

# CITY OF ELY

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## ELY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

**November 15, 2022, 5:00 p.m. – Ely Volunteer Fire Hall – 499 Mill Street – Ely, Nevada**

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

Members present:

- Mayor Nathan Robertson
- Councilman Ernie Flangas
- Councilman Kurt Carson
- Councilman Ed Spear
- Councilman Jim Alworth
- Councilwoman Jerri-Lynn Williams-Harper

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

- City Clerk Jennifer Lee
- City Treasurer/HR Director Janette Trask
- City Attorney Leo Cahoon
- City Municipal Court Judge Mike Coster
- 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 persons attended via video conference: Geri Wopschall, and Jerri Williams

### **ELY CITY COUNCIL ATTENDANCE LIST**

**DATE: NOVEMBER 15, 2022**

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#### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comment

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

1. Mayor Robertson – City Clerk Lee – Discussion/For Possible Action – Canvass of returns for the City of Ely General Election held November 8, 2022.

City Clerk Lee stated the General Election Official Results were released today. Samantha Elliott had 995 votes and Bruce Setterstrom had 438 votes; Samantha Elliott is declared the winner.

**NOVEMBER 8, 2022 GENERAL ELECTION  
CITY OF ELY  
OFFICIAL RESULTS RELEASED NOVEMBER 15, 2022**

Elector Group	Counting Group	Voters Cast	Registered Voters	Turnout
Total	Election Day	1,034		19.75%
	Early Vote	560		10.70%
	Mail In	1,868		35.68%
	Total	3,462	5,236	66.12%

Voters Cast: 3,462 of 5,236 (66.12%)

**ELY CITY COUNCIL, SEAT 3 (Vote for 1)**

	Election Day	Early Vote	Mail In	Total	
Times Cast	528	283	740	1,551 / 2,436	63.67%
Blanks	36	19	63	118	

Candidate	Party	Election Day	Early Vote	Mail In	Total	
ELLIOTT, SAMANTHA	NP	320	194	481	995	69.43%
SETTERSTROM, BRUCE	NP	172	70	196	438	30.57%
Total Votes		492	264	677	1,433	

Councilman Alworth moved to approve the November 8, 2022 Canvass of returns for the City of Ely General Election. Councilman Carson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Councilman Spear stated I want to thank you all for appointing me to this Council the last two and a half years it has been interesting, and I think we have gotten a lot done. I have enjoyed working with everyone and the staff has been wonderful to work with. On the last agenda item I had, I will be putting an article in the newspaper about it because I think they did a lot of browbeating. If anyone asks you their actual net revenue after expenses, last year was \$524,524.91. They had more income than expenses and their budget is so haywire it is not even funny. The Fund balance they last submitted to the State they are showing an opening Fund of 1,328,854. This is my take on it is when the audit comes out next month, I am going to check it. My guess is their beginning fund balance is \$1,852,952.91 which is a half million more than they put in their budget so we will see how that turns out. Anyways, it has been fun, interesting, and that is all I have to say.

Councilman Flangas stated I would like to thank everyone on the Council and the staff for the time I have been here it has been a heartache and a joy. A couple of other comments I want to make is if anyone goes by the duck pond by the County Courthouse, I don't think we want those people redesigning Broadbent Park. To me it looks like a fiasco, and I don't know where the ducks are going to go. Something to note is the Duckpond was actually a holding pond of water for Ely Light and Power when they would generate power where the telephone office is. There used to be water that flowed down in front of the park and would generate power until they connected with Kennecott's Power Plant and that is when they let that holding pond go to the County as the duck pond. There are a lot of historical things in the City of Ely and White Pine County we should be very proud of. When Eisenhower came out and surveyed Highway 50, Lincoln Highway, the proposal was there was no federal


highway department, there was no state department or City. It was a dirt road they surveyed to go from one part of the U.S. to another part and it did not originate in New York, but in Washington D.C. As they came through, they came up with this conclusion and through each state in developing the highway. The very first community that developed the Lincoln Highway was the City of Ely in 1906-1907. It was paved up there as you come in from Ruth to the top of what we now call Great Basin Boulevard; it was one mile and one acre. The City of Ely was the first community to pave their section of the Lincoln Highway. Ely was also the first community in the State of Nevada to offer electric to your home. At that time there was only two communities of any importance and that was Elko and Ely; Reno was one-third of the population of Ely at that time. Also, the very first airline originated in Ely to Tonopah and back again. Eventually it flew from Ely to Tonopah, and then to Reno and then back to Tonopah and then to Ely. The very first airport is the one sitting out on the highway now. I just wanted to share a little history with you all.

Councilwoman Williams-Harper stated I want to say thank you to Ernie and Ed. My other two councilmen will wish you guys were back because I will be calling them. I really appreciate everything I have learned and thank you for what you both have done.

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

Councilman Spear moved to adjourn the special meeting of the Ely City Council at **5:10 p.m.** Councilman Flangas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

  
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