

Ely City Council Proceedings

The Ely City Council met in regular session on March 9, 2020 in Council Chambers. Officials present were Mayor Eldy Miller, Council Members William Tuthill, Kay Hale, Ben Symonds, Judy Wery. Council member Whitaker absent. 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 02-04-20, 02-10-20 and 02-19-20 council meetings; Payment of claims totaling \$98,292.33. Ayes – 4.

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

A to Z Chemical Supply – Ice Melt	1,102.61	IA One Call, Locates	47.70
ABC Disposal Systems - Compost	50.00	Iowa Once Call, locates	127.80
ACS Solutions - Salt	2,937.96	IPERS, contributions	5,627.27
Advantage ACH, FSA	192.51	Kathy Wilson, Performance	150.00
Advantage ACH,FSA	192.51	Ken Way Excavation, Clean Out	320.00
Airgas, supply	1,652.26	Keystone Labs, PW Lab services	25.00
Alliant Energy, utilities	7,887.88	Luanne Miller, Envelopes	999.10
Alliant Energy, utilities	190.70	Menards, supply	970.24
Amazon, library media	498.26	MidAmerican, utilities	296.83
Baker & Taylor, books	766.89	Midwest Patch, safety vests	150.00
BDI Cedar Rapids – Vehicle Repair	202.26	Midwest Wheel, Shop & Vehicle	212.68
Blackstone Publishing – Audio Books	248.30	Municipal Supply, gun repair	477.00
Blank Park Zoo – Library event	179.17	Neal’s Water Cond, City Hall maint	39.30
Cardmember Services, supply	120.59	Novak Unlimited, Snow Removal	10.00
Casey's, fuel	474.15	Office Express, office supply	50.49
City of Ely, Walker Utilities	153.30	US Postmaster, postage	214.90
CKendall Consulting – Clerk Services	7,693.73	Principal, life ins	46.85
Collection Service Center, support	426.00	Region 1 AWWA, Well Operators	25.00
Collection Service Center, support	426.00	Sarah Sellon, reimbursement	64.96
Collection Service Center, support	591.07	Simmons, Perrine, legal	100.00
Collection Service Center, support	591.07	Solon Economist, NOJOCO	35.00
Cardmember Services, Library	345.72	South Slope, phone/internet	669.44
Dalinc, Data Conference	55.00	St. Lukes, Drug Testing	65.00
Delta Dental, Ins	308.80	Storm Steel, Chipper Box	123.88
Domini Funds, IRA Whld	254.15	Terminix, pest control	82.25
Domini Funds, IRA Whld	254.15	Tracy Clair, reimbursement	605.25
EFTPS, fed/fica tax	4,991.39	Tractor Supply, Supplies	318.85
EFTPS, fed/fica tax	4,699.87	United Health, Med ins	6,657.45
Ferguson Enterprises, Shop Faucet	180.71	Unity Point, Drug Testing	42.00
Gazette, publications	339.98	UPS, shipping	14.49
GPM, Flow Meter	515.00	VSP, insurance	7.62
Grainger, Skimmers PW	125.20	VSP, insurance	70.69
Hartford Group – STD Ins	383.42	Waste Management, services	12,445.94
IA Prison Industries, Signs	95.00	Woodward Comm. Media, publication	170.00
IMFOA, Dues	20.00	Windows by Pella, Comm. Ctr	345.80
IA Assoc Building Officials, training	53.34	Payroll, February	27,437.40
IA DNR, NPDES Permit	175.00	Total	\$98,292.33

Feb 2020 expenses per fund: General \$60,973.92; Road Use Tax \$12,955.20; Main Ext \$175; Water \$11,344.14; Sewer \$12,844.07. Total \$98,292.33

Feb 2020 receipts per fund: General \$23,543.62; Road Use Tax \$21,910.72 Employee Benefits \$62.22; Local Option Sales Tax \$ 16,117.11; TIF \$504.68; Debt Service \$927.45; Capital Projects \$914.16; Water \$20,930.62; Sewer \$35,786.18; Storm Water \$1,531.46; Total \$122,228.22

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. Council was shown drawing of City Hall playground renovation

Planning & Zoning: Minutes presented and accepted. Mayor was to make list for council assignments for upcoming meetings

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

Community Comments

Lou Rogers of Marion introduced himself as a candidate for House district 68 in Fall 2020

Business

Tom Rohner of Odies requested a street closure for an event on June 7th from 11 AM to 4 PM from Walker to Main Street. Motion to approve by Symonds, second by Tuttle. All ayes on a voice vote.

Tom Rohner of Odies voiced concerns about regulations for Food Trucks. Cal Corrin of House Divided and Michael Rozum of Dan & Debbie's Creamery also spoke. All favored, but felt some regulation was appropriate. Council directed city administrator to bring back a possible model ordinance to the April meeting.

Joe Horaney of the Linn County Solid Waste Agency made a presentation to the council about current events at the agency.

Council member Wery moved to approve the contract with Verizon for a cell tower located near the city water tower to improve service in Ely. Second by Hale. All ayes on a voice vote.

Dan Novak sent a letter to the council withdrawing his offer to move the house at 1600 Rowley. Motion to accept letter by Symonds, second by Hale. All ayes on a voice vote. It was decided to work with the Fire Department to allow them to use the house for training. Council directed staff to first check on asbestos requirement and then work on a timeline with the Fire Department.

Motion by Symonds to approve Resolution 2020-03.11 Approving City Investment Policy. Second by Tuttle. Passed 4-0 on roll call vote.

A public hearing was held on the Fiscal Year 2021 budget. The levy for fiscal year 2021 is \$10.79 per \$1,000 of taxable value. A reduction of \$.02 from fiscal year 2020. There were no comments

Motion by Hale to approve Resolution 2020-03.12 Adopting the fiscal year 2021 budget, second by Wery. Passed 4-0 on roll call vote.

Payment request number 10 was presented was presented for the State Street/Vavra project in the amount of \$3,344.57. Motion by Hale to approve, second by Symonds. All ayes on a voice vote.

A discussion was held on the vicious animal ordinance and there was agreement to remove breed specific language as well as to lay out penalties for owners. Council directed staff to prepare an ordinance for the April meeting.

Motion by Tuttle to adjourn, second by Hale. All ayes on a voice vote. Meeting adjourned 8:12 PM

Eldy Miller, Mayor

Jeffrey R. Horne, Clerk/Administrator