

(Subject to approval)
CITY OF ELY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 18, 2024

WORK SESSION FOR BUDGET: City Council had a budget work session from 6:0pm – 6:50pm. Council heard from the city financial consultant Cindy Kendall, who took council through the highlights of the budget for FY25. Mayor Ladwig adjourned the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER: The City Council of Ely, Iowa, met in regular session on March 18, 2024, at 7:00pm with Mayor Scott Ladwig presiding. The following City Council members were present: Carol Thompson, Judy Wery, James Cox; Dan Whitaker and Mark Becicka.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Becicka, 2nd by Cox to approve consent agenda of minutes of February 19, 2024 & bills payable. All Ayes. Motion Carried 5-0

Listed below are the approved bills payable

VENDOR	AMOUNT
ADVANCED BUSINESS SYSTEMS	81.45
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES-BUS	1,100.61
BAKER & TAYLOR	787.23
BANKCARD SERVICES-CENTRAL BANK	1,964.86
BASE	30.00
COLLECTION SERVICE CENTER	184.61
COLONIAL LIFE INSURANCE	48.82
CSG FORTE PAYMENTS, INC	962.17
CUSTOM HOSE SUPPLIES, INC	8.34
EFTPS	6,525.78
ELDY MILLER	156.33
VISA	479.89
IA PRISON INDUSTRIES	92.30
ION ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS LL	825.00
KIRACOFE OIL CO	821.75
MENARDS	297.37
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	20.50
OFFICE EXPRESS	111.02
RACHEL LAMB	35.00
ROTO-ROOTER	682.50
SAFETY VEHICLE EMBLEM, IC	172.85
SARAH SELLON	81.07
SCHIMBERG CO	260.32
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS	28.98
SOLON ECONOMIST	75.00
TRACY CLAIR	6.70

UNDER-HILL TRUCK & AUTO REPAIR	709.57
USA BLUE BOOK	108.12
<u>ZACH KULISH</u>	<u>435.00</u>
Accounts Payable Total	17,093.14
<u>Payroll Checks</u>	<u>19,333.17</u>
Total	37,228.72

City Department Reports: City Administrator Miller gave council an update Rathje's is starting on the Banner Valley sidewalk project next week. Residents on the route have been notified. Mostly dirt work to start. Cement work will start once the temperatures are consistently above freezing. Cy's Tree Service is in town starting on Ash Tree removal. Callie is working with Linn County Sustainability on a \$5,000 tree grant to help replace some of the canopy the city is losing. Reminder that residents have until this Saturday, March 23, to join this program. Pre-construction meeting for the City Park Parking lot is this Thursday. Pre-construction meeting for the Downtown infrastructure Project is scheduled for April 2nd. Following that meeting we will schedule a meeting with the MMS (parking lot) and YTT (Krobs) to collaborate schedules. That will be followed by a Good Neighbor Meeting before the project starts. P&Z reviewed draft ordinances for water & sewer tapping fees. City Admin Miller plans on adding this as a discussion item at a future council meeting. Still working on the Traffic Calming Study. New solar power source arrived for radar sign on Jappa and Tyler is installing this week so we can collect data from that location. A new Storm Water Committee was formed utilizing members from P&Z. This group will meet at least once annually to help satisfy the requirement of the city's MS4 permit. Working on the annual MS4 report that is due by March 31st.

Library Director Sellon discussed the \$20,000 grant the Ely Library was given. Only 204 recipients were given this grant across the country.

Parks and Rec Director Stulz-O'Brien reminded everyone of the egg hunt this Saturday at 10am and Sunday is the volunteer luncheon at 11am.

The Sheriff's Report was presented by Deputy Tope. No questions from city council.

Community Comments/requests: no public comments

Business: Public Hearing on amending Chapter 50 of the Code of Ordinances in the City of Ely Nuisance Abatement Procedure. Motion to close public hearing by Wery and 2nd by Whitaker. All Ayes. Motion carried. 5-0

Motion by Cox, 2nd by Thompson first reading of public Ordinance 307 Amending Chapter 50, Nuisance Abatement Procedure. All Ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Wery, 2nd by Cox resolution approving amending change order to windows & doors purchase for City Hall. All Ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Becicka, 2nd by Thompson resolution approving Amendment #3 to agreement with MSA for Downtown Master Planning & Preliminary Engineering. All Ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Cox, 2nd by Becicka resolution approving contract and performance and/or payment bonds for the Ely Downtown Reconstruction – Phase 1 Project. All Ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Wery, 2nd by Becicka for resolution approving with MSA for engineering services related to the Ely Downtown Reconstruction – Phase 1 Project. All Ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Whitaker, 2nd by Thompson resolution approving modification to storm water basin in Buresch Estates. All Ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Becicka, 2nd by Whitaker resolution approving site plan for Main Street Legacy (Krobs) Building. All Ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Cox, 2nd by Becicka resolution approving Street Maintenance Plan. All Ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion related to service line repair at 1930 Dows Street. Resident Blake Ford spoke to the council about a bill he received after a waterline break on his property. Council member Wery requested a written letter from Blake's homeowners' insurance on how much they would cover on this bill. Motion by Wery, 2nd by Becicka to table discussion until further information is available. All Ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

Motioned by Whitaker, 2nd by Becicka by to adjourn the meeting. All Ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Ladwig adjourned the meeting at 7:59pm.