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ELY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

September 26, 2024, 5:00 p.m. **– Ely Volunteer Fire Hall – 499 Mill Street – Ely, Nevada**

1. Mayor Robertson called the regular meeting of the Ely City Council to order at **5:00 P.M**. Mayor Robertson led in the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for Roll Call.

Members present:
- Mayor Nathan Robertson
- Councilman Terrill Trask
- Councilwoman Samantha Elliott
- Councilman Jim Alworth
- Councilwoman Jerri Lynn Williams-Harper

Members absent:
- Councilman Kurt Carson

City Officials and staff present in the building or via video conference:
- City Clerk Jennifer Lee
- City Treasurer / HR Director Janette Trask
- City Public Works Director Mike Cracraft
- City Fire Chief Pat Stork
- City Engineer B.J. Almberg
- City Attorney Shain Manuele (joined by Zoom at 5:10 p.m.)
- City Municipal Court Judge Mike Coster (Zoom)
- City Administrative Assistant Patti Cobb

Also, in attendance: Members of the public in attendance at the Ely Volunteer Fire Hall signed in (appears below) and the following people attended via video conference: Geri Wopschall, Logan Neely, Norma Kilbourn, and Pat Robison.

ELY CITY COUNCIL ATTENDANCE LIST

DATE: September 26, 2024

Print name below	Print name below
MARK BASSETT	
George Chachas	
Dean Reynolds	
JOHN GIANOLI	
SHARON ROBERTSON	
SOFIA ROBERTSON	
Mel Van Camp	

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2. PUBLIC COMMENT

George Chachas stated on your agenda item 7B-1 you are to consider possible approval of the City of Ely's Title VI Implementation Plan. There was nothing in the meeting packet materials for the public to see what the Council is contemplating. When did the Council receive the plan? Why are you selectively discriminating against me in providing public information; the law says three days prior, not ten years after. On your agenda item 7B-4, I want to remind you the City should not be using taxpayers' money to support a private club that promotes only its members and no other business. The Council is funding an entity that excludes businesses and individuals that are not dues payers. Members of the Council that are also members of the Chamber of Commerce are intentionally violating the ethics laws that pertain to using taxpayers' dollars to benefit themselves. The Council needs to remove the City from any membership that does not assist all citizens and businesses. On your agenda items 7B-5 you are to consider the approval to pay Paragon Construction Systems Inc. for repairs at Milepost 142 on track jointly owned by the City and Nevada Northern Railway Foundation; that item needs to be denied. On the last sentence in the first paragraph of their presentation they state our funds are being invested in steam locomotives. However, they left out the investing also includes lawyers and litigation. The railroad foundation does not operate under the Nevada Open Meeting Law, and the taxpayers have no idea on how their money is spent. They would have enough money had the Foundation collected the track rental fees from S & S Short Line for fifteen years or more. There's malfeasance there, folks. The city has no obligation to keep bailing them out. They need to operate in the open, and they're not doing it. Thank you.

John Gianoli stated I just wanted to appear for a moment today and reiterate my support for item two under New Business, the initial reading of an ordinance to control hunting within the City limits. I very much appreciate your prompt reaction to this and getting this done. I see counsel isn't here, but I appreciate his time and getting it done. I appreciate your support going forward on this item because I definitely think this is a very important issue. Thank you.

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

Councilman Trask moved to approve the agenda as presented. Councilwoman Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- **CITY FIRE CHIEF**

  City Fire Chief Stork stated the roofing guy called and said he's going to be here within probably the next ten days to start on the roof. Yesterday and today, we were able to get every bit of the solar system off of the roof, with the help of three of Public Works Director Cracraft's guys and my staff. Our pump testing got delayed, but they're supposed to be here next week. I'm hoping the roofing guy comes the following week, so we don't have both of them up there trying to work around each other at the same time, but we'll see what happens.

- **CITY CLERK**

  City Clerk Lee stated I'd like to thank Sheriff Henriod for his department's efforts to tag vehicles in the City right-of-way, as well as City Engineer Almberg, who provided exhibits on this issue. My office has been working with Building Official Hendrickson to address RVs being used as dwelling units illegally and my office sent eighteen intent to lien letters, certified mail, last Thursday.

- **CITY ENGINEER**

City Council Report (9/26/24)

- City Slurry Project is scheduled to begin October 7th and be completed by October 18th.
  - We have collected GIS data for the chip seals completed earlier this year and will collect GIS data of each days slurry progress.
- Bell Ave CDBG construction is ongoing.
  - Have encountered one water service that was unknown.
  - Collecting GIS data as project is constructed.
- Cities Lead/Copper Inventory is 90% complete and is anticipated to be turned into NDEP within a week.
- Assisting City Hall with CDBG Matrix for new project applications.
- Assisted City with vehicles stored within street rights-of-way and created exhibits.

- **CITY ATTORNEY**

Councilman Alworth asked have you got anything to report on the liens? Have you been able to pursue them as Leo was doing? He was really successful in that, and I haven't heard anything.

City Attorney Manuele stated we haven't made any headway, but it is on the list of things to do.

Councilman Alworth stated I'm just going to be right up front. Leo got a $10,000 raise for a year, and he brought in close to $60,000. You're making $11,000 a month and we haven't got anything. My time is short, start producing. You're a contractor and you need to produce for us. Thank you

City Attorney Manuele stated I wasn't aware that liens were what paid my position, but I'll get on them.

5. REPORTS

- **COUNCILWOMAN ELLIOTT**

Councilwoman Elliott stated I did go to NACo this week for my day job, which is the County Commission Conference. It was over in Carson City. There were some good sessions on AI and Legislature stuff. It was pretty good, and I am looking forward to the League of Cities Conference.

- **MAYOR ROBERTSON**

Mayor Robertson stated I would like to remind the public about the State Fire Marshal's Field Day they're going to be doing on October 5th here in Broadbent Park. If you have some time, please stop down that morning. They will have some great presentations going on.

6. THE MAYOR WILL RECESS THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR A MEETING OF THE ELY LIQUOR LICENSING BOARD.

1. Board Members – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval of Class II Liquor License, effective September 27, 2024, to Golden Gate Petroleum of Nevada, LLC located at 147 North US HWY 93, Ely, Nevada.

   Councilman Alworth moved to approve the Class II Liquor License, effective September 27, 2024, to Golden Gate Petroleum of Nevada, LLC located at 147 North US HWY 93, Ely, Nevada. Councilwoman Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Alworth disclosed I am a past member of the Ely Volunteer Fire Department, and some payments benefit the Volunteers, in which I have certain privileges by my association, but I will vote in good faith for the City of Ely.

Mayor Robertson disclosed my husband is a member of the Volunteer Fire Department and is not treated any differently than any of the others so I will not be abstaining, and I also don't vote.

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

Moved by: Councilwoman Elliott Second by: Councilman Trask Vote: Unanimous

1. Discussion/For Possible Action – Minutes.
   - September 12, 2024

2. Discussion/For Possible Action – Bills.
   - September 11, 2024

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Robertson – City Treasurer/HR Director Trask – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval of the City of Ely's Title VI Implementation Plan.

   Mayor Robertson stated I'd like to say this is something that has been in place for a number of decades. Thanks to some people at NDOT who are making sure that the entities in our State are complying with this and legal on it. They've been working with us and other entities across the State to make sure that we can still be eligible for Federal funds by complying with all of this. We appreciate their help and certainly appreciate the Treasurer for sitting through all of these riveting details. It's just one of those things we have got to do.

   Councilman Trask moved to approve the City of Ely's Title VI Implementation Plan as presented. Councilwoman Williams-Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Councilman Carson – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval of First Reading of Ordinance 760 Bill No. 2024-06 An Ordinance Prohibiting Hunting in the City of Ely Limits.

   Mayor Robertson stated this is a draft, and we'll go through another reading and hearing so we can make changes on this if there is anything anybody would like to adjust or see differently here.

   Councilman Alworth stated the one thing Mr. Mayor I mentioned through an email or a text to our City Attorney was about posting no trespassing or no hunting. I think it's NRS 206 or 260 I can't remember, but you have to post it all the way around, because this includes the Georgetown Ranch that goes all the way past the Golf Course. It includes Ragsdale Spring; that is City property, as it mentions in here. Deer have been shot crossing the road by the landfill ending up on the Georgetown Ranch. There's been duck hunting and goose hunting. My experience hunting out of state is they have the posting. If you get caught past the orange post, you know that's it; your truck, your camp, and everything is gone. We get people coming from out of state or out of town here and they see these deer crossing by the landfill going into Georgetown, they don't know it's no hunting. I believe we have to do some posting and it's either five-hundred feet or a thousand feet. The signage issue needs to be in this before we go any further. The same thing with the tribal lands in the City at the end of Murry Street or Mill Street and up here off Campton. The tribal members are exempt, because they're a sovereign nation. Those

big bucks go right through their property down into that gully behind the cemetery and we need to post or have them post that you can't hunt. We can't keep them from hunting on tribal lands. We need to do something about posting. It's very important as an NRS on there, because if somebody gets caught out there and he's dragging the deer across the Georgetown Ranch and states they didn't know there was no hunting because they are from Vegas, are we are going to give him one of these serious fines? I think we're going to lose our butt because it was not posted, so we need to do a little more homework. I told you about this, Mr. Attorney. Nothing was mentioned in this about posting and it has to be posted. I'll hang a hat on that we better get some posting out there and again, get that map from B.J. The Georgetown ranch is huge and it's all City property. I'm all for this, but we better be able to have some teeth in it.

Mayor Robertson stated I know there was some discussion back and forth on City property versus within the City limits. For example, the Georgetown Ranch was annexed into the City within the City limits, but the city owns the right of way that the rail line goes clear up to Elko. Are we going to prohibit people from hunting clear up that way? I think I'd be more comfortable staying within the City limits rather than just the blanket City property because there are those springs and other things that are way outside of the City limits, and I don't know what good that would be doing.

Councilman Alworth stated Ragsdale Spring is on the pole line going to Ruth and there's been deer killed up there, but when we're talking about Georgetown Ranch, I think at least that has got to be posted on the fence all the way down 490 and back up on the Lackawanna Road, because there's some good deer that cross out in there, and at times there's good goose hunting and duck hunting so that's my point there. I read the minutes, and I think the Sheriff got a little bit overboard calling an arrow a missile, but you know that's his terminology. I like the way it's worded in that you can still possibly shoot in your own back yard where you're not going to injure anybody. I think we need to check into something about posting on our property.

Mayor Robertson asked Shane, would it be appropriate if the Council so chooses to approve this tonight with direction to research the sign posting requirements to be brought back for the next hearing?

City Attorney Manuele stated yes, and if there are already requirements outlined in the NRS, I don't think that we should have competing ordinances with the NRS to say, here's what we think posting is. I think we follow the Statutes and post according to Statute, and we don't legislate to cause confusion. What if our posting statute in our ordinance is different than what the NRS is, then there's confusion. If it's already outlined in the State Statutes, we utilize their Statute and post according to that. In all reality ignorance is no defense to the law. If someone from Las Vegas comes up they don't get to come after us because they're ignorant to the law, that's not a defense. If they want to hunt, they're responsible for knowing the rules and the regulations in the area. if it's required by NRS we'll do the posting required by that, and if we want to have additional posting, then we can put that in the ordinance, but then we're risking the issue if we don't post in accordance with our ordinance and the NRS then that's how we get ourselves in trouble.

Councilman Alworth stated I agree. Follow the NRS because the NRS spells out posting. A guy from Vegas drives up and he sees cattle out there below the landfill, he doesn't know about the City. He thinks the City of Ely is right where we are at, and ignorance of the law is true. Again, it says how to post it in the NRS with orange paint on wooden posts, and every metal post five hundred to a thousand feet. We'd need to hire an army of young people to go out there and post the Georgetown ranch fence and let the rest of it go.

Mayor Robertson stated I think we can have that researched and brought back, even if we're just referencing the NRS we could say something in the ordinance, couldn't we Shane, that says posting requirements to be complied with NRS?

City Attorney Manuele stated yes, we could add that. I don't think we need to, because the NRS is already there.

Mayor Robertson stated well, we didn't think we had to have a no hunting ordinance, but here we are.

Councilwoman Williams-Harper stated I think that might be a good idea also, because most people aren't thinking or really don't know or understand NRS the way we do. I think if we're pointing out places that you could potentially get in trouble it's a courtesy from the City to do that.

Mayor Robertson stated I would also recommend that we omit the part about the City of Ely maintains ownership and just put within the limits of the City of Ely or within the corporate limits of the City of Ely. However, we want to word that, because like I said, I think the City owns land that goes clear up into Elko County at this point, and I just don't think that's reasonable to put that on there.

Councilman Trask moved to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 760 Bill No. 2024-06 An Ordinance Prohibiting Hunting in the City of Ely Limits amending to reference NRS posting requirements and limit the prohibition to corporate City of Ely limits. Councilwoman Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Councilwoman Elliott – Councilman Alworth – Discussion Only – Update on Porter Group efforts on the City of Ely's behalf to secure federal and State funding.

Activity Report for
The City of Ely

FOR THE MONTH OF August 2024

Appropriations Requests

- The following projects were submitted to the Appropriations Committee for consideration in the Senate:
  - First Responder Communication Equipment Upgrade Project - $5,000,000
  - Fire Station Solar Panel Project - $375,000
  - Historic Ely City Hall Renovation Project - $3,525,000
  - Water Meter Project - $4,051,000
    - Total of $12,951,000
- The following project has been accepted by the Senate Appropriations Committee:
  - First Responder Communication Equipment Upgrade Project - $5,000,000

Additional Grants

- Working with Mark Bassett on CRISI Grant application letters of support
  - We have secured letters of support from the entire delegation for the CRISI Grant application, and await the expected announcement in October

Additional Activities

- Provided federal updates on variety of topics important to the City of Ely, including pending action in the House and Senate, potential legislative updates, and updates on grant award announcements.
- Visited and met in person with Ely officials during the White Pine County Horse Races.

Councilwoman Elliott stated I did speak with Brian, our Porter Group representative, yesterday at NACo and it does sound like our safety package is moving forward, but we're just going to wait and hear back on that. It sounds like the City Hall one is the next one up in line and there is a lot of competition for that particular grant, but that one is the next one that they're trying to push through. We are really just kind of waiting until closer to the election until we hear about that and the CRISI Grant, so probably a week before election is when we'll get some more news.

4. Councilwoman Williams-Harper – Discussion Only – White Pine Chamber of Commerce monthly report on community activities.

   Mayor Robertson stated I will make the disclosure that the CEO of the White Pine Chamber of Commerce is my husband, but this is not a voting item, and I don't vote on it anyway.

   White Pine County Chamber of Commerce CEO Shadrach Robertson reviewed the following report:

White Pine Chamber of Commerce

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WPCC@WhitePineChamber.com

Good Evening, Ely City Council.

The White Pine Chamber of Commerce Monthly report for September 26, 2024:

According to the Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) In Nevada's counties, the lowest unemployment rate was in White Pine County at 3.8percent. Dropping from 4.3 in previous months. This went against the trend of increasing in the State of Nevada overal for August.

The Chamber of Commerce continues to advocate for Ely and White Pine,

We led a productive and comprehensive economic tour with Senator Cortez-Masto a few weeks ago, being introduced to educational and economic needs in our area. Meeting with members of the community from all industries and economic sectors.

Our Economy is strong and continuing in a positive direction, in addition to the continued low unemployment rate, new business are coming into our city, both on a corporate level and a mom-and-pop small business capacity.

The Chamber of Commerce is also continuing to expand with new sponsor and partner level members, which are opening up opportunities to provide new services and programs for those members.

The state will be comign to the city on October 11th. We have close to 40 organizations, from teh federal, state and local levels gathering at the White Pine High School to provide their business support services to our community.

This event is free to all members of the community. This event is Free to all business owners and entrepreneurs. As is the Economic Forum which will bring State elected officials and economic development leaders to a Town Hall style panel discussion. Our Business Community can speak directly to stakeholders about economic issues and opportunities to improve.

Everyone is invited to attend October 11th's Economic and Education Expo's small business development workshops and info sessions.

We hope to see everyone here at the event to network and provide your insights during discussions on how to continue moving our economy forward.

October 5th is shaping up to be a great time in Broadbent park, from 10-2. State Fire Marshall's and Fire Departments, vendors, and organizations are pulling together to make a fun and free family event.

Mayor Robertson handed the Gavel to Mayor Pro Tempore Williams-Harper

Mayor Robertson stated I will disclose I am a part-time employee of the Foundation, and I will abstain.

5. Councilwoman Williams-Harper – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval to pay Paragon Construction Systems Inc. $59,979.77 for repairs at MP 142 on track, jointly owned by the City of Ely and the Nevada Northern Railway Foundation, from 45G tax credit funds dedicated to the Railroad Legal Fees on a one-time basis.

   NNRY President Mark Bassett stated we have an issue with our track at Milepost 142, and ironically, this is one of the better sections of the railroad as far as stability; we don't know what has happened here. I've walked the track with geologists, and I've walked the track with Paragon, and our plan is to put in more ballast, raise the track, and level it.

Once this is done, we'll be able to remove our slow order that we currently have there. We have had the track inspected by Nevada's Public Utilities Commission (PUC), and whereas it's ugly, it is still safe to operate on as long as we operate on the slow order. This is an extraordinary expense that we hadn't planned on.

Councilman Alworth asked, "What is the length of the repair?"

NNRY President Bassett stated it is about six hundred feet.

Councilwoman Elliott asked, "How long will it take to repair?"

NNRY President Bassett stated About two to three days, and the beautiful thing is, they will be coming out in October to repair the missing gate on the US 93 crossing so we would save money not having to pay mobilization and demobilization on this project so the opportune time to do this is now.

Councilman Trask stated we've had these conversations before, Mark, that we've had quite a bit of litigation and this 45G money goes to pay for that. It makes me a little hesitant to take the money that we have set aside for litigation, knowing the sheer amount of litigation that we seem to get ourselves tied up into and the share amount that we've already gone through to take the money that we agreed upon. Do you have any contingency funds or anything? I'm just curious about this because it makes me a little nervous to give the money that we've already set inside for legal fees and past legal fees. We all know the history of litigation and so I just want to hear why we need to go back that direction.

NNRY President Bassett stated it's pretty rare that we come forward and ask for funds on different projects. The Foundation raised and spent over $2 million on the Railroad last year, and we'll be doing that again this year. Again, this is an extraordinary event that wasn't in the budget, nor planned for.

Councilman Trask asked, "Are we going to start planning for it?" We do operate an older railroad and maybe some contingency funds might be a thought. You know, I imagine we're going to run into these issues again.

NNRY President Bassett stated we are constantly running into issues and the last couple of years it's been the three steam locomotives, and that's where the vast majority of funds have been going. One of the things we learned the hard way is, if we don't have a steam locomotive in operation the people don't come and that happened to us in 2008, and our ridership and funds dropped about 40%, which also negatively impacts room tax revenues which we all depend on too. This is an extraordinary event, and being able to do this right now can save money. There will be the second 45G payment, approximately the same amount the city just received, in November or December.

Councilman Alworth stated this work that Paragon is going to do you mentioned you're going to do the ties, the ballast, and so forth. Can you still use the existing rail?

NNRY President Bassett stated yes, we can still use the rail. It's amazing how supple the rail is. They will go in there dump a lot of ballast, raise it, and replace ties to ensure the rail stays in place and by the time we're done with this we'll have very good track there.

Councilman Alworth moved to approve paying Paragon Construction Systems Inc. $59,979.77 for repairs at MP 142 on track, jointly owned by the City of Ely and the Nevada Northern Railway Foundation, from 45G tax credit funds dedicated to the Railroad Legal Fees on a one-time basis. Councilwoman Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried 3 to 1 with Councilman Trask voting nay.

Mayor Pro Tempore Williams-Harper handed the Gavel back to Mayor Robertson.

6. Council Members – City Treasurer/HR Director Trask – Discussion/For Possible Action – LP Insurance Services LLC Representative – Approval of healthcare coverage renewal proposal for the City of Ely, December 1, 2024-November 30, 2025.

   LP Insurance Services LLC Representative Logan Neely stated we went out to market for you all, where the medical dental vision and life insurance policies that again renew on December 1, 2024, and you'll see the bid response and you'll see the incumbent carrier, Sierra health and life. We've presented the current plan option and the rates, as well as the renewal plan option, and then a couple other options as well. We also went out to some other health plans that you guys were eligible for rather than how normal small group quoting works where the health plan isn't rated based on your medical, and there's no medical underwriting. We went to a couple of association health plans where that is the case. We feel that it's important to continue to shop for these options. This year we got declined a quote, which means they weren't comfortable with the risk on the City's health plan. That won't be the scenario for the entire time so we will quote with them year after year, but we do have some level funded options we looked at. I presented options from Prominence, Hometown Health, and Anthem. Health plan of Nevada and United healthcare were not competitive. We have our current renewal plan options here. You'll notice on the renewal there is some red ink, and anything in red is a benefit reduction, and what's in blue is a benefit enhancement. The benefit reductions that you see on the renewal, these are IRS issued changes to the plan designs. For the Health Savings Account (HSA) it must be a high deductible health plan to qualify. The IRS is moving that deductible number up. They did the same last year, and this year they've made that increase as well. Again, that's not a decision made by Janette and her team or ours; it is an IRS guideline. The other limitation that the city faces with shopping for coverage is that you are a small group which means under fifty eligible employees. The following plans were reviewed:

City of Ely

Medical - Sierra Health and Life Benefit and Cost Comparison

	Current	Renewal	Option 1	Option 2
Carrier	Sierra Health and Life	Sierra Health and Life	Sierra Health and Life	Sierra Health and Life
Plan Name	HSA PPO Silver 15/3000/0%	HSA PPO Silver 15/3200/0%	HSA PPO Silver 20/3800/0%	HSA PPO Silver 15/4500/0%
Network	PPO	PPO	PPO	PPO
	In-Network	In-Network	In-Network	In-Network
Individual Deductible	$3,000	$3,200	$3,800	$4,500
Family Deductible	$6,000	$6,400	$7,600	$9,000
Individual Out of Pocket Max.	$6,000	$6,000	$6,000	$6,550
Family Out of Pocket Max.	$12,000	$12,000	$12,000	$13,100
Primary Physician	$15 After Ded.	$15 After Ded.	$20 After Ded.	$15 After Ded.
Specialist Physician	$65 After Ded.	$65 After Ded.	$65 After Ded.	$65 After Ded.
Urgent Care	$50 After Ded.	$50 After Ded.	$50 After Ded.	$50 After Ded.
Emergency Room	$500 After Ded.	$500 After Ded.	$500 After Ded.	$500 After Ded.
Lab (Non-Hospital)	$15 After Ded.	$15 After Ded.	$15 After Ded.	$15 After Ded.
MRI, PET, CT Scans (Non-Hospital)	$500 After Ded.	$500 After Ded.	$350 After Ded.	$150 After Ded.
Outpatient Surgery	$150 After Ded.	$350 after ded	$350 After Ded.	$350 After Ded.
Inpatient Hospitalization	$1,000 After Ded.	$1,000 After Ded.	$1,000 After Ded.	$1,000 After Ded.
Prescription Deductible	Combined with Medical	Combined with Medical	Combined with Medical	Combined with Medical
Tier I	$15 After Ded.	$15 After Ded.	$15 After Ded.	$15 After Ded.
Tier II	$35 After Ded.	$35 After Ded.	$35 After Ded.	$35 After Ded.
Tier III	$65 After Ded.	$65 After Ded.	$65 After Ded.	$65 After Ded.
Rates				
Estimated Monthly Premium	$38,501	$41,369	$37,932	$35,884
Estimated Annual Premium	$462,008	$496,432	$455,184	$430,611
Total $ Over/Under Current		$34,424	-$6,824	-$31,397
Total % Over/Under Current		7.5%	-1.5%	-6.8%

City of Ely
Medical - Prominence Benefit and Cost Comparison

	Current	Renewal	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
Carrier	Sierra Health and Life	Sierra Health and Life	Prominence	Hometown Health	Anthem	Anthem
Plan Name	HSA PPO Silver 15/3000/0%	HSA PPO Silver 15/3200/0%	HMO HSA Silver	EPO Silver HSA	PPO 3200/20%/8000 w/HSA	Las Vegas Chamber HSA 3200
Network	PPO	PPO	HealthFirst HMO	Hometown EPO	National Blue Card	PPO
Contracted Hospital						
	In-Network	In-Network	HMO In-Network	EPO In-Network	In-Network	In-Network
Individual Deductible	$3,000	$3,200	$4,000	$3,200	$3,200	$3,200
Family Deductible	$6,000	$6,400	$8,000	$6,400	$6,400	$6,400
Individual Out of Pocket Max.	$6,000	$6,000	$6,000	$6,400	$8,000	$5,000
Family Out of Pocket Max.	$12,000	$12,000	$12,000	$12,800	$16,000	$10,000
Primary Physician	$15 After Ded.	$15 After Ded.	0% After Ded.	$40 After Ded.	20% After Ded.	20% after deductible
Specialist Physician	$65 After Ded.	$65 After Ded.	30% After Ded.	$80 After Ded.	20% After Ded.	20% after deductible
Urgent Care	$50 After Ded.	$50 After Ded.	$50 After Ded.	$50 After Ded.	20% After Ded.	20% after deductible
Emergency Room	$500 After Ded.	$500 After Ded.	30% After Ded.	$1,500 After Ded.	20% After Ded.	20% after deductible
Lab (Non-Hospital)	$15 After Ded.	$15 After Ded.	0% After Ded.	$80 After Ded.	20% After Ded.	20% after deductible
MRI, PET, CT Scans (Non-Hospital)	$500 After Ded.	$500 After Ded.	30% After Ded.	$500 After Ded.	20% After Ded.	20% after deductible
Outpatient Surgery	$150 After Ded.	$350 After Ded.	30% After Ded.	$500 After Ded.	20% After Ded.	20% after deductible
Inpatient Hospitalization	$1,000 After Ded.	$1,000 After Ded.	30% After Ded.	$200 + 30% After Ded.	20% After Ded.	20% after deductible
Prescription Deductible	Combined with Medical	Combined w/ Medical	Combined with Medical	Combined with Medical	Combined with Medical	Combined with Medical
Tier I	$15 After Ded.	$15 After Ded.	0% After Ded.	$15 After Ded.	20% After Ded.	20% after deductible
Tier II	$35 After Ded.	$35 After Ded.	30% After Ded.	$65 After Ded.	20% After Ded.	20% after deductible
Tier III	$65 After Ded.	$65 After Ded.	30% After Ded.	$250 After Ded.	20% After Ded.	20% after deductible
Rates	*Age-Banded*	*Age-Banded*	*Age-Banded*	*Age-Banded*	*Age-Banded*	*Composite*
Estimated Monthly Premium	$38,501	$41,369	$45,430	$41,144	$52,414	$48,474
Estimated Annual Premium	$462,008	$496,432	$545,156	$493,724	$628,966	$581,688
Total $ Over/Under Current		$34,424	$83,148	$31,716	$166,958	$119,680
Total % Over/Under Current		7.5%	18.0%	6.9%	36.1%	25.9%
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City of Ely
Employer Cost Summary - Ancillary Benefit Packages

	Current	Renewal	Option #1	Option #2	Option #3
Dental:	Best Life	Best Life	Principal	Kansas City Life	The Standard
Cost	$47,172	$50,946	$32,808	$29,205	$38,369
Rate Guarantee	12 monts	12 months	24 months	24 months	12 months
Vision:	Best Life	Best Life	Principal	Kansas City Life	The Standard
Cost	$6,268	$6,268	$6,256	$5,881	$5,317
Rate Guarantee	12 month	12 months	24 months	36 months	24 months
Life/AD&D:	The Standard	The Standard	Principal	Kansas City Life	The Standard
Cost	$4,995	$4,995	$1,948	$2,048	$4,995
Rate Guarantee	36 months	12 months	36 months	36 months	12 months
Total Combined (annual)	$58,436	$62,209	$41,012	$37,134	$48,681
$ over/under current	-	$3,774	-$17,424	-$21,302	-$9,754
% over/under current	-	6.46%	-29.82%	-36.45%	-16.69%

City of Ely
Benefits & Cost Comparison - Dental

		CURRENT & RENEWAL				
Carrier		Best Life		Principal	Kansas City Life	The Standard
Network		DDS		DDS	DDS	DDS
Out-of-Network Reimbursement		MAC		MAC	MAC	MAC
		In Network		In Network	In Network	In Network
Individual Calendar Year Deductible		$50		$50	$50	$50
Family Maximum		$150		$150	$150	$150
Coverage Level:						
Preventive		no charge		no charge	no charge	no charge
Basic		20% after deductible		20% after deductible	20% after deductible	20% after deductible
Major		50% after deductible		50% after deductible	50% after deductible	50% after deductible
Orthodontia (child through age 18)		50%		50%	50%	50% after deductible under age 19
Coverage Detail:						
Cleaning Frequency		1 per 6 months		2 per calendar year	2 per calendar year	2 per calendar year
Implants		major		major	major	major
Composite Fillings		basic		basic	basic	basic
Composite Placement		anterior & posterior		anterior & posterior	anterior & posterior	anterior & posterior
Crowns		major		major	major	major
Endo and Perio		basic		basic	basic	basic
Oral Surgery		basic		basic	basic	basic
Calendar Year Maximum		$2,000		$2,000	$2,000	$2,000
Orthodontia Lifetime Maximum		$1,500		$1,500	$1,500	$1,500
Missing Tooth Exclusion		yes		yes	yes	yes
Roll-Over Benefits		no		yes	yes	yes
Waiting Periods (timely applicants):						
Basic		none		none	none	none
Major		none		none	none	none
Rates:		Current	Renewal	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed
Employee	14	$43.95	$46.95	$32.51	$32.26	$35.75
Employee + Spouse	7	$89.69	$95.82	$64.69	$63.83	$72.95
Employee + Child/ren	5	$128.18	$139.36	$87.48	$59.39	$104.26
Family	11	$186.09	$201.88	$126.24	$112.58	$151.36
	37					
Total Monthly Premium		$3,931	$4,246	$2,734	$2,434	$3,197
Total Annual Premium		$47,172	$50,946	$32,808	$29,205	$38,369
$ over/under current		-	$3,774	-$14,364	-$17,967	-$8,803
% over/under current		-	8.00%	-30.45%	-38.09%	-18.66%
Rate Guarantee:		12 months		24 months	24 months	24 months

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Benefits & Cost Comparison - Vision

		CURRENT & RENEWAL				
Carrier		Best Life		Principal	Kansas City Life	The Standard
Network		EyeMed Access Network		VSP	VSP	VSP
		In Network		In Network	In Network	In Network
Exam		$10 copay		$10 copay	$10 copay	$10 copay
Materials		$10 copay		$10 copay	$10 copay	$10 copay
Frequency:						
Eye Exam		Every 12 months		Every 12 months	Every 12 months	Every 12 months
Lenses		Every 12 months		Every 12 months	Every 12 months	Every 12 months
Frames		Every 24 months		Every 24 months	Every 24 months	Every 24 months
Schedule of Benefits:						
Vision Exam		covered in full		covered in full	covered in full	covered in full
Single Vision Lenses		covered in full		covered in full	covered in full	covered in full
Bifocal Lenses		covered in full		covered in full	covered in full	covered in full
Trifocal Lenses		covered in full		covered in full	covered in full	covered in full
Frames		up to $130		up to $130	up to $130	up to $130
Contact Lenses - elective		up to $130		up to $130	up to $130	up to $130
Rates:		Current	Renewal	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed
Employee	15	$8.15	$8.15	$6.76	$6.58	$6.91
Employee + Spouse	6	$16.30	$16.30	$14.17	$13.16	$13.83
Employee + Child/ren	3	$16.05	$16.05	$15.07	$14.09	$13.61
Family	12	$21.18	$21.18	$24.14	$22.51	$17.97
	36					
Total Monthly Premium		$522	$522	$521	$490	$443
Total Annual Premium		$6,268	$6,268	$6,256	$5,881	$5,317
$ over/under current		-	$0	-$13	-$388	-$951
% over/under current		-	0.00%	-0.20%	-6.19%	-15.17%
Rate Guarantee:		12 months		24 months	24 months	24 months

City of Ely
Benefits & Cost Comparison - Employer Paid Life/AD&D

	CURRENT & RENEWAL			
Carrier	The Standard		Principal	Kansas City Life
Eligibility	active, full-time		active, full-time	active, full-time
Benefit Amount:				
All Eligible Employees	$25,000		$25,000	$25,000
Plan Features:				
Accelerated Death Benefit	included		included	included
Conversion	included		included	included
Waiver of Premium	included		included	included
Travel Assistance	included		included	included
Benefit Reduces To:				
at age 65	65%		65%	65%
at age 70	50%		50%	50%
Rates:	Current	Renewal	Proposed	Proposed
Volume	$832,500	$832,500	$832,500	$832,500
Life, AD&D per $1,000	$0.500	$0.500	$0.195	$0.205
Total Monthly Premium	$416	$416	$162	$171
Total Annual Premium	$4,995	$4,995	$1,948	$2,048
$ over/under current	-	$0	-$3,047	-$2,947
% over/under current	-	0.00%	-61.00%	-59.00%
Rate Guarantee:	36 months		24 months	36 months

City Treasurer/HR Director Trask stated with discussing this and knowing our situation, because I know the employees, it's my recommendation to stick with Sierra Health and Life medical insurance with the renewal. I have it in the budget to cover this cost. It seems like every year our deductible keeps going up, and I feel like these other two options with Sierra Health and Life would put a hardship on people. We're a heavy user of our insurance; It's just a fact.

Councilman Alworth stated so the employees are going to have to pay more out of pocket.

City Treasurer/HR Director Trask stated I've done some calculations and for most people it will be about a two or three dollar increase a paycheck as the insurance is age based. My recommendation for eye, dental, and Life is that we go with Kansas City Life to take a cut in premiums overall and be with one company.

Councilwoman Williams-Harper moved to approve the healthcare coverage renewal proposal for the City of Ely, December 1, 2024 – November 30, 2025, per recommendation of City Treasurer/HR Director Trask renewing medical coverage with Sierra Health and Life, and dental, eye, and Life Insurance with Kansas City Life. Councilwoman Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Council Members – City Attorney Manuele – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval of substitution of counsel with Shain G. Manuele, Esq., as counsel of record for the City of Ely, Nevada, in the place and stead of former Ely City Attorney, Leo Cahoon, Esq. in the case Nevada Northern Railway Foundation, Inc and City of Ely, Nevada vs. State of Nevada, Case No.: CV24-02011.

   Councilman Trask moved to approve the substitution of counsel with Shain G. Manuele, Esq., as counsel of record for the City of Ely, Nevada, in the place and stead of former Ely City Attorney, Leo Cahoon, Esq. in the case Nevada Northern Railway Foundation, Inc and City of Ely, Nevada vs. State of Nevada, Case No.: CV24-02011. Councilwoman Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

George Chachas stated ongoing concerns regarding the Golf Course Road and Avenue C being able to sustain the traffic from the newly constructed Golden Gate Petroleum gas station; the Pine West Development at 701 East Aultman needing to be fenced off for public safety; the progress of the Bell Avenue Project and that he has not seen any meter boxes installed; who paid for the asphalt paving at 901 Avenue H and 1100 Avenue L; code violations not being addressed by the Planning Commission, some Council Members, and some Commissioners; the drainage coming off the Bath property onto the west side of his property located at 622 High Street; a list of those permitted to live in RVs in the City and if they are paying for utilities; and the sewer problem he took care of at his property located at 681 Parker Avenue and his request for reimbursement.

9. ADJOURNMENT: THE MEETING MAY BE ADJOURNED BY APPROPRIATE MOTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

Councilman Alworth moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Ely City Council at **5:58 p.m.** Councilwoman Williams-Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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