

Ely City Council Proceedings

The Ely City Council met in regular session on February 10, 2020 in Council Chambers. Officials present were Mayor Eldy Miller, Council Members Dan Whitaker William Tuthill, Kay Hale, Ben Symonds, Judy Wery. Mayor Eldy Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council member Wery moved, second by Hale, to approve the following consent items: Minutes from the 01-13-20 and 01-20-20 council meetings; Payment of claims totaling \$662,469.88. Ayes – 5.

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

A to Z Chemical Supply	1,931.43	Menards, supply	157.03
Advance Business System, copies	125.48	MidAmerican, utilities	665.50
Advantage ACH, FSA	30.00	Midwest Patch, barricades	1,652.00
Advantage ACH,FSA	192.51	Midwest Wheel, Shop & Vehicle	437.22
Air Filter Sales & Service WWTP Maint	309.48	Miracle Recreation, Climber Links	344.67
Airgas, supply	30.00	MMS, engineer fees	9,113.00
Alliant Energy, utilities	7,167.07	Municipal Supply, software	2,100.00
Amazon, library media	174.58	Neal's Water Cond, City Hall maint	19.50
Baker & Taylor, books	1,454.83	Novak Unlimited, Snow Removal	80.00
Boomerang Corp, Pmt 6	49,763.50	Office Express, office supply	334.37
Boomerang Corp, Pmt 9	11,526.35	US Postmaster, postage	216.65
Brennan Cline, Dugout Labor	200.00	Prime Mechanical, repair	904.20
Brown Well & Pump, Leak Investigate	2,520.69	Principal, life ins	91.96
Cannon Financial, copier lease	109.00	Pro Video, Sound System	80.00
Cardmember Services, supply	591.41	Rathje – Water Line Pmt 3	394,271.75
Casey's, fuel	316.71	Rathje – Water Line Pmt 4	72,958.10
City of Ely, Walker Utilities	154.22	Linn County REC, electric	324.33
City of Fairfax, Dec Inspections	243.15	Ron Stark, reimbursement	41.64
Collection Service Center, support	1,443.07	Roto Rooter, Camera Dows St,	447.50
College Putnam Ely Fire Agency	25,715.00	Sarah Sellon, reimbursement	51.04
Compass Minerals Amer., salt	2,095.95	Schimberg, Skimmers WWTP	386.16
Custom Hose Supplies, PW Supplies	37.80	Schumacher Elevator, maint	184.32
Delta Dental, Ins	335.13	SESAC, Music license	414.00
Domini Funds, IRA Whld	308.16	Simmons, Perrine, legal	220.00
EFTPS, fed/fica tax	9,589.28	Solon Hardware, Hose Clamps	9.04
Electronic Engineering, Park Camera	781.99	Solon State Banks, Petty Cash	186.39
Gazette, publications	330.70	South Slope, phone/internet	674.38
Hinton Plumbing & Repair, Water Valves	85.00	State Hygienic, lab	1,021.00
IA Assoc Building Officials, Dues	50.00	State Library of Iowa, Kids First	375.00
IA Assoc Municipal Utilities, Dues	710.00	Storm Steel, Chipper Box	768.00
IA Mayors Association, Dues	30.00	Terminix, pest control	82.25
Iowa Once Call, locates	127.80	To the letter, newsletter typeset	55.00
Iowa Title Company, 1600 Rowley	394.00	Tom Roth, comedy show	950.00
IPERS, contributions	8,257.33	Tracy Clair, reimbursement	24.36
IPERS #122 Benefit	140.01	Tyler Schurbon, reimbursement	106.99
JDM Concrete, Sand	280.00	UMB Bank, bond fees	250.00
Keystone Labs, PW Lab services	25.00	United Health, Med ins	7,260.41
Kiracofe Oil, LP Fuel	1,365.50	Upbeat, Doggie Waste Bags	158.60
Kolt Stulz-O'Brien, dugout volunteer	200.00	UPS, shipping	39.16
Lamar Advertising, Permit Refund	25.00	VSP, insurance	78.68
Letter Perfect, Name plates	30.51	Waste Management, services	12,406.50
Lynch Dallas, legal services	759.00	Woodward Comm. Media, publication	170.00
Martin Marietta, Street Rock	613.22	Payroll, 12-09-19 to 01-13-20	27,544.33

Total \$662,469.88

January 2020 expenses per fund: General \$117,292.22; Road Use Tax \$28,184.98; Debt Service \$750; Cap Proj \$950,000; Water Main Ext \$422,111.75; Water \$85,550.27; Sewer Trunk Ext \$250.00; Sewer \$202,549.41. Total \$1,806,688.63

January 2020 receipts per fund: General \$28,469.91; Employee Benefits \$39.35; TIF \$560.74; Debt Service \$611.90; Water Main Ext \$950,000.00; Water \$21,446.11; Water Sinking \$63,085.00; Sewer \$32,348.02; Sewer Sinking \$187,776.00 Storm Sewer \$1,618.63 Total \$1,285,955.66.

Department Reports:

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

Building Official: report presented and accepted.

Library: minutes and report presented and accepted. Upcoming events were also discussed.

Park Board: Minutes from the Park Board's previous meeting were received. Upcoming events were discussed.

Planning & Zoning: Minutes presented and accepted. Pending items before the commission were discussed.

Public Works: reports from Public Works staff were presented and accepted.

Community Comments

Jacob Adams of Ely requested the City Council revise the Vicious Animal Ordinance to remove Bull Terriers, who are not a dangerous breed. Council directed staff to bring back sample ordinances and look at ordinances from nearby cities for the March meeting.

Business

County Supervisor Brent Oleson gave the City Council an update on Linn County and presented them with the annual report. County Road Supervisor Jerad Kelly was also present and discussed road conditions during recent storms.

The City Council reviewed a bid for demolition of 1600 Rowley. City Administrator Horne informed the council that several firms had been solicited for bids, but only one chose to submit one. The bid was above \$22,000. Dan Novak had presented a plan to move the house for \$15,000 and council wanted to compare to the cost of demolition. Motion by Whitaker to approve Mr. Novak's proposal, seconded by Hale. All Ayes on a voice vote.

Council member Tuthill moved to adopt Resolution 2020-02-007 Amending the developer's agreement for Deer Valley. Seconded by Hale. Passed on a 5-0 roll call vote.

After discussion concerning the Spring Clean Up for 2020 council member Hale moved to set the date for May 16, 2020. Second by Symonds. All ayes on a voice vote.

The new investment policy was accidentally left out of the packet. Motion by Whitaker to table until March meeting, second by Hale. All ayes on a voice vote.

A public hearing was held on the maximum dollars in the fiscal year 2021 city budget. No one spoke.

Council member Whitaker moved to adopt Resolution 2020-02-009 Approving maximum taxed for Fiscal Year 2021. Passed on a 5-0 roll call vote.

Council member Hale moved to set the public hearing for the fiscal year 2021 budget for March 9 at 6:00 PM. Seconded by Wery. All ayes on a voice vote.

Payment request number 4 was presented for the North Water Main project in the amount of \$72,958.10. A motion was made by Council member Hale, seconded by Council member Symonds, all ayes. Carried.

Payment request number 9 was presented was presented for the State Street/Vavra project in the amount of \$11,526.35

A discussion was held on the upcoming Hoosier Creek Sewer project. It was decided to have a work session on February 19 at 6 PM for the public to review the project.

Council member Hale introduced the second reading of Ordinance #283 amending provisions of the city code pertaining to parking allowed on only one side of street. Council member Symonds seconded the motion and roll call was as all ayes. Council member Wery moved to waive the 3rd reading. Second by Hale. All ayes on a roll call vote. Council member Hale moved to adopt, second by Symonds. All ayes on a roll call vote.

Council member Tuttle introduced the first reading of Ordinance #294 adding sections dealing with private wells. Council member Whitaker seconded the motion and roll call was all ayes. Council member Whitaker moved to waive the second and third readings, seconded by Symonds. All ayes on a roll call vote. Motion by council member Wery to adopt, seconded by Hale. All ayes on a roll call vote.

Motion by Hale to approve Jim Miller's application for a conservation property tax exemption. Seconded by Symonds. All ayes on a voice vote.

Eldy Miller, Mayor

Jeffrey R. Horne, Clerk/Administrator