



CITY OF ELY

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ELY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

September 28, 2023, 5:00 p.m. – Ely Volunteer Fire Hall – 499 Mill Street – Ely, Nevada

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THE COUNCIL MEMBERS MAY ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS OUT OF SEQUENCE, COMBINE TWO OR MORE AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION, REMOVE AN ITEM OR DELAY DISCUSSION AT ANY TIME TO ACCOMMODATE PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL OR TO AID IN THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE MEETINGS.

1. OPENING ACTIVITIES:

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
INVOCATION
ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: Per City Council action October 27, 2022, and in accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes 241.020, **public comment at the beginning of city council meetings is narrowed to agenda items only.** The public comment period at the close of city council meetings is for any matter relevant to or within the authority of the Public Body. Comments not exceeding three (3) minutes in length will be accepted from the general public in attendance. If any are made, there may be discussion upon those comments. No vote, decision, or action may be taken upon matters raised under this item until it is formally placed on the agenda. **Comments during Discussion Items will not be accepted from the General public.** “Section 7.05 of the Nevada Open Meeting Law Manual indicates that the Public Body may prohibit comment if the content of the comments is a topic that is not relevant to or within the authority of the Public Body or if the content of the comments is willfully disruptive of the meeting by being irrelevant, repetitious, slanderous, offensive, inflammatory, irrational or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers”.

3. Mayor – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval of Agenda, including removal of agenda items.

4. CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- FIRE CHIEF
- POLICE CHIEF
- MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE
- CITY ATTORNEY
- CITY CLERK
- CITY TREASURER / HR DIRECTOR
- CITY PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR
- CITY WATER OPERATOR
- CITY ENGINEER
- CITY BUILDING OFFICIAL

5. REPORTS

**CITY COUNCIL
MAYOR**

THE MAYOR WILL RECESS THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR A MEETING OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF ELY

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF ELY.

1. Councilman Trask – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval of proposed plan to use \$200,000, or an amount to be determined, of Redevelopment Funds for Residential/Commercial improvement grants, Infrastructure and Downtown facades.

THE MAYOR WILL RECESS THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF ELY AND RECONVENE THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION ONLY OF THE ELY CITY COUNCIL.

A. CONSENT AGENDA (These items may be approved in one motion by the Council as its first action of business under For Discussion/Possible Action items.) Approval of the Consent Agenda approves each of these items. Council Members may remove any item from the Consent Agenda by notifying the Mayor or Mayor pro temp.

MOTION: Move to approve the Consent Agenda item 7A-1 Minutes and 7A-2 Bills

Moved by: _____ Second by: _____ Vote: _____

1. Discussion/For Possible Action – Minutes.
 - [August 17, 2023](#)
2. Discussion/For Possible Action – Bills.
 - [September 11, 2023](#)
 - [September 13, 2023](#)
 - [September 20, 2023](#)

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Robertson – [Discussion/For Possible Action](#) - Approval of support letter to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for the Bald Mountain Mine Expansion Juniper Project.
2. Councilwoman Williams-Harper – [Discussion/For Possible Action](#) – Joinder by the City of Ely in litigation brought by the State of Nevada against the Nevada Northern Railway Foundation; appointment of Maupin, Cox & LeGoy as legal counsel for the City of Ely along with City Attorney; and funding of litigation.
3. Councilwoman Williams-Harper – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval to set a cap for Thompson Hine Legal Fees at \$35,000 for future expenses in regard to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) filings involving the White Pine Pumped Storage Project, to protect the interests of the Nevada Northern Railway Foundation and the City of Ely.
4. Mayor Robertson – Discussion/For Possible Action – Annual Performance Evaluation of Public Works Director Mike Cracraft to include, but not limited to consideration of character, alleged misconduct, professional competence, or physical or mental health. Possible action includes, but is not limited to, termination, suspension, demotion, reprimand, reduction or increase in pay, promotion, endorsement, engagement, retention, or “no action.”
5. Councilwoman Elliott – Discussion Only – Update on Porter Group efforts on the City of Ely’s behalf to secure federal and State funding.
6. Councilwoman Williams-Harper – Discussion Only – White Pine Chamber of Commerce monthly report.
7. Council Members – City Clerk Lee – [Discussion/For Possible Action](#) – Consent to Verizon’s equipment modifications, pursuant to the City of Ely’s lease agreement with Verizon Wireless.

8. Council Members – Public Works Director Cracraft – [Discussion/For Possible Action](#) – Review of City of Ely surplus property list with direction to City staff to release a bid invitation for all property determined to be surplus.

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9. ADJOURNMENT: THE MEETING MAY BE ADJOURNED BY APPROPRIATE MOTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL. * Open session – Action/Discussion – Personnel**

The meeting may be closed by appropriate motion for the purpose of discussion on any matter allowed under N.R.S. 241.031 and 241.033. (1) nothing contained in this chapter prevents a public body from holding a closed meeting to consider the character, alleged misconduct, professional competence or physical or mental health of a person/employee. (2) A public body may close a meeting upon a motion, which specifies the nature of the business to be considered. (3) This chapter does not: (a) Apply to judicial proceedings. (b) Prevent the removal of any person who willfully disrupts a meeting to the extent that its orderly conduct is made impractical. (c) Prevent the exclusion of witnesses from a public or private meeting during the examination of another witness. (d) Require that any meeting be closed to the public. (e) Permit a closed meeting for the discussion of the appointment of any person to public office or as a member of a public body. (4) The exception provided by this section, and electronic communication, must not be used to circumvent the spirit or letter of this chapter in order to discuss or act upon a matter over which the public body has supervision, control, jurisdiction or advisory powers. In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA’s TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English. To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at <https://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaintfilingcust.html> and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; Fax: (202) 690-7442; or Email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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I, Jennifer Lee, City Clerk, did cause to be posted on **September 22, 2023**, by **5:00 p.m.** four (4) notices of the Ely City Council agenda in said City of Ely to wit: Posted at the doors or bulletin boards of City Hall located at 501 Mill Street, White Pine County Library located at 950 Campton Street, White Pine County Courthouse located at 801 Clark Street and the U.S. Post Office located at 2600 Bristlecone Avenue. The meeting notice is also posted on the City of Ely’s website at <https://www.cityofelynv.gov/> and the State of Nevada Public Notices website at <https://notice.nv.gov>.

