

CITY OF ELY

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ELY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

June 10, 2021 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.; Pastor James Woffinden offered invocation. Mayor Robertson led in the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for Roll Call.

Members present:

- Mayor Nathan Robertson
- Councilman Ernie Flangas
- Councilman Kurt Carson
- Councilman Jim Alworth
- Councilwoman Michelle Beecher

Members absent:

- Councilman Ed Spear

City Officials and staff present in the building or via video conference:

- City Clerk Jennifer Lee
- City Treasurer-HR Director Janette Trask
- City Attorney Shain Manuele
- City Administrative Assistant Patti Cobb
- Public Works Supervisor Mike Cracraft
- City Building Official Lee Walker
- City Engineer BJ Almberg
- City Police Chief Henriod
- City Fire Chief Pat Stork

Also, in attendance: Members of the public in attendance at the Ely Volunteer Fire Hall signed in (appears below) and the following persons attended via video conference: Geri Wopshcall, Linda Davies, Caroline McIntosh, Maureen Otzelberger, and Phil Herring.

ELY CITY COUNCIL ATTENDANCE LIST

DATE: June 10, 2021

Print name below

Rev. James Woffinden
 Cody Hawick (Civil Science)
 Alex Stewart (Civil Service)
 MARK BASSETT
 JOAN BASSETT
 Teresa Ciciliano
 Dennis Ciciliano
 Frederic Parley
 George Chachas
 Kelly Hornum
 [Signature]
 Carl Marsh
 Robert T. Herbert
 [Signature]

Print name below

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Frederick Partey, Senior Manager of Environmental Resources with Robinson Nevada Mining Company, stated we have a project in Lane City, and I want to talk to the public about it and want to start with the City Council. As we go towards the mine, we all know that Lane City is on Highway 50. Right by where the school is, just north, we are planning on drilling eight exploration holes. As the public drives by, they will see the drill rigs. Instead of people coming out with stories that we want to destroy Lane City, we want to make sure we tell our own story. In the past exploration has been done there and they have identified some mineralization that shows signs there is a possibility ore is in that area. In that area there were a couple of underground mines that were exploited in probably the 50's and we are interested in going to explore that. In the beginning we are targeting eight holes. There are four that people will see and four that will be on the backside of the hill. These eight holes will vary between 700 feet to 1,350 feet deep. This is the first step and there is going to be a huge gap between steps. Once we drill there and find if there is mineralization then we will have to fill it up, do more exploration and work with BLM for permits. We are far away from having a mine in that area. It will take years to get to the point of mining in that area if there is mineralization. In all, there will be a total of 8,550 feet of core drilling that will occur in that area. I want to make it clear that this land is owned by Robinson Mine and is private land; we are not going on BLM land.

The following letter was read into the record by City Clerk Lee at the request of John Chachas:

May 24, 2021

Honorable Nathan Robertson, Mayor of Ely
And Jennifer Lee, Ely City Clerk
501 Mill Street
Ely, Nevada 89301

Mayor Robertson and Jennifer Lee, City Clerk,

I am coming to you in your official capacities to address a health issue that has been created along the Crawford Street neighborhood in Central Ely. A mosquito invasion has made outdoor living conditions uncomfortable, unhealthy and possibly dangerous. A large body of stagnant water and horses on that same property appear to provide a breeding ground for the infestation.


This should be addressed immediately, before we have to deal with a West Nile or Zika virus outbreak. We have family members living in that area and several tenants, along with their children. Families and friends cannot enjoy being outside because of this mosquito health threat.

This situation should never have been allowed to evolve to the point where we find our health and welfare threatened. You can refer to City Ordinances Chapter 3, Animal Control, Article A. Livestock and fowl; section 5-3a-1, (a.) Keeping of regulated..." relating to unhealthful and unattended animal hazards as well as the keeping of farm animals within Ely City limits.

I am hopeful that we can address this issue here, but will file a hazard notice with the appropriate state health agencies if these dangers to health and life are not eliminated.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please read this letter into the public record when this is brought to the Council.

With Regards,



John A. Chachas

Owner/Landlord/ Property Manager
656, 670, 692 Ogden Avenue
672, 682, 692, 651, 681 Parker Avenue
665, 685, 691 Stevens Avenue

Councilman Carson stated to my knowledge the animals on Crawford Street are in the County, so that is not a City issue.

George Chachas stated regarding that issue, you might want to check where the boundary line is and go back another 100 feet. The abatement notice for my property at 692 Ogden Avenue has been taken care of and for my property at 710 Avenue G I am asking for a ninety-day extension; the contractors have not gotten back to me as they are too busy. After your last City Council meeting held on May 27, 2021, I told Building Official Walker about my problems of getting a contractor and asked him if I could just hire a handyman to take care of the problem. I would remove the black fiber board that has suffered some damage and put up some replacement panel. The Community Choir was allowed to do a temporary fix on their building located on Aultman without a permit or licensed contractor and I am asking for the same consideration. Building Official Walker has not gotten back to me. The access on my property located on Great Basin Boulevard next to Washington Federal Bank has been taken out and not put back in. Curb and gutter were put in an L shape and access was cut off to each lot and sewer access is located on only one lot and not both, like you have done on other installations throughout the City. The Council is targeting areas that need clean-up but not as bad as Aultman which has dried out weeds, dirt in the gutters, yellow and red zones that need to be painted, streetlights that need to be repaired and the guardrail in Veteran's park needs to be replaced.

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

Councilwoman Beecher moved to approve the June 10, 2021 agenda as presented. Councilman Carson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

➤ **CITY CLERK**

City Clerk Lee stated on the CDBG application, Ely does not have the low to moderate income percentage that is needed to apply, so we would need to look at specific areas for Rural Water to do an income survey. If you have specific areas for projects to happen, let BJ or myself know; public hearings will start next month. I have produced letters for Mayor Robertson to sign - stamp was used - for the PORTER Group as they were due by close of business last Friday. I also did some research on the American Rescue Plan Capital Projects Fund for the PORTER Group. Tuesday, I obtained a public works number from the Nevada Department of Labor for the Murry Street paving project; this will be funded by the RTC. On the complaints, I have spoken with at least one property owner daily on these abatement notices. We did receive information from Eastern Nevada Landscape Coalition and Tri-County Weed that they are offering \$600.00 grants to homeowners for weed treatment and Tri-County Weed applies it. We have it posted on our website, Facebook, and in the lobby.

➤ **CITY PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR**

City Public Works Supervisor Cracraft stated I want to recognize our assistant at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Mario Gonzales. He was named Operator of the Year through the Nevada Rural Water Association and is an asset to the City of Ely.

Mayor Robertson stated please pass our congratulations on to him.

➤ **CITY ENGINEER**

City Engineer AlMBERG stated we are working with the PORTER Group on funding for infrastructure and just got our paperwork into them to go to the Senate and will have a follow-up meeting in a couple of weeks. The Aultman Street project is almost complete. The work we are doing now is they are building the storm drain system and it is crossing our water and sewer as it is built up through Central Ely. We are down there working with NDOT right now because they have to make a temporary jump on our water because they can't get their trench plate through with the water going through their box culvert. There will be some coordination but that project, as far as our involvement, is winding down. The Murry Street Sewer Project is getting close to being wrapped up. We have about fifty feet to go and a couple of services to connect, so hopefully another two or three days to completion. I am going to be gone next week and will be back the following week, but there are people in the office that can be of help if needed.

➤ **CITY BUILDING OFFICIAL**

City Building Official Walker stated I have scheduled my B-1 Residential Inspector Exam for June 18, 2021.

Mayor Robertson passed the gavel to Mayor Pro Tem Beecher.

5. NNRy FOUNDATION REPORT

Mark Bassett reviewed the information included in his report below and stated we are really busy and have bounced back from 2020. The big news is work is continuing on Locomotive 81 and it should be operating by mid-summer. We just did a fundraiser for Locomotive 81 called “Git’r done 81” and we were looking to raise \$166,000.00 and we clocked in at \$209,000.00. We have a lot of support out there.

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Monthly Operations Report for May 2021

1. Locomotive Status – Updated
 - a. Locomotives in service: #93, #105, #109, #204, Wrecking Crane A & Rotary B.
 - b. Locomotive 40 is out of service for her heavy repairs and will be out of service until 2023.
 - c. Locomotives out of service needing moderate repairs: #310 and #45
 - d. Locomotives waiting funding for restoration: Steptoe Valley Smelting and Mining #309, Kennecott 801 and Rotary Snowplow B (for boiler overhaul.)
 - e. Locomotives out of service needing heavy repairs #802, #80 and the military locomotives.
3. Rolling Stock Status – No change
 - a. Passenger equipment in service: #07, #08, #09, Flatcar #23, Coach #5, Baggage Car/RPO #20, Outfit Car #06.
 - b. Passenger equipment out of service: #10, #2 and #05 needing heavy repairs.
 - c. Caboose in service: #3, #6 and #22 are operational.
 - d. Caboose out service: #5
4. Track Status – No change
 - a. Keystone Branch is open
 - b. Adverse Branch is open.
5. Ridership and Ticket Sales – Updated
 - a. In May we carried 1,633 passengers. In 2020 we were shut down, but it is an increase of 5% over 2019.
 - b. Year to date we have carried 2,752 passengers. This is an increase of 1% over 2019.
 - c. Since operations began in 1987, we have carried 316705 passengers.
6. Social Media: Our reach on social media continues to expand. We have 110,741 people who like our Facebook page. We are aggressively posting and doing home grown videos.

Award Winning Destination
Best Tour in Rural Nevada – 2017
Nevada State Treasure – 2013 & 2012
Best Adrenalin Rush in Rural Nevada - 2020
Best Preservation Effort in the West • Attraction of the Year – 2012
Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence – 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014
Best Museum in Rural Nevada – 2020, 2017, 2016, 2014, 2013, 2010, 2009, 2008
Best Event in Rural Nevada – The Polar Express – 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014 & 2013
Best Place to Take the Kids in Rural Nevada 2020, 2019, 2018, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007

Mayor Pro Tem Beecher passed the gavel back to Mayor Robertson.

6. REPORTS

➤ **Mayor**

Mayor Robertson stated I would like to mention that I did get a letter from the University of Nevada, Reno stating that our City Clerk, Jennifer Lee, completed her Certified Public Officials Program and read the following letter into the record, congratulating City Clerk Lee for her accomplishment.



Extended Studies
University of Nevada, Reno

Redfield Campus

June 2, 2021

Nathan Robertson, Mayor
City of Ely
501 Mill Street
Ely, NV 89301

Dear Mr. Robertson,

The University of Nevada, Reno Extended Studies, would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Jennifer Lee on her completion of the Certified Public Officials Program.

We hope she will display her certificate with great pride and with a true sense of accomplishment. The time spent in taking these courses represents a significant commitment to her field.

Her dedication to this program is to be commended and recognized.

We wish her continued success with her career and hope we have provided her with an educational experience that was rewarding and will be beneficial to her professional development.

Sincerely,

Shannon Harris, M.A.
Assistant Director, Workforce Development
Extended Studies
University of Nevada, Reno

Mayor Robertson stated I would also like to report that the complaint regarding mosquitos and livestock was turned over to the appropriate State and County departments for review; a letter will be going out to Mr. John Chachas.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION OF THE ELY CITY COUNCIL AS RECOMMENDED BY THE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES BOARD.

1. Councilman Carson – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval to waive commercial fees to deposit metal at City Landfill June 12, 2021 thru June 20, 2021 to encourage commercial property owners to clean up their property.

Councilman Carson stated we did this last year and it was successful. The Utility Board did recommend approval, and I had an interesting question from Member Derbidge; he asked why we charge commercial businesses to dispose of metals and I didn't have a good answer. I will dig further into this and will hopefully have more answers in the upcoming meetings.

Councilman Alworth asked would be possible to extend the date to June 30, 2021?

Councilman Carson stated I don't see why not.

Mayor Robertson stated I think this would be something good to do every year.

Councilwoman Beecher stated maybe we can start doing it every June, for the whole month.

Councilman Carson stated maybe we can decide if we even need to be charging at all, if we are making money by recycling.

Councilman Alworth moved to approve waiving commercial fees to deposit metal at the City Landfill June 12, 2021 to June 30, 2021 to encourage commercial property owners to clean up their property. Councilman Carson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Board Members – City Clerk Lee – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval to remove past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$7,929.66, due to the Landfill Fee balance and Lien Fee being paid in full, from 25 E. 7th N., Lund, Nevada at the request of the property owner, Deeanna Erekson.

Councilwoman Beecher moved to approve the removal of past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$7,929.66 from 25 E. 7th N., Lund, Nevada. Councilman Alworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Board Members – City Clerk Lee – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval to remove Landfill fees and penalties in the amount of \$1,920.64, from 89 West, 1st South, Lund, Nevada due to the White Pine County Assessor’s designation of this service address as a non-livable structure since October 2017 AND/OR approval to remove past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$418.43 due to the Lien Fee and Landfill Fee balance accrued prior to October 2017 being paid in full.

Councilwoman Beecher moved to approve the removal of landfill fees and penalties in the amount of \$1,920.64, from 89 West, 1st South, Lund, Nevada and to remove past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$418.43. Councilman Carson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

A. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Move to approve the Consent Agenda item 8A-1 Minutes and 8A-2 Bills.

Moved by: Councilman Alworth Second by: Councilwoman Beecher Vote: Unanimous

1. Discussion/For Possible Action –Minutes.
 - May 13, 2021
2. Discussion/For Possible Action –Bills.
 - May 27, 2021

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Councilman Spear – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval of draft priority list for City of Ely’s American Rescue Plan funding.

Mayor Robertson stated I would like to report I did have a citizen approach me with their interest to provide \$500.00 to start an incentive program or something to encourage people to get vaccinated. I quickly realized I was in over my head trying to organize this and reached out to White Pine Mainstreet as they do a lot of our business promotions here locally and they would be willing to work with us on that if the City could pitch in some money for advertising and publicity.

Councilman Alworth stated I talked to the City Treasurer this morning and at this time we still have not received the funding. We should be receiving it either June 11, 2021 or

July 11, 2021. The ideas that we are throwing out there are great and two to add is the incentive for vaccination and funding for non-profits. I don't know how we can really discuss this not knowing a dollar amount, so I would like to push it off until next month. We would still like suggestions and ideas, but it is premature to discuss further.

Councilwoman Beecher stated I think another good addition is the horse races. We did have public comment about the lost funding for them last meeting and we need to make sure we continue those as they are a huge draw to our community.

Councilman Carson stated I would like to see Magic Carpet Preschool added to the list.

Councilman Alworth moved to table the approval of the draft priority list for City of Ely's American Rescue Plan funding for further discussion. Councilwoman Beecher seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Council Members – City Treasurer Trask – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement between City of Ely and Operating Engineers, Local 3 July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

Councilwoman Beecher stated there was a question a couple of weeks ago at the meeting about Landfill and Water/Sewer Leads certifications; did we get those answered?

City Treasurer/HR Director Trask stated I did find the job descriptions and it's in the job description saying that the employee required to have the certification must have it or have the ability to acquire it. However, it does not give a timeline or absolutely say they have to; it was very vague.

Mayor Robertson stated they either need to have the certifications or the ability to get them.

City Treasurer/HR Director Trask stated again, I am stressing that these job descriptions need to be updated.

Councilman Carson stated it was my idea to go through the job descriptions, address the job descriptions and the grey area. My recommendation for now is to go ahead and give the 5% raise across the board, but for the leadmen hold the dollar back until we redo the job descriptions and can come up with a fair price, whatever that might be.

Councilman Alworth stated would that plan be implemented in three months if we come up with something and the Union agrees, or would we go through the whole year?

City Treasurer/HR Director Trask stated it is going to take us a while to get through all of these as we have a lot of them. I would say next year's because the way the Union Agreement stands now wages are the only thing we would open for discussion the next two years after this one. If what Councilman Carson is saying is the approved committee will have to go back into negotiations with the union to withdraw the dollar extra and just say 5% raise across the board.

Councilman Alworth stated so it is procedural?

City Treasurer/HR Director Trask stated yes.

Councilman Carson stated that is just my thought.

Councilman Alworth stated I like that thought.

Councilman Carson moved that the July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2024 Collective Bargaining Agreement between City of Ely and Operating Engineers Local 3 be3 amended to remove the dollar increase from the Landfill, WWTP and Water/Sewer Leads, with a five percent (5%) raise across the board. Councilman Alworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Council Members – City Attorney Manuele – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval of abatement action to include the removal of junk/abandoned vehicles, weeds, and debris on private property located at 201 Ogden Avenue, Ely, NV, APN 001-125-06.

Mr. Peeler stated I am here representing the property in question and we are working on it right now and cleaning it up. If you don't believe me, just look at my truck it is full of junk in the back-parking lot. I have two people working on it that I hired. The only thing holding up the vehicles is Tom Bath has all the titles and we are waiting for him to come through with them. I sent a letter to you in this regard; he is cooperating with us, but the DMV can be hard to deal with when getting rid of old vehicles.

Councilwoman Beecher stated is a timeline of thirty-days reasonable to get it cleaned up?

Mr. Peeler stated we are trying to get it done as soon as possible. We are going to remove two of the vehicles this week; the trailer and the Kia.

Mayor Robertson asked Mr. Peeler, is there a time you would like to propose to the Council to have this finished?

Mr. Peeler stated we should have the weeds cleaned up in thirty days and hopefully, the rest as well. I need to keep up with production at our plant, so we can pay for all of this.

Councilwoman Beecher moved to give an extension of thirty (30) days from today to remove the junk, abandoned vehicles, weeds, and debris on private property located at 201 Ogden Avenue, Ely, NV. Councilman Carson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. NEW BUSINESS

2. Councilman Carson – White Pine County Tourism Director Kyle Horvath — Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval of Resolution 2021-3 to ratify the approval of the Ely Renaissance Society Mural Selection Committee for placement of a new mural on 648 Aultman Street.

Kyle Horvath, Director of Tourism, stated the White Pine Mainstreet Committee has been working with the Renaissance Committee and multiple artists. They received a \$30,000.00 grant earmarked towards monuments and murals from the State Main Street Association. The three murals we are going over tonight is what everyone agreed upon within the committees. The first one is on 648 Aultman, adjacent to Economy Drug. At that location we are working with Reno Mural artist, Erik Burke, who has done work all over the world, but he is a Nevada artist and is working with the Shoshone Tribe to do a mural that represents the pow wow specifically, not Native American culture in general but the pow wow showing the colors, textures, the faces, the military service.

Mayor Robertson stated I will open items 3 and 4 for Discussion/For Possible Action along with Item 2.

3. Councilman Carson – White Pine County Tourism Director Kyle Horvath — Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval of Resolution 2021-4 to ratify the approval of the Ely Renaissance Society Mural Selection Committee for placement of a new mural on 1676 Aultman Street.
4. Councilman Carson – White Pine County Tourism Director Kyle Horvath — Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval of Resolution 2021-5 to ratify the approval of the Ely Renaissance Society Mural Selection Committee for placement of a new mural on 2517 Aultman Street.

Kyle Horvath stated there is a correction instead of 2517 Aultman it will be 1325 Aultman Street for Resolutions 2021-5. The Mural at 1676 Aultman will be on the side of Desert Rose Ceramics and Crafts. After talking to them they were very supportive and wanted something that would honor Veterans and military service, so there is a great

photo of Ely children in a 1919 photo sitting on a tank right on 11th Avenue in front of the building and that was the inspiration. There are three panels on that building; one panel will have a large picture of 1919 Eisenhower in his uniform leading his caravan with cars, the middle one will be the photo of the children sitting on the tank, and the last panel will be based around the soldiers of the time and will be completed by Las Vegas Artist, David Ozuna, who has been doing touch ups on other murals, but wanted to do his own piece. The Mural at 1325 Aultman is Dr. Arnoldson's building and is in a very visible area. Dr. Arnoldson wanted to recreate a scene that is only seen at above 10,000 feet at sunrise if you are a hunter. This mural will wrap around the front and the side of the building and will be painted by Jamie Vincek, who is a Las Vegas Mural Artist and is the one that did the four new murals that we did last summer with the 3-D interactive. The Renaissance Committee and property owners are happy with the selections and placement. If there are any other questions, I will answer those now.

Councilman Alworth moved to approve Resolution 2021-3 for the Renaissance Society Mural Selection Committee to place a new mural on 648 Aultman Street, Resolution 2021-4 for the Renaissance Society Mural Selection Committee to place a new mural on 1676 Aultman Street, and Resolutions 2021-5 for the Renaissance Society Mural Selection Committee to place a new mural on 1325 Aultman Street. Councilwoman Beecher seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Councilman Alworth – Discussion/For Possible Action – Review of, with possible changes to, Broadbent Park draft conceptual designs provided by Civil Science Infrastructure, Inc. Services for a SNPLMA Round 19 grant application.

Cody Howick stated this is not the first time I have been out to Ely. I have worked on many park projects about ten years ago. I also have Alex Stewart with me who is my right-hand man and design lead on all my projects. We provided some alternatives, have met with Councilman Alworth and Mike. What we are looking for today is feedback so we can produce a final rendering for you during your next City Council Meeting. We did give you an existing site conditions map and three concepts. Concept 1 had mostly to do with the field layout and how we had to orient things. Concept 2 has the field oriented as it is existing and to be honest this design, didn't really go well with what we are trying to do out there. Meeting with Councilman Jim Alworth we felt like we liked concept 1 and three the most, favoring concept 3. We like the idea of getting rid of the bleachers and terracing that slope, and the expanded parking near the City office. Concept 3 is the one we made tweaks on. We looked at possibly separating the large restroom and shade pavilion and adding a maintenance area to the restroom. The main difference between 1 and 3 is the location of the splash pad; on 3 it is towards Mill Street and on concept 1 it is near the existing playground.

Councilwoman Beecher stated I like concept 3. I have to say I was at an event recently and sat on the bleachers; they are looking rough. Recently I was approached by community members and friends of the Broadbent family about a sign recognizing the name of the park. Are we going to be putting a sign in?

Mayor Robertson stated that is something that could be added in. I do like concept 3 with the walking path that was added, as that was one thing a lot of community members wanted to see. I also like the maintenance equipment areas as I think we have been needing one of those and the additional parking.

Cody Howick stated instead of tying ourselves down to a basketball court, we are looking at doing a multi-sport court which leaves options open. The other change may be putting the pavilion in the area of the sport court instead of near the restroom we talked about.

Councilman Alworth stated putting a restroom on Clark Street. We talked about putting many of the other things on Mill Street where there is more traffic, and hopefully, we will have less of a chance of vandalism. We also talked about putting in electrical outlets for work trucks, going with example 2 of terracing as it will be easier on maintenance. On the small splash pad, we talked about not putting rocks around it to avoid kids jumping off rocks and landing on their head. The shaded areas, walkways, and horseshoe pits

were also of interest. The baseball practicing field will be moved back towards the Armory to avoid broken windshields.

Mayor Robertson stated I like concept 3 because it keeps it open for other events such as car shows.

Cody Howick stated the lights we like to recommend are called Musco lights that you can turn on and off from your cell phone, which will work great for Mike if he needs to turn them on for someone or off after an event. They are LED lights and have a 20-year warranty on bulbs and are essentially maintenance free. We have another restroom we want to put in on Clark Street near the existing playground that will be very small with just two stalls. We will get all these plans into a final plan that we will have for your next City Council Meeting with a cost estimate; however, I will not be able to attend the meeting. This final plan will be presented to the White Pine County Commission on July 14, 2021.

Councilwoman Beecher moved to move forward with concept 3 changing the basketball court to a multi-sports court, removing the bleachers, and a sign acknowledging the name of Broadbent Park. Councilman Alworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Cody Howick stated a quick update on Jack Caylor Park: we are in the process of design and just finished with the environmental process. We are hoping to bid it in November or December, with the plan for spring construction.

1. Mayor Robertson – Discussion/For Possible Action – Retroactive approval of letters to Senator Rosen and Senator Cortez Masto in support of securing funding for the Nevada Department of Transportation’s Ely Mainstreet Project, the Lower East Ely Water mains Project, and the Central Ely Sewer System Upgrade.

Councilman Alworth moved to retroactively approve the letters to Senator Rosen and Senator Cortez Masto. Councilwoman Beecher seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Councilman Carson – Discussion/For Possible Action – Direction to City Human Resources Director to establish a committee to update employee job descriptions.

Councilman Carson moved to direct City Human Resource Director Trask to establish a committee to update employee job descriptions. Councilman Alworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Councilman Spear – Councilman Alworth – Discussion Only – Update on PORTER Group efforts on behalf of the City of Ely.

Councilman Alworth stated General Herbert from the PORTER Group is here tonight and I will refer this report to him.

PORTER Group Senior Vice President General Robert T. Herbert stated as you know, all your applications for earmarks have been submitted to the two Senate offices. I want to commend Councilman Alworth and B.J. for all their hard work. It is not like it used to be when I worked for Senator Reid when we were doing earmarks, you would just put them in bills and moved on; now you have to have all kinds of documentation to support the request. I think that is a way they are trying to be more transparent in Washington D.C. and make sure all the boxes are checked. My assistant is in the process of setting up a follow-up meeting with all of you, the Senators, and us. The hot development that happened today and may be an opportunity for us is the infrastructure bill that has been talked about for about a decade or longer. Today a bi-partisan group of Senators have come to a conclusion on a 1.3 trillion-dollar infrastructure package. I bring this up because we will start looking for resources to be able to help you out. I have been working to get you connected better with the State. They are going to get a big influx of

cash and I know water, sewer, and broadband are hot topics; and they are specifically mentioned in that legislation, so I think we need to see what we can get. We are on a good track and were disappointed that we didn't get anything from Congressman Horsford, but have turned up the screws on him to be more supportive of your SNPLMA requests. They sent a letter to the Secretary of Interior and I have asked Congressman Horsford, if he has an opportunity, when talking with the Secretary to mention your project specifically and give it that extra boost to get through it the process. We should also talk about Broadbent Park and see if we can be helpful in Round 19 of the SNPLMA Grant. Once we get going, we hope to provide resources to help your city out.

Mayor Robertson stated we certainly appreciate all your hard work.

8. Council Members – City Treasurer Trask – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement between City of Ely Fire Department and Operating Engineers, Local 3 July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

City Treasurer-HR Director Trask asked are there questions regarding the changes?

Mayor Robertson asked, they didn't want to go with a multi-year?

City Treasurer-HR Director Trask stated no. We mentioned it in discussions, but said we would go a year and review it.

Councilman Alworth asked they also got the 5% raise?

City Treasurer/HR Director Trask stated correct.

Councilwoman Beecher moved to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between City of Ely Fire Department and Operating Engineers, Local 3 July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Councilman Flangas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Council Members – City Attorney Manuele – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval of abatement action to include the removal of felled trees on private property located at 2101 South Street, Ely, NV, APN 001-411-01.

Teresa Ciciliano stated I brought some maps. I think the property you are talking about is in front of our house along Ogden and that is not our property.

Mayor Robertson asked do we know how those trees were cut down and got there?

Teresa Ciciliano stated I don't know how they got there, but they are not ours. Can you correct the address? We did try to reach out to the City Attorney on May 18th, 19th and 13th and left messages, but nobody got back with us. We got through to the City but had to leave a voicemail.

City Clerk Lee stated I will address this issue with staff.

City Attorney Manuele stated the complaints and abatements go straight to the Council for decision; there is no longer an interim period with the City Attorney.

Mayor Robertson stated the Council is who you address those issues with and not the City Attorney, so that is the issue there.

Councilman Alworth stated as I look now at the sliver of property, that is not your property; I believe it is owned by a gentleman in McGill.

Mayor Robertson asked is the property is the parcel number ending in 102?

Teresa Ciciliano stated, yes.

Councilman Alworth stated you are right.

Mayor Robertson asked City Attorney Manuele, what are options to deal with this item?

City Attorney Manuele stated the item would die due to no motion since the property APN is incorrect.

Councilman Alworth stated I know these trees did not grow there; they were dumped there. I think we need to get a hold of the correct property owner and have them hauled off.

Mayor Robertson stated item died due to lack of motion, and correct property owner will be notified.

Councilman Alworth stated thank you for bringing this to our attention.

10. Council Members – City Attorney Manuele – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval of abatement action to include the removal of felled trees, abandoned vehicles, weeds and debris on private property located at 1700 Campton Street, Ely, NV, APN 001-401-03.

Councilman Alworth stated that is a tricky property to find. The numbers on the garage say 1600 and the property is a mess. They were doing some clean up there the last couple of days; there have been pick-up trucks with bags of garbage in the back. The abandoned white car is still there.

Mayor Robertson stated there are two cars there and look like they are in the city right of way at this point.

Councilman Alworth stated I think we need to push on this one, as it has become quite a mess since the owner passed away.

Councilman Flangas stated there are two huge pine trees in the back that are dead and possibly a fire hazard.

Mayor Robertson stated I know the instigating issue of the complaint was the dead trees and weeds causing a fire hazard.

Councilwoman Beecher stated if they are making an effort, do we give them more time to do so?

Mayor Robertson stated it is my understanding that the owners have not contacted the City in any fashion to say they were cleaning it up, they would like more time, or any correspondence.

Councilman Alworth moved to proceed with the abatement action to include the removal of felled trees, abandoned vehicles, weeds and debris on private property located at 1700 Campton Street, Ely, NV. Councilwoman Beecher seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Council Members – City Attorney Manuele – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval of abatement action to include the removal of vehicles, parts, weeds and debris on private property located at 900 Avenue C, Ely, NV, APN 002-013-08.

City Clerk Lee stated Mr. Moattar did come by City Hall and provide pictures. I indicated to him that we would also like the Chinese Elms removed; he did that, which was confirmed this afternoon. I believe this property is in compliance now.

Councilwoman Beecher stated I did drive by there today and it looks like there has been some significant work done.

Mayor Robertson stated due to lack of motion, the item dies.

12. Council Members – City Attorney Manuele – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval of abatement action to include the removal of trash and debris on private property located at 272 High Street, Ely, NV, APN 001-145-08.

Councilman Alworth stated I drove by there and there were a lot of boxes that seemed somewhat organized, but I couldn't tell if that was an effort to move things out or not.

Mayor Robertson asked has the property owner had made contact with the City?

City Clerk Lee stated no.

Councilman Alworth moved to proceed with the abatement action to include the removal of vehicles, parts, weeds and debris on private property located at 900 Avenue C, Ely, NV. Councilwoman Beecher seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

George Chachas stated you are citing people for different things, but you have a charred home on Avenue G and you have been after me on my property at 692 Ogden with very little damage; this property is not fenced and mine is. We also have Mr. Flangas criticizing others, but he has a mess in his yard. I have turned in homes on Campton, the old boat with broken windows by Jack Caylor Park, in the same area an old warehouse with flying tin that are all attractive nuisances. Mr. Chachas also stated ongoing concerns with selective enforcement from Regional Planning Commission, billing for his property at 490 High Street; utility billing, and whether staff is bonded.

Councilman Alworth stated if anybody has a problem with property come to City Hall and fill out the proper paperwork. Some of those properties that Mr. Chachas talked about were in those conditions back when he was the mayor. This administration is addressing it aggressively. He talks about a building he has that is burned and I was probably one of the first firemen there to put water on it; that was about twenty years ago and the other building has been about twenty-five years ago and he has done nothing in that time period; that is why those properties were turned in.

Carl Marsh stated this is the most efficient meeting I have seen out of the City Council in a long time.

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

Councilwoman Beecher moved to adjourn the Regular meeting of the Ely City Council at 6:07 p.m. Councilman Alworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.


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