



# CITY OF ELY

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## ELY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

November 30, 2023, 5:00 p.m. – Ely Volunteer Fire Hall – 499 Mill Street – Ely, Nevada

1. Mayor Pro Tempore Williams-Harper called the regular 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 Pro Tempore Jerri Lynn Williams-Harper  
Councilman Terrill Trask  
Councilman Kurt Carson  
Councilwoman Samantha Elliott  
Councilman Jim Alworth

Members absent:

Mayor Nathan Robertson

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

City Clerk Jennifer Lee  
City Treasurer/HR Director Trask  
City Attorney Leo Cahoon  
City Public Works Director Mike Cracraft  
City Fire Chief Pat Stork  
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, Eugene Harper, and Ben Bailey.

### ELY CITY COUNCIL ATTENDANCE LIST

#### SPECIAL MEETING

DATE: November 30, 2023

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George Chachas  
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## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

George Chachas stated I believe the City pays for the audit for the Nevada Northern Railway, and it wasn't included in here. If the city is paying for their audit, then it should be available to the public and it hasn't been for the last couple of years. I'm asking that it is presented. Thank you.

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

1. Council Members – City Treasurer Trask – *Keddington & Christensen, CPA's* representative (s) - Discussion/For Possible Action – Presentation and possible acceptance of the Year Ended June 30, 2023, fiscal audit for the City of Ely.

Ben Bailey, CPA with *Keddington & Christensen*, reviewed the audit by stating we appreciate the opportunity to present the audit to the Council tonight. We love the relationship we've had with Ely and personally, I like going there every year. As governance we report the results of our audit to you. We view, as charged with the strategic direction of the City and responsible for overseeing the financial reporting process. Just to remind you that having the audit doesn't relieve you or management of your responsibilities with regard to the financial statements. Our responsibilities are we're responsible to perform the audits in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards, and it's designed to obtain reasonable rather than absolute assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The second paragraph on page one states that in our opinion in all material respects, the financial position of the City and its funds, as of June 30, 2023, are fairly stated. In addition to the audit of the financial statements, we also look at the internal controls over the cash disbursement system, cash receipting, payroll, the financial close, and we look at the journal entries that were made during the year. Having good internal controls, keeps the employees honest, protects them, and also helps to detect problems. Our work over internal controls is for an understanding of how the controls work, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on those controls, and that report is on page 68 of the financials. We didn't see any control issues or compliance issues with local, State, or federal laws. The State compliance portions communicated in the next opinion, which is on page 70, are the same in that it's not for the purpose of expressing an opinion, but in the limited procedures we performed we didn't see any issues. The significant accounting policies and the estimates used by the City are in run one of the financial statements. We believe the City has a reliable accounting system and produces reliable financial information. The City has sound accounting policies that have not changed during the fiscal year. The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear. Throughout the audit we didn't run into any problems working with Janette and everyone there in the City; it's always been great and everyone's more than happy to help. Just to note, in those other two opinions, we didn't have any findings to report this year. We got rid of the financial close finding from last year, and we didn't notice any budgetary problems. Do you have any questions for me?

City Treasurer/HR Director Trask stated this is the first time in my history I have not had a finding.

Councilman Trask moved to accept the fiscal audit for the City of Ely ending June 30, 2023. Councilwoman Elliott seconded the motion.

Councilman Alworth stated the only reason you have good audits like this is because of our staff. Janette's been doing the financials for the City probably close to twenty years. With the next election coming around, you have to really make sure as a council that you're going to have somebody sitting in that position that can continue doing the job and I know she's going to stay on for a while. It is very, very important and you just can't throw somebody fresh into the financials of the City. You need to have somebody on board training with her for possibly a year or more because we've seen what happened in past years by incompetent people trying to run the finances for the City. So once again, kudos to the financial department and thanks Janette.

Councilwoman Williams-Harper stated I would like to echo what Councilman Alworth said and say this is an amazing audit.

The motion carried unanimously.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

George Chachas stated ongoing concerns regarding his request for any complaints on the property that Pine West is interested in developing; his concern of the City competing with the private sector; his request for an answer to semi's being parked on roads as City Code specifically states there is no parking of semi-trucks allowed on City roads; his concern of the streetlight that is out by Mr. G's being a safety concern; his request for a list of RVs permitted in the City and if they are paying utilities; his concern for the drainage coming off of the Bath's property onto his property; and the access for trucks to the Golden Gate Project being built. Mr. Chachas stated I just recently noticed three City vehicles working on private property putting up the Christmas tree; that's not a function of the City, and that needs to stop.

**5. 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 **5:17 p.m.** Councilman Carson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

  
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