

# CITY OF ELY

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## ELY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

**October 24, 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 5:01 P.M. Paul Podborny offered an invocation. Mayor Robertson led in the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for Roll Call.

**Members present:**

Mayor Nathan Robertson  
Councilman Terrill Trask  
Councilman Kurt Carson  
Councilwoman Samantha Elliott  
Councilman Jim Alworth (Zoom)  
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 Engineer B.J. Almberg  
City Building Official Don Hendrickson  
City Police Chief Scott Henriod  
City Attorney Shain Manuele  
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, Paula Carson, Katie Leach, and Eugene Harper.

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

**DATE: October 24, 2024**

Print name below

Janet VanCamp  
PAUL PODBORNY  
George Chachas  
Dean Reynolds  
JOHN GIMARCHALIS  
MARK BASSETT  
mel VanCamp  
JOHN GRAYSON

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## **2. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

George Chachas stated on your agenda item 10-1 you are to consider the White Pine County Youth Center's Will-Serve to connect the water line from the temporary safe housing duplex to the existing building water line at 399 First Street; that needs to be denied. City policy requires every structure to have its own connection, no piggybacking. The City has set a precedent in the past when they litigated against Ilma Blackmore, that had property on which two homes shared the same water and sewer line connections that had been there before she purchased the property. The property was grandfathered in and the City forced her to establish two separate connections. The city cannot discriminate in any federally funded or assisted public utility. Please reference your City of Ely Title VI Implementation plans which govern compliance with federal anti-discrimination regulations. On our agenda item 11-2 you are to consider the removal of past due utility fees up to the amount of \$7,409.39 from the property at 5 North Sixth Street, in McGill, requested by Mr. Jones. I'm not against the write off, but I want equal protection and consideration under the law. Recently I purchased the property at 827 Avenue D, and tried to change the billing to myself, and at the same time pay for the landfill fee. I was denied, because I did not have the deed at the time. I received a letter from you, Mr. Mayor, dated October 17, 2024, stating I first have to pay in full the back billing of \$114.11 before I can apply and receive the outstanding penalties of \$4.27. Did you, Mr. Mayor, send a similar letter to Mr. Jones? Did Mr. Jones pay the full amount, including penalties and interest, before a check for the write-off amount was sent back to him? I remind you again that I paid for my property at 490 High Street, as instructed in the letter from City Clerk Jennifer Lee, dated November 25, 2019. I did not get the same consideration, and I paid the penalties and interest in full. The City to date has failed to reimburse me for the overpayment that I made on the old Ely Grade School at 622 High Street, yet you wrote off all the back billing for young Tom Bath when he purchased the Plaza Hotel at the same auction that I bought mine. The city gave property owners at 790 Avenue I a \$4,000.00 or more write-off, claiming it was an employee error to justify the write-off, even though all utilities were used for years. Again, the federal law prohibits discrimination in any federally funded or assisted public utility. You need to understand, and you have got to be fair. The rules apply to everybody, or they apply to nobody.

John Gianoli stated I appear before you again today to thank you for your efforts on item number 9-2, the ordinance to restrict hunting in the City of Ely. I totally endorse this project. I think it's very important that this be placed in the books, and I appreciate everything you have done. Thank you.

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

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

## **4. CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Councilman Alworth asked Municipal Court Judge Coster, on your report you have the civil cases listed. How many of those civil cases was our City Attorney present at?

City Municipal Court Judge Coster stated I can say he sat in on one this week. It has become the standard practice in Nevada Misdemeanor Court that the prosecution does not attend civil matters because they handle criminal cases, and civil matters are not criminal obviously. Typically, the prosecutor doesn't come. The law allows that the judge's decision be made on the following evidence: all of the printed material in the file, any supplemental statement from the law enforcement officer involved, and then the live testimony of the defendant. I don't consider it abnormal or limiting that the City prosecutor, whoever that might be not be involved in the civil case.

The reason I ask is because City Ordinance 1-6C-5, Legal Department states that our City Attorney is the head of the Legal Department. The City may split the duties of the City Attorney between civil work and prosecution as its sole option. What does our attorney do for the legal side of the court system? Is it in Judge Bishop's court? What does he do for what we have him on the payroll for.

Mayor Robertson stated if I might, currently our prosecution services are being handled by the District Attorney's office so Shane Manuele would not be appearing in Judge Coster's court because that's the District Attorney's duties at the moment. Is that correct?

City Municipal Court Judge Coster stated that is correct and so I would answer, Mr. Alworth's question in the narrowest possible way, and that is the White Pine County District Attorney has been engaged to handle criminal work, and they are doing fine work that way. Mr. Manuele, who handles civil work, has not come to the court during this term of his appointment, because, as I pointed out in Nevada, typically civil traffic cases, which is what you're speaking of, are not cases conducted with any representative of the Sheriff's office or the City of Ely.

Mayor Robertson stated my point being that even if it was a civil case like you're defining, it still would be the District Attorney's office that would be appearing if someone needed to appear. Attorney Manuele has only been contracted to deal with civil things with the administration of the City of Ely, such as ordinances. Anything having to do with the Municipal Court has been contracted to the District Attorney's office.

Councilman Alworth stated the reason I'm asking this, and I'd have to go back in the minutes, but when the Mayor recommended appointing Mr. Manuele on this position there was some NRS stating we had to have an attorney to deal with civil. I'm trying to figure out what he is doing if he's just doing ordinance work. You know we're paying him \$11,000 a month and I'm trying to figure out what the Mayor brought forth to us when he recommended appointing, which we did appoint. Mayor, can you clarify what you said as to why we had to have an attorney as soon as possible?

Mayor Robertson stated this probably is outside of a report. I'm happy to get you the agreements for both the prosecution services and for the civil services if you'd like to look at those, Jim.

Councilman Alworth stated that's fine, I'm almost done, anyway, but in my opinion just another coverup in the corrupt system of our City Hall. Thank you.

➤ **CITY CLERK**

City Clerk Lee stated my office filed 15 more liens on Tuesday. Since 2021 my office has filed 124 liens and released 117. I've confirmed with Rural Community Assistance Corporation that they can conduct a community-wide income survey which will be necessary for us to apply for wastewater treatment plant funding through CDBG, because right now, our census LMI numbers are not 51% or above. Finally, the Special City Council meeting to canvass the returns for Seat 2 will be held on November 7th at 5 P.M. Please let Administrative Assistant Cobb know whether or not you'll be able to attend that meeting.

Councilman Alworth stated Mr. Mayor, I never heard what the Attorney's report was. Did he have anything to report?

Mayor Robertson stated he said no report.

Councilman Alworth stated okay I have a question for him, but there should be a report.

City Attorney Manuele stated I'm not open for questions. I don't have a report to have questions to be asked of.

➤ CITY ENGINEER

**City Council Report (10/24/24)**

- Wrapping up paperwork on the completed City Slurry Project.
- Bell Ave CDBG construction is ongoing.
  - Completed the main connection in Campton Street. This was the major connection of the project.
- Working on Landfill Quarterly monitoring report.
- Assisting City Hall with CDBG applications for new projects.
- Coordinating with the railroad on some drainage on North Street and the railroad crossing.
- Morley CDBG project SHPO is complete. Now working on getting the EA into CDBG for approval.

**5. NNRy FOUNDATION REPORT**

Mayor Robertson disclosed I am a part-time employee of the Foundation, but this is not a voting item, and I don't vote anyways.

NNRY President Mark Bassett reviewed the following report:

**NEVADA NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK



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**Monthly Operations Report for September 2024**

1. Locomotive Status – No change
  - a. Locomotives in service: #93, #109, 204, 310, 801, Wrecking Crane A & Rotary B.
  - b. Locomotive 81 is out-of-service with running gear and boiler issues. The staff and volunteers have done incredible work on Locomotive 81. The Federal Railroad Administration was here and passed all of the boiler repairs.
  - c. Locomotive 40 is out of service for her heavy repairs. We have started on her repairs; she will be out of service until 2025.
  - d. Locomotives out of service needing moderate repairs: #201 and #802
  - e. Locomotives waiting funding for restoration: Steptoe Valley Smelting and Mining #309 and Rotary Snowplow B (for boiler overhaul.)
  - f. Locomotives out of service needing heavy repairs #80 and the military locomotives.
3. Rolling Stock Status – No Change
  - a. Passenger equipment in service: #07, #08, #09, Flatcar #23, Baggage/RPO #20, Outfit Car #06.
  - b. Passenger Coach 5 in for painting.
  - c. Passenger equipment out of service: #10, #2 and #05 needing heavy repairs.
  - d. Caboose in service: #3 and #22 are operational.
  - e. Caboose out service: #5 and #6. Caboose #6 needs a 50-year waiver.
4. Track Status – No change
  - a. Keystone Branch is open.
  - b. Adverse Branch is open.
  - c. Museum Branch is open.
5. Ridership and Ticket Sales – Updated
  - a. In September, we carried 1,586 passengers, this was a decrease of 16% compared to the previous year.
  - b. This year to date we have carried 10,531 passengers, this was a decrease of 11% compared to the previous year.
  - c. Since operations began in 1987, we have carried 375,236 passengers.
6. Economic Impact – The average non-gaming & gaming daily expenditure per overnight visitor \$170.  
Economic impact for September 2024 was  $1,586 \times 80\% \times 170 = \$215,696$ .  
Economic impact year to date was  $10,531 \times 80\% \times 170 = \$1,432,216$

**Award Winning Destination**

Best Adrenaline Rush in Rural Nevada – 2020

Best Historic Railroad of the West – 2023, 2022

Best Museum in Rural Nevada – 2022, 2020, 2017, 2016, 2014, 2013, 2010, 2009, 2008

Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence – 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014

Best Place to Take the Kids in Rural Nevada - 2020, 2019, 2018, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007



These numbers only reflect the economic impact of our train passengers and does not include visitors who did not ride the train.

7. Social Media: Our reach on social media continues to expand:
- a. Our Facebook reach last month was 212,300
  - c. We have 155,100 page likes.
  - d. 198,600 people follow our page.

8. Touchable History



In December 1960, Don Sims a renown photographer from Los Angeles, caught a Nevada Northern Railway engineer signing in for his shift, in front of the railroad's classic call board. The call board still exists but fell out of use and became a gathering place for stuff. The publication of this photo excited Lennox and his brother Jack to clean the area up.



Above Lennox signing in for service at the cleaned-up call board.

Left, Lennox and Jack in front of the call board. They took it upon themselves to clean up the area and put the board back into operation.

This is an excellent example of touchable history at the Nevada Northern Railway National Historic Landmark.

## 6. GEORGETOWN RANCH QUARTERLY REPORT

From: Betsy Vogler <[betsyvogler77@gmail.com](mailto:betsyvogler77@gmail.com)>  
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2024 12:30 PM  
To: Jennifer Lee <[CityClerk@cityofelynv.gov](mailto:CityClerk@cityofelynv.gov)>  
Subject: Georgetown quarterly report

July 2nd- I was contacted by Courtney Thornal with the County and she was very helpful. She was unaware of the issue until I brought it to the County Commission meeting. She had been contacted after the meeting, about the hemlock and noxious weed issues at the golf course. Courtney then contacted Tri-County Weed and had them spray on June 28th. We discussed a possibility of next year coordinating spraying during May, so Tri-County Weed could hit both Golf Course and Georgetown around the same time to help reduce the spread of the weeds.

July 13th- July 19th- Hayed fields the amount was 24 ton.

July 20th-21st -Ditch repair Northeast end.

August 20th- Water has dropped significantly and can't water the North section of hay fields.

August 25th- Built a temporary corral for working cattle.

September 8th- Removed 50 head of cows. Water has dropped even more for irrigation purposes. Only able to irrigate small sections in the first two hay fields.

September 14th- Removed the rest of the cattle except 8 head.

September 20th- Spoke with NRCS on building interior fencing and weed control for the spring along with seeding. Possible help with costs of repairing existing ditches in hopes to help with irrigating more efficiently than current state.

### Plans for next quarter

Burn (once burn ban is lifted) or mow brush down on South end field and reseed and clean up that corner by the radio station.

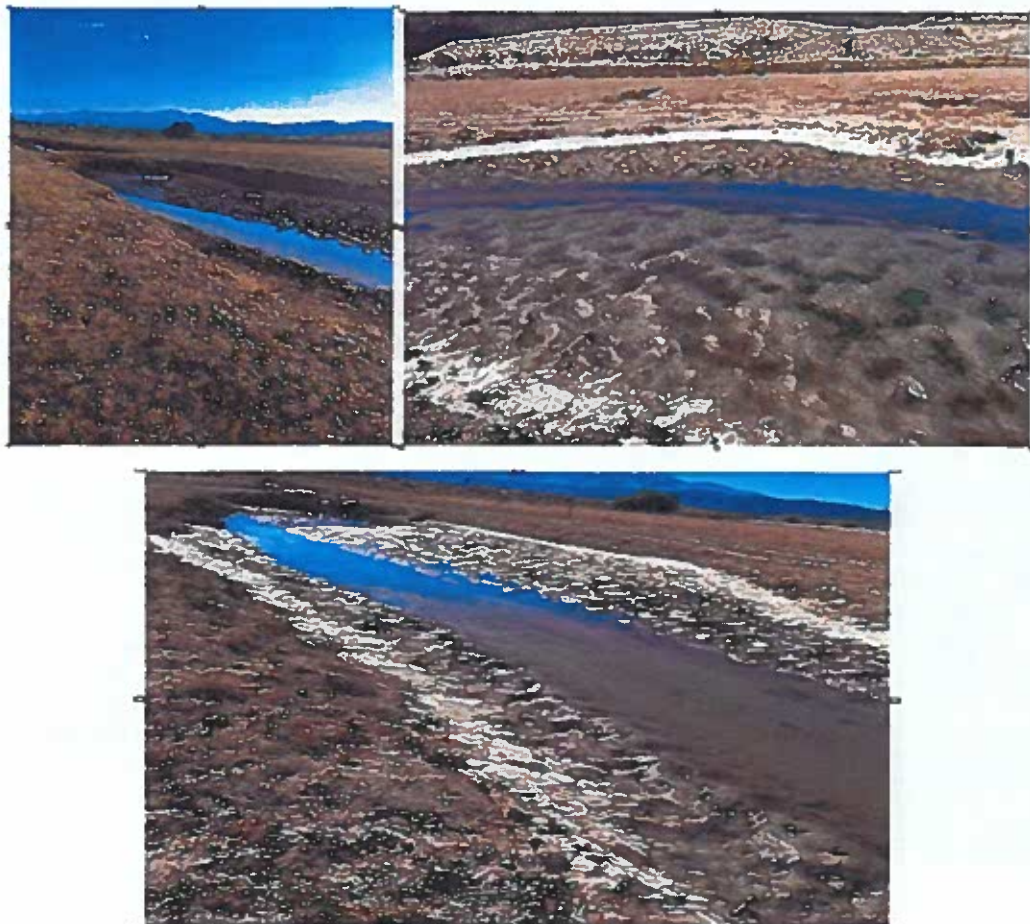
Burn or mow sagebrush and do more clean up of trash around the wastewater treatment plant area.

Work on fencing and ditch repair while livestock are off the hay fields for the winter to hopefully help water distribution.

Thank you,

Betsy K Vogler

Georgetown Ranch Pictures – October 2024 – Quarterly Report





## 7. REPORTS

### ➤ COUNCILMAN TRASK

Councilman Trask stated I would like to report that I attended the League of Cities at the beginning of this month. It was the first time I was able to attend, and it was exciting, and action packed with a lot of different speakers, presenters, and networking. We saw a lot of stuff on things like public records requests, cyber-attacks, and Artificial Intelligence (AI). It was eye opening how AI is going to be incorporated into government. Google was there to present on some of the things that they're working with in different projects. I got to attend the Executive Board meeting which probably was one of my favorite parts to see how we come together as all the cities and agencies and how we're going to focus on being able to use new technology. It was really informational and a nice way to network and meet some nice people out there that struggle with the same things that we struggle with. I enjoyed it and am looking forward to participating in more.

### ➤ COUNCILWOMAN ELLIOTT

Councilwoman Elliott stated on the 5th of October I went to the Public Safety Day at Broadbent Park and kudos to Pat and that team for putting that on because it was well attended. It was really cool watching all the firefighters, vendors, and the food booths. Then over the course of October 9th through the 12th Councilman Trask, Mayor Robertson, and I attended the Annual League of Cities in South Lake Tahoe, and it was a huge success. It provided attendees with critical insights and actionable strategies to address pressing local government issues that we all face across Northern Nevada. Some key highlights for me were insightful legislative roundtables and future focused policy discussions. There was a focus on housing solutions, federal investment opportunities, economic development, an emphasis on transparency, and AI and cybersecurity for local governments. There were different panels on infrastructure, rental ordinances, veteran resources to our rural community, and even the upcoming election. There was strong representation from our State and Federal leadership. They offered support and guidance to all of our municipalities overall. This event fostered meaningful dialogue, collaboration, and engagement on the future of our local governments and like Councilman Trask said, it's invaluable for us to be there every year and have representation. I hope to go again as well.

### ➤ COUNCILMAN ALWORTH

Councilman Alworth stated my report is, as you can tell in some of my items already, I want to report that I'm trying to look really hard at the ordinance dealing with our City attorney. I believe not only myself, but the rest of the council and the incoming members that are going to be here, including yourself, Mr. Mayor, needs to take a hard look at what his requirements are. He's failing in my opinion. Is he willing to do research, and I'll get into some other items with him failing to do research. Also, in 1- 6C-5, he has the authority to have another employee help him with the liens. We have \$377,000 out in liens, and I don't think he's made one bit of effort to try to collect anything. Our previous attorney did a great job and collected over \$60,000, I believe in a few short months. Then you go down to 1-6C-6, Duties in subsection B and it says the city attorney shall also be familiar with the city ordinances. He is not familiar with the city ordinances, and I'll get into that later in this meeting. My report is the rest of my fellow council members; incoming ones; you, Mr. Mayor; and the attorney had better start paying attention to the rules and what's governed by the City. We're getting a really bad case of the good old boy system. Our staff and everybody are like watching a tennis match; look the other way, look the other way, back and forth. We've got to clean up our legal department. Thank you.

### ➤ COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS-HARPER

Councilwoman Williams-Harper stated I had the pleasure of working with the Chamber of Commerce. We did a business and education meeting and round tables, and I know Shadrack will talk a little bit more about that. It was really good to see our educators come together with our businesspeople. We had quite a few of our esteemed legislators come and talk with us. We were able to have some very candid discussions, and able to talk a little bit about how business and economics are closely related to what we do as educators, what our community looks like in the educational realm, and how important it is that we have a strong educational system because that impacts our business and so

forth. It was one of the better things that I have attended. It was very professional, and people were able to be honest, ask honest questions, and our legislators were able to give some honest answers. I want to thank Shadrack publicly for that, because he did an excellent job. I would like to publicly thank all of our workers; I'm part of the Lions Club and that event was so successful. It was the perfect space. People were chatting, and vendors were saying, "we need to let other people know that this is a good place to come." I think something very simple over time is going to grow into a full-blown Renaissance fair that sometimes you see in major cities.

➤ **MAYOR ROBERTSON**

Mayor Robertson stated for my report I'd like to draw your attention to the number of Special Event licenses that were signed for the Renaissance Fair, and certainly give some kudos to the Lions Club, Judge Bishop, and our Parks Department for the work they did in putting that on. I don't know if anybody else had a chance to wander through there last Saturday, but it was impressive. The amount of response they got and how they've grown that event to what they have today. I think the horses worked out great and I don't think there was a problem with any of that. It was really a great thing, and they've turned what used to be a pretty simple event into quite a thing. We appreciate all their work. I'd also like to echo the sentiments of Councilman Trask and Councilwoman Elliott with the legislative session coming up, it's so critical that we take the time to be a member of the League and to join our voice on the importance of local government with other cities in our State. One thing I noticed as we were having these legislative roundtables at the League, and here in Ely, is our legislators are pretty blunt about the fact that the lobbyists are the ones calling the shots. Without an organization like the League, NACo, and some of the others that are really the repository for the authority on how these kinds of things affect local government and citizens on the ground, I think they would just have the run of the place. Even with our participation there are a lot of bills and things that slip through the cracks. We've been dealing with some of that in our Municipal Court, and some other things where legislation just got by us without us being able to have the say that we probably needed to have in that. I appreciate all the League does and I appreciate the Council for supporting that and going. They're looking to expand that conference next year, to have breakout sessions for clerks, city attorneys, treasurers, and other people in the city to make sure that we're pooling our knowledge and resources. I would like to wish everybody a Happy Nevada Day.

Councilman Alworth asked did they discuss anything about membership increase for the cities.

Mayor Robertson stated no, in fact, since the dues were decreased earlier this year, they've decided to keep that at the current stage and revisit it probably next spring.

**8. THE MAYOR WILL RECESS THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING AT 5:30 P.M. ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS.**

1. Councilwoman Williams-Harper – Public Hearing – Discussion Only– Approval of Second Reading of Ordinance 759, Bill No. 2024-05, An Ordinance Increasing the Salary Ranges of City Attorney and City Fire Chief.

George Chachas stated I'm very concerned about what you're doing here. Doubling the old base is not practical. I want to remind you that you gave your other employees 3%. You should consider maybe a 10% or 20% raise. I'm concerned, how are you going to sustain this? If it wasn't for American Rescue Funds you wouldn't be sitting in the position you are now. When that's gone, you're going to be coming back to the taxpayer for money and that's not going to cut it. The two individuals, the Fire Chief and the City Attorney, I really don't have a problem with, but they're both double dipping and that I have a problem with. You had better look at your personnel manual when you're working for the City; one job, that's it. As a taxpayer, I'm concerned and I don't know where some of you people came from, and I don't care what you did there, but you don't bring it here; this is a smaller community. The income is altogether different, and you better keep that in mind. Thank you.



2. Councilman Carson – Public Hearing – Discussion Only – Approval of Second Reading of Ordinance 760 Bill No. 2024-06 An Ordinance Prohibiting Hunting in the City of Ely.

George Chachas stated I want to know what you're going to do about pigeons. I'm going from a bad problem to a huge problem. My neighbor has some nesting over there, and then they end up roosting on my building. Can they be shot with a bb gun? I want to know what you can do about it, because if they can't you have got to do something.

Mayor Robertson stated my understanding is this bill addresses hunting of big game. I don't believe there's any prohibition currently for trapping or dealing with pest species, such as pigeons.

George Chachas stated specifically, shooting a pigeon is what I'm concerned about.

Mayor Robertson stated discharging a firearm within the city of Ely has always been illegal. I don't believe that applies to a bb, but that would be a question for the Sheriff.

George Chachas stated you need to do something about those pigeons. I've had it. That's your responsibility. Those are vermin and they're affecting my property.

## **9. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS PERTAINING TO THE PUBLIC HEARING.**

1. Councilwoman Williams-Harper – Discussion/For Possible Action– Approval of Second Reading of Ordinance 759, Bill No. 2024-05, An Ordinance Increasing the Salary Ranges of City Attorney and City Fire Chief.

Mayor Robertson stated again, I'd like to just point out by way of information, that this is increasing the ranges. The pay for the City Fire Chief was previously increased by resolution. The current City Attorney serves under a contract, and he's not paid under a salary or under this range. I'd also like to point out that neither of these positions are funded through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds.

Councilman Trask moved to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 759, Bill No. 2024-05, An Ordinance Increasing the Salary Ranges of City Attorney and City Fire Chief. Councilwoman Elliott seconded the motion.

Councilman Alworth stated I'd like to bring to the Board's attention to Resolution 2024-10, we all went through that, we all agreed to increase the range, and that was voted in. If you read the resolution, the second whereas says may be fixed by keyword "ordinance" and then you go down further, and it says it is further ordered that until an ordinance amending the provision is passed and made nothing can happen with this here. You have the first reading of the ordinance to discuss this and at that time when it came out on the agenda, I went to the City Treasurer-HR Director and I inquired if Stork was already getting an increase and she stated, yes, he is. I said I don't think that's right, and for the reasons I just stated it has to get passed by an ordinance and she stated contact the Attorney. I went upstairs and talked to the City Clerk the same day and asked the same question and I got the same answer. She said you're going to have to talk to the Attorney. Then I went down the hall to your office, Mr. Mayor, asked the same question. I stated we cannot give Chief Stork an increase until it's passed by ordinance, and you answered, talk to the Attorney. I called the attorney on the phone. He was traveling and the phone call broke up a couple times. He told me it was the intent. The intent doesn't mean squat, we have to go by the law. It says in the first ordinance and the second one, section 2 this ordinance shall become effective twenty days after its passage, approval, and publication according to law. Yesterday I got ahold of Treasurer Trask, and she was really generous with her time. I asked how much money Mr. Stork has gotten since and she said there's been five pay periods, it started right after that August 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. It went from \$4,423 a month to \$5,000. There have been five pay periods, with Pat's new pay rate for a total increase of \$2,884.60. The point is, it cannot go into effect if it gets approved tonight. The second reading states the ordinance shall become effective twenty days after tonight. I don't know if it was from intimidation or being scared because it was friends or whatever. Pat is a valuable employee, but was there a threat of him

quitting or leaving? We can't take that into effect. We have to follow the law. We overpaid Mr. Stork \$2,884.60 prematurely. He should not be receiving anything until it passes and is effective November 20th of this year. What are we going to do? I was a firefighter for thirty-six years and fought a lot of fires with that man, but we did not follow the law. My recommendation is, if it passes, we don't give it to him until we can recoup the \$2,884.60. We've overpaid him and if he was to quit, die, or retire right now before this is passed, we'd overpaid him. It's a serious misfeasance of funds. What are we going to do? I'm asking.

Mayor Robertson stated I don't think that action is under the contemplation of this agenda specifically, Jim.

Councilman Alworth asked what do you mean? Explain that to me.

Mayor Robertson stated I am going to explain it to you right now. The agenda item, as it sits right now is to approve this ordinance or not.

Councilman Alworth stated okay, that's fine, but we jumped the gun. We're paying him ahead of time. You know exactly what I'm saying.

Mayor Robertson stated that is actually incorrect and you've been explained that by two different attorneys as I recall.

Councilman Trask stated that's not part of this agenda item, so we probably have to move forward with this agenda item. This is just to increase the ranges, so it has nothing to do with the pay right now.

Councilman Alworth stated All right, Terrill did our staff have the authority to give him a pay increase back in August?

Councilman Trask stated I think we are going to have to address that later.

Councilman Alworth stated no, answer the question. You can't give this guy a pay increase unless the ordinance is passed.

Councilman Carson asked can the City Attorney explain to us why this is legal?

City Attorney Manuele stated just to address this, and I feel like, potentially, we are violating the Open Meeting Law, thanks to Councilman Alworth's multiple violations of the Open Meeting Law tonight. I'd advise you to stop with your extra comments, Councilman Alworth. We can't have the Open Meeting Law violations, and you can't continue with that. There was a resolution that was done after performance evaluations with our Fire Chief that indicated we wanted to give him a raise, couldn't do that until the ordinance was passed, but did it through resolution and resolved that our intention was to do an ordinance; the ordinance followed. Once the ordinance is applied, there is an issue with one word in the resolution that Jim has, and I agree with him, let's solve it later. Once we do the ordinance, we can show that is what we were resolved to do through that resolution, and we fix it through another resolution after the ordinance is passed.

Councilman Alworth stated I'll stop my comments, but the City of Ely has not heard the last of this. You guys are in trouble, that's all I'm saying right now.

The motion carried with 4 ayes and 1 nay from Councilman Alworth.

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

City Attorney Manuele stated Mr. Mayor I did misspeak earlier. The original intent was big game and after some discussion we did add hunting animals, birds, and big game. If we want to take out birds, we can. It was never the original intent, but after one discussion it was extended to the birds as well.

Mayor Robertson asked is there a definition in Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) when they talk about birds like owls and raptors and things like that versus pest species?

City Attorney stated I think there is a distinguish between rodents and those that you hunt typically.

Mayor Robertson stated a bb gun obviously doesn't qualify under a regular discharge of firearms.

Sheriff Henriod stated the way the law reads is, you have protected and unprotected species. Anything that the Division of Wildlife specifies as a game animal, those are protected species. There are regulatory statutes that cover those with seasons, limits and things of that nature. Then you have the unregulated species like pigeons, jackrabbits, badgers, and things that are a nuisance and those are not regulated by statute. So, if Mr. Chachas is having problems with his pigeons, there are ways to deal with those because they're not a game species. He could trap them, put up owl decoys or anything that deters them from coming around.

Mayor Robertson asked do we need to specifically carve out vermin eradication?

Councilman Carson stated I think number 5C kind of spells that out. Certain wildlife you can, if it's a nuisance, contact the city administrator and get permission to take care of it.

City Attorney Manuele stated we can strike administrator and put clerk.

Councilman Carson stated I did talk to the City Attorney before the meeting, and I believe in the Georgetown Ranch lease we should make the lessee liable to put up the "no hunting" signs and keep them in decent order and shape.

Mayor Robertson asked is there a way to do that after the fact, since they've already signed a lease agreement?

City Attorney Manuele stated once we renew, we could delegate that that responsibility is on them.

Councilman Carson stated that is going to be down the road quite a ways.

City Attorney Manuele stated we can ask them if they are willing to amend and place those postings there.

Councilwoman Williams-Harper stated it sounds like we're going to do some amending and Jennifer is that person. If George wants to talk about what he's going to do, does he contact Jennifer, or does he talk with the Sheriff? I just want to make sure it will be very clear to him.

City Clerk Lee stated that would be part of the motion on the approval if it's approved tonight, correct?

City Attorney Manuele stated I'd say, talk to the law enforcement first and see the opinion from law enforcement, and then get the additional permission from the City if it's legal.

Mayor Robertson asked is there a recommendation you have on that Shane as far as the language in this. I know it does permit it but does everybody who's going to trap mice or pigeons have to come and ask permission from the clerk for that, because I think that sounds clunky.

City Clerk Lee stated I would agree.

Mayor Robertson stated I'd rather just have some language that excludes nuisance species.



Councilman Trask stated as the sheriff pointed out, can we just put it shall be unlawful to engage in any manner of hunting protected animals and protected species, and that would kind of clear up all of that.

City Attorney Manuele stated that's what we brought up at the outset. There are difficulties in definitions and what things mean, because there's actually different NRS's that cover trapping specifically. Then you talk about hunting and realize some things are nuisances and how to get rid of those. It gets intertwined, I think, pretty heavily. I think we put it shall be unlawful to engage in any manner of hunting protected species and we could take out animals and birds and put big game within the corporate city limits.

Councilman Alworth stated I got some input. Also, I'd like to thank Councilman Carson for mentioning the Georgetown ranch being posted, but a coyote and a red fox are not protected animals. I think the word hunting animals is better than trying to just do "protected" animals. Coyotes are terrible and red foxes are not native to the State of Nevada, and they're not protected. I think you need to keep that in mind when you start wording this stuff. Is this the way the ordinance is going to look on a typed-up sheet of paper? It doesn't look like any of the ordinances I've seen in the past. This looks like a bunch of guys sat around the campfire and made comments. On number 2, when they talk about the guns and everything that's going to be secured or will be seized by law enforcement for evidence, what is the length of time the guy's motorcycle, ATV, or guns are going to be seized? Is that spelled out or is that up to the court? Then you jump down to Number 4 and man, this is like you're hunting in Yellowstone National Park. Everything gets picked up by law enforcement and forfeited by the court. So, what is the definition of forfeited contraband? Does it mean you're never going to get it back? Some of this wording in here is, almost, in my opinion, pushing toward anti-hunting. You know there's stupidity that happened on this last thing and that was not the only animal ever killed by a bow and arrow in the City limits, I'll tell you that. Unless things are posted we're going to have a whole lot of trouble. There's a lot of gray areas, in my opinion, when they start taking guns and stuff from the American citizen. The layout of this ordinance is absolutely stupid. It doesn't even look like the previous ones and it's the second reading, give me a break.

Mayor Robertson asked can you speak to item 2 and item 4 Shane.

City Attorney Manuele stated yes, and I can also speak to the here and there. It's important that we steer clear of the old language that's confusing to individuals. I think, Councilman Alworth oftentimes speaks out of both ends where he says, I want people to know and be noticed and understand, and then I want it to be more complicated in language so nobody can understand and so that's difficult. If something is collected as evidence, it continues in the court's custody until resolution of the case has been had, and then it will be returned after thirty days, when the appeal period has run. If it's collected as contraband, which is often done, and you see pretty amazing law enforcement vehicles sometimes and a lot of times those are confiscated contraband and then kept by law enforcement and made into something different. If it is taken as contraband, it's forfeited and doesn't get returned, and that would be up to the court after a forfeiture hearing.

Mayor Robertson asked if they forfeit some of these items in connection with this case, they're not forfeiting their right to go get a firearm, it's just that firearm that was used right?

City Attorney Manuele stated anything used that the court deems after a forfeiture that should be forfeited after illegal conduct can be confiscated and forfeited, but it doesn't affect your gun rights, this is a misdemeanor.

Mayor Robertson stated does that clear up that question for you Councilman?

Councilman Alworth stated I don't know which end I am talking out of now. I'm just telling you how I feel about it. I think our attorney is anti-gun, anti-hunting; that's my opinion. That's all. Thank you.

City Attorney Manuele stated I don't care what people think my opinion is. I was the only person in this room that was hesitant to start this ordinance process and now I'm being told, because I bring this ordinance, I'm anti-everything.

Mayor Robertson asked is the language you've used here basically just mirror language from the NRS or is this stuff we came up with from other ordinances from other counties?

City Attorney Manuele stated we did this specifically for us. I reviewed a number of other cities and counties ordinances and pulled what I felt that this Council directed me to do after very emotional public comments, and very emotional driven things where I said, Let's slow down and let's not be too emotional about this. I pulled it to create something that can cover objectively the issues that we're trying to combat.

Mayor Robertson stated currently the suggestion from the Council is removing item 5C. Are there any other comments or questions?

City Attorney Manuele stated the other change was it shall be unlawful to engage in any manner of hunting protected species in big game.

Councilman Alworth asked Mr. Mayor, point of clarification, you have coyotes running around the town so we can shoot them in the City.

City Attorney Manuele stated you cannot discharge a firearm in the City.

Mayor Robertson stated you can trap skunks or coyotes. You can trap anything that's not big game or not protected, but you cannot shoot them.

City Attorney Manuele stated the whole issue came about because of the use of a bow, that's basically what we're talking about. You still can't discharge a firearm within City limits, and if you do that, you're probably going to lose your gun, not from this ordinance. What we're trying to come up with is rules about bow and arrows that make sense.

Councilman Carson moved to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 760 Bill No. 2024-06 An Ordinance Prohibiting Hunting in the City of Ely with the amendments of Striking 5C from the ordinance and striking animals and birds in the first sentence and stating protected species and big game. Councilman Trask seconded the motion. The motion carried with 4 ayes and 1 nay from Councilman Alworth.

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

1. Board Members – City Engineer Almberg – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval of White Pine County Youth Center's Will-Serve Application to connect the water line for its Temporary Safe Housing Duplex in APN 001-163-07 to the existing building's water line at 399 First Street.

City Engineer Almberg stated the Municipal Utilities Board recommended approval of this item this morning. It's pretty straightforward. It's a commercial facility and did need to come in front of you guys for approval. I recommend approval.

Councilman Carson moved to approve the White Pine County Youth Center's Will-Serve Application to connect the water line for its Temporary Safe Housing Duplex in APN 001-163-07 to the existing building's water line at 399 First Street. Councilwoman Williams-Harper 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 \$7,409.39 from 5 N. Sixth Street, McGill, Nevada at the request of Property Owner, Ralph Jones.

City Clerk Lee stated the Municipal Utility Board recommended approval, and the packet material reflects the fees were paid on October 17, 2024.

Councilwoman Elliott moved to approve to remove past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$7,409.39 from 5 N. Sixth Street, McGill, Nevada at the request of Property Owner, Ralph Jones. Councilman Trask seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **11. 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 11A-1 Minutes and 11A-2 Bills.

Moved by: Councilwoman Williams-Harper Second by: Councilwoman Elliott Vote: Unanimous

1. Discussion/For Possible Action – Minutes.
  - September 26, 2024
2. Discussion/For Possible Action – Bills.
  - September 25, 2024
  - October 4, 2024
  - October 14, 2024

### **B. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Mayor Robertson – Discussion/For Possible Action - Confirmation of Mayoral reappointment of John Charchalis as a City of Ely representative on the Regional Planning Commission, with a term through December 31, 2028.

Councilman Carson moved to confirm the Mayoral reappointment of John Charchalis as a City of Ely representative on the Regional Planning Commission, with a term through December 31, 2028. Councilwoman Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Mayor Robertson – Discussion/For Possible Action – Confirmation of Mayoral reappointment of Katie Gianoli to White Pine County Debt Management Commission, and the White Pine County Board of Equalization through December 31, 2026.

Councilman Alworth moved to confirm the Mayoral reappointment of Katie Gianoli to White Pine County Debt Management Commission, and the White Pine County Board of Equalization through December 31, 2026. Councilman Trask seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Mayor Robertson - Discussion/For Possible Action – Confirmation of Mayoral reappointment of City Tree Board Member Bill Wolf with term through December 31, 2027.

Councilwoman Elliott moved to confirm the Mayoral reappointment of City Tree Board Member Bill Wolf with term through December 31, 2027. Councilwoman Williams-Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Mayor Robertson - Discussion/For Possible Action – Confirmation of Mayoral reappointment of City Tree Board Member Tami Church with term through December 31, 2027.



Councilwoman Williams-Harper moved to confirm the Mayoral reappointment of City Tree Board Member Tami Church with term through December 31, 2027. Councilwoman Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. 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 September 2024

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**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
- Continuing to push additional projects to be included as we work through the appropriations process.

**Additional Grants**

- Touched base with House Transportation and Infrastructure staff regarding CRISI grant.
  - Awards expected to be announced towards the end of 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.

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

Mayor Robertson stated I will disclose the Director of the White Pine Chamber of Commerce is my husband, but this is not a voting item, and I don't vote anyways.

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

### **White Pine Chamber of Commerce**

636 Aultman St. Ely, NV. 89301

775-289-8877 [WPCC@WhitePineChamber.com](mailto:WPCC@WhitePineChamber.com)

Good Evening, Ely City Council.

Please accept this White Pine Chamber of Commerce report for October 24, 2024:

According to the latest Nevada Labor Market Information made available from the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR), the lowest unemployment rate remains in White Pine County at 3.4 percent; down 4% from last month. Nevada's increased unemployment is trending down of the national average. In relation to the state, White Pine has maintained the lowest level of unemployment, for all of 2024.

Our Small Business Resource Fair and Economic Forum held in collaboration with the White Pine County School District's Education Summit two weeks ago, provided hundreds of people the opportunity to meet resource agencies and develop their small businesses. The Chamber and several other organizations were able to connect with Lieutenant Governor Stavros Anthony, Secretary of State Francisco Aguilar, NV Department of Agriculture Director JJ Goiccocea and NNRDA Director Sheldon Mudd, as well as our State representatives, Senator Goiccocea and Assemblyman Burt Gurr.

The local Business Community and stakeholders spoke directly to these representatives about economic issues and opportunities to improve our local economy. The White Pine Chamber of Commerce is proud to have been able to host this small business support event, the second in as many years. Thank you to the Mayor and Councilwoman Harper for participating and representing our city during this event. The small business resource fair and economic forum is one of the services the chamber provides the community and is made possible by member contributions, as well as sponsorships from organizations like: Arevia Power, LS Power, Balanced Rock Power, RPlus Energies, Kinross Bald Mountain, and Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield.

Another service The Chamber is providing the community is representing our business community at the state level. I met last week with several economic leaders and discussed the almost 500 proposed bills already being considered for the State Legislative Session. The Chamber is uniquely positioned, as a specially designated non-profit, to lobby our elected officials and push for pro-business policies. We are strengthened in that effort by the Silver State Chambers of Commerce as a lobbying group. As we get closer to the 2025 legislative session, I will keep you up to date on the progress of the most impactful bills as well as travel to Carson City to testify on issues that matter most to our community.

Earlier in the month, we were happy to support the State Fire Marshal's and local Ely Fire Department, the Ely Volunteer EMS, White Pine County Fire, as well as vendors, that pulled together to make a fun and free family event here in Broadbent Park.

Tomorrow, October 25th, Downtown will be a mass of monsters and candy hungry ghouls and goblins, as we host Trick or Treat the Streets with our generous businesses up and down main street as well as scattered around town. We encourage everyone to trick or treat safely and thank the business owners participating in the tradition.

In regard to the Visitation to our community, we have served over 1000 out-of-area visitors since we began tracking these numbers for the Downtown Ely Visitor Center in May of this year.

7. Council Members – White Pine County Sheriff Henriod – City Engineer Almberg – Discussion/For Possible Action - Approval to install “NO TRAILER PARKING VIOLATORS WILL BE TOWED AWAY AT VEHICLE OWNER’S EXPENSE” signs on the Stoppers Park side of Annand Avenue, per Ely Municipal Code (EMC) 6-3-2(A).

Sheriff Henriod stated we got a request from City Clerk Lee to go up and take a look at this issue that's going on up there, and I would agree there's an issue there. It appears that multiple residents are using that specific street for storage. To protect Stoppers Field, I would be in agreement with putting signs up there and it gives us some enforcement action to get rid of those issues.

Councilman Carson moved to approve installing “NO TRAILER PARKING VIOLATORS WILL BE TOWED AWAY AT VEHICLE OWNER’S EXPENSE” signs on the Stoppers Park side of Annand Avenue, per Ely Municipal Code (EMC) 6-3-2(A). Councilwoman Williams-Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Council Members – City Treasurer/HR Director Trask – Discussion/For Possible Action – Implementation of automatic renewal of Hulings Enterprises' September 6, 2023 City Hall cleaning proposal until terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days' notice.

City Clerk Lee stated there isn't a formal agreement. It was just approved in September last year just for a year and so that's what we have is a year approval and it needs to be renewed.

Councilwoman Elliott moved to approve implementation of automatic renewal of Hulings Enterprises' September 6, 2023, City Hall cleaning proposal until terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days' notice. Councilman Trask seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Council Members – City Clerk Lee – Discussion/For Possible Action – Review and acceptance of the FY24 COPS Office Technology and Equipment Program (TEP) Grant in the amount of \$610,000.00 for the City of Ely Security Camera Installation Project.

City Clerk Lee stated I was notified on September 30th that the Department of Justice had awarded us this grant. It does not call for a City match. Semiannual performance reports will require coordination with the Sheriff's office for updates on community policing strategies as it relates to these new cameras. Provision 25 of the Grant agreement stipulates that no equipment manufactured by companies connected to the government of China can be used and it also includes a Buy America preference for at least 55% of components for the cameras. We need the Council approval so that Mayor Robertson can sign this grant agreement.

Councilwoman Elliott moved to accept the FY24 COPS Office Technology and Equipment Program (TEP) Grant in the amount of \$610,000.00 for the City of Ely Security Camera Installation Project. Councilwoman Williams-Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Council Members – City Clerk Lee – Discussion/For Possible Action – Review and possible approval of the City of Ely Privacy Policy for SMS/Online Notifications and Mobile Messaging Terms and Conditions.

City Clerk Lee stated this became necessary because when we got our Ring Central system, we discovered that the messaging is just for City employees with a phone number. We can message each other, but we cannot send out or receive messages through Ring Central to outside parties, we would have to use our personal number again. They require a privacy policy for messaging be approved, and then we can move forward with that.

Councilman Alworth asked is there any increase to the cost for this?

City Clerk Lee stated it will be an additional \$1.50 a month.

Councilman Trask moved to approve the City of Ely Privacy Policy for SMS/Online Notifications and Mobile Messaging Terms and Conditions. Councilwoman Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Council Members – City Building Official Hendrickson– Discussion/For Possible Action – Consent to Verizon's equipment modifications, pursuant to the City of Ely's lease agreement with Verizon Wireless.

City Building Official Hendrickson stated anytime there's a modification change at the downtown Ely site; it is necessary for them to seek approval through this Council to make those changes. I can attest that these changes are not abnormal. It's actually very consistent with what's going on currently with other powers throughout the county and city areas. I would make a recommendation to approve the request for consent for this company to act on behalf of Verizon Wireless to make upgrades to the tower downtown.



Councilman Trask moved to approve Verizon's equipment modifications, pursuant to the City of Ely's lease agreement with Verizon Wireless. Councilman Carson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## 12. PUBLIC COMMENT



10/15/2024

Dear Ely City Council,

I sincerely apologize for my absence and any inconvenience this may cause.

On September 25, 2024, the Eastern Nevada Climbers Alliance (ENCA) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) signed a Letter of Agreement for the development of climbing routes in Sawmill Canyon.

So far 20 or more routes have been bolted. (Thanks to the developers and volunteers.)

Additionally, ENCA submitted an application for the T-Mobile Hometown Grant on September 30, 2024, with letters of support from:

Nathan Robertson, Mayor, City of Ely

Caroline Macintosh, Chairman, White Pine Main Street Association

Katie Goodwin, Western Regional Director, Access Fund

Kyle Horvath, Director, Tourism and Recreation

Jose Noriega, District Ranger, USFS

A special thanks to all. Their support has strengthened our application, and we look forward to continuing this work for our community.

We expect the results of the grant application to be available by mid-November.

Very Respectfully,  
Derek Steiner  
President  
Eastern Nevada Climbers Alliance

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Chachas", is written over a horizontal line.

George Chachas stated on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, I observed City crews working at the JCR Property on Aultman Street. I'm requesting a copy of any permits that were taken out by the City. I had to take out a permit when I worked on a water connection in front of my property. You just enacted no trailer parking, but you need to do that throughout the community. A building permit was issued to a developer at 582 North Highway 93 and improvements are being made without proper zoning. There is no connection to the City water and sewer as mandated by State NRS. If you're within four-hundred feet of the property line, that must be done. Mr. Chachas stated ongoing concerns regarding the sewer problem he took care of at his property located at 681 Parker Avenue and his request for reimbursement; 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; and the drainage coming off the Bath property onto the west side of his property located at 622 High Street.

Jim Alworth stated I live at 805 Avenue I and have been a resident of Ely, Nevada for fifty-one years and am talking as a private citizen. I was going through the City Council meeting minutes dated August 22, 2024, when they were discussing the possible pay increase for Judge Michael Coster. I read through the whole thing, and it was overlooked the first time they offered a 3% raise, which is \$900. The Mayor quoting, "Judge Coster's performance and professionalism in the position is really impeccable, but he also gives above and beyond. He has taken the time to Fly City employees to pick up equipment at his own cost and expense. He shows up, answers the phone, and does all he can for the City." The Mayor talking again, "I don't think it would be out of line to offer him a \$2,000 annual increase; that would be my recommendation." Councilman Alworth asked can we cut it in half and make it \$900? It passed for the \$2,000. My point on this is Mr. Carson and I know what happens if you don't disclose. The Mayor failed to disclose that Judge Coster, probably not wearing his judge gown, but flew the Mayor around the State and never charged him anything. So, was it \$2,000? Interpret how you want to. Is that to help pay for the airplane gas or wear and tear. I talked to both the Judge and the Mayor about this. You guys need to look at yourself in the mirror. Once again, we've got to do something with the City government here. This is almost my last meeting, and I think the fellow councilmen and the new ones coming on need to take a look at what's going on in your City government? I think some City government people are out for themselves and that's all I have to say. Something has to be done. Everybody's got to be held accountable. Nobody is above the law, Mr. Mayor. Thank you.

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

Councilman Carson moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Ely City Council at **6:25 p.m.** Councilwoman Williams-Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

  
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