

Ely City Council Special Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2020

The Ely City Council met in special session on 04/13/2020 electronically using the Zoom platform. Officials in attendance were Mayor Eldy Miller and Council Members William Tuttle, Ben Symonds, Judy Wery, Kay Hale, and Dan Whitaker.

Mayor Eldy Miller opened the meeting at 5:01 PM.

Pat Callahan gave general overview of the timetable for the search process; overview of Wage and Benefit Package – no revisions; overview of Online Interviews of Semi-Finalists to be held April 21st 5:00 pm with interviews to begin at 5:30 pm; Finalist interviews May 1st & 2nd. Pat to provide selection of questions. If council members have specific questions, please provide to Pat by Thursday, April 16th.

Council discussed the 14 candidates and consensus on 7 Semi-Finalists for the Online Interviews on April 21st. One of the 7 candidates noted they may be unable to make the Tuesday, April 21st interview. Pat will discuss with candidate and if unable to make April 21st will give them an option of Wednesday, April 22nd. Pat contacting semi-finalists after special work session and will work with City Hall on sending packets of information to candidates.

Pat suggestion on the finalist interviews; if 3 strong candidates then interview all three, if not keep it to 2 finalists.

No further discussion evident, council adjourned meeting by motion Council member Whitaker and 2nd by Council member Symonds at 5:38 pm.

Eldrew Miller, Mayor

Luanne R. Miller, Deputy Clerk

A special meeting of the Ely City Council was held April 13, 2020. In order to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus, this special meeting of the Ely City Council was held electronically. Chapter 21.8 of the Iowa Code does permit an electronic meeting where all members participate remotely when an in-person meeting is impossible or impractical, which is certainly true during this crisis. On March 19, 2020, Governor Reynolds issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency which included a suspension of Iowa laws that would prevent the use of electronic meetings or the limitation on the number of people present at an in-person meeting site. The agenda and the City's social media had a message posted more than 24 hours in advance to give instructions on how others could participate in the meeting: Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the City of Ely will be holding this special city council meeting electronically via ZOOM virtual conference meeting.