RFP) for City Attorney services. Motion by Whitaker to issue RFP with a due date of December 31, 2019, second by Hale. All ayes on a voice vote. Carried.

An update was held concerning the water main extension project. City Engineer Scott Pottorff discussed the progress with the council.

A discussion was held regarding Buresh's 4th Addition Plat. Jim Buresh felt a hydrant was not spelled out in the agree and that the City should be responsible. Council felt that all this is covered in the agreement as an improvement. It was decided to include an addendum in the development agreement that would spell it out in more detail. Once completed the plat could be approved at the December meeting. Motion by Wery to table until the December meeting, second by Symonds. 3-0 on voice vote, Hale abstaining.

Scott Pottorff reviewed the progress on State Street/Vavra Drive project requiring approval of a pay request No.7 to Boomerang in the amount of \$431,126.62. Motion by Whitaker to approve, second by Symonds. All ayes on voice vote. Carried.

A discussion was held regarding parking on Jappa Road. The staff recommended no street parking because of the amount of traffic and narrowness of the road. The council felt that one sided parking would work better and directed staff to contact residents and prepare an ordinance change for the December meeting.

A discussion was held regarding the Fiscal Year 2020-21 budget process schedule. A meeting on capital projects and equipment will be held on December 16th at 6 PM and the meeting on operations budgets and other detail will be January 20th at 6 PM. The budget public hearing will be on March 9th.

With no further business being evident, council adjourned the meeting by motion made by Hale, seconded by Wery at 9:02 PM.

Eldrew Miller, Mayor

Jeffrey Horne, City Clerk