

CITY OF ELY

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ELY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

March 14, 2024, 5:00 p.m. – Ely Volunteer Fire Hall – 499 Mill Street – Ely, Nevada

1. Mayor Robertson called the regular meeting of the Ely City Council to order at 5:00 P.M., 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
- 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 Public Works Director Mike Cracraft
- City Attorney Leo Cahoon
- City Fire Chief Pat Stork
- City Engineer B.J. Almberg
- City Police Chief Scott Henriod
- 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, Dr. Uwa Omyioha Osimiri, James Byers, JJ Hendrickson, Alan Kalt, Cheyenne with the Ely Times, Cody Coombs.

ELY CITY COUNCIL ATTENDANCE LIST

DATE: March 14, 2024

Print name below

George Chachas
Mark Bassett

Print name below

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

George Chachas stated on your agenda item 8B-4 you are to consider changing the meeting days of the Ely City Council and the Utility Board from the present Thursday meetings to Wednesday meetings. Thursday meetings need to stay as they have been for decades. If the change is made to Wednesdays, that is when the County Commission meets, and you create a hardship for anyone wanting or needing to attend City and County meetings; there's no justification. On agenda Items 7-4 through 7-10 you are to consider removing past the utility, fees, and penalties on those properties. I'm not against them getting the write off, but I want equal protection and

consideration under the law. I want to remind you again that I paid for my property at 490 High Street, principal and penalty amount as instructed in the letter from City Clerk Jennifer Lee, dated November 25, 2019, and yet to date, the City is billing me for \$1,875.36. The city to date has failed to reimburse me for the overpayments that I made for the old Ely Grade School at 622 High Street. You wrote off all the back billing for young Tom Bath when he purchased the Plaza Hotel at the same time I purchased the school. I remind you the City gave the property owners of 790 Avenue I a \$4,000.00 or more write off and that property used all the utilities for years and had not paid. The City claimed it was an employee error to justify the write-off. Your city employees have committed and are committing gross errors when it comes to me that the law prohibits the discrimination in any federally funded or assisted public utility. The City cannot selectively enforce the law. The City must be compliant with federal law in particular; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; the American Disabilities Act of 1990; and the Civil Rights Act of 1960, Title 6. I want some answers.

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

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

4. CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

➤ **CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney Cahoon stated I have an update on the Landfill liens. To date we have collected \$39,189.00 and waived \$56,680.00. Of the 111 letters that we have sent we have collected on 30, have had 34 returned undeliverable, and 12 payment plans have been set up that will be making monthly payments to get their penalties down.

➤ **CITY PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

City Public Works Director Cracraft stated we noticed the duck pond was using quite a bit of water, so we went over there to see what was going on and found it is overflowing tremendously and has been for months. The float was sticking, and the water was just flowing out. We shut the water off and the water level dropped just below the rocks along the side, so we figured the leak has to be right in that area. The County went ahead and fixed the float issue and we have been monitoring it and reading the meter every day. Since the day the float was fixed it has gone through 494,477 gallons for an average of 33,000 gallons a day leaking out of the pond. I feel there is an issue there that needs to be addressed pretty quickly. We provide the water and split the bill with the County, but it is there responsibility. I have been told that it is a Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Project, and they are not allowed to work on it.

Mayor Robertson stated if that's the case, they haven't accepted it and it's still the responsibility of the contractor, or the bonding company in this case. Can they take care of that water bill?

City Public Works Director Cracraft stated we talked about that this morning. There have been several pipes break in the pump house with water running out and they fixed that, so if they can fix that why can't they fix this, because I consider this an emergency.

Councilman Carson asked would there be a way to adjust that float a little bit lower to be even with the leak?

City Public Works Director Cracraft stated yes, you could do that, but like we talked, this is a County problem and not a City problem.

Mayor Robertson stated this is an issue with the bonding company and I think they should be approached.

City Attorney Cahoon stated since this is a report we can't really deliberate or make decisions right now, but we could always bring it back on the agenda and have an actual discussion.

➤ CITY ENGINEER

City Council/Utility Board Report (4/18/24)

- Received Landfill water monitoring results and completed quarterly report and submitted to NDEP for Approval.
- Had a great Trip to DC with the Mator and council members to meet with our Nevada Delegation. Had a great conversation about the hurdles and slow process through EPA of the CATEX. I have been in email conversation this week on getting their assistance in streamlining the process.
- Working on next round of Earmark projects with Porter.
- Compiling past water use data for information and assistance with next round Earmark project.
- Aultman Plans into NDEP review.
- Water Dept building bid docs available on Monday.

➤ CITY BUILDING OFFICIAL

City Building Official Hendrickson stated I have no other information to add to the current packet information at the moment, but I would like to take a moment to introduce myself formally to you all, and if you have any questions of me, or anything that I can do to help you, I'm here for you.

5. NNRy FOUNDATION REPORT

Mayor Robertson stated I would like to disclose that I am a part-time employee of the Foundation, but this is a report, and I don't vote anyways.

NNRY Foundation President Mark Bassett reviewed the following report:

NEVADA NORTHERN RAILWAY
NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK



Nevada Northern Railway Foundation
A Nevada 501 (c) 3 Non-Profit Corporation
Depot: 1100 Avenue A, Ely, Nevada 89301
Mailing Address: PO Box 150040, Ely, Nevada 89315
Voice: (775) 289-2085 • Web: www.nnry.com • E-mail: info@nnry.com

Monthly Operations Report for February 2024

1. Locomotive Status – Updated
 - a. Locomotives in service: #93, #109, 204, 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. Progress has been made on the boiler issues, the Bissell post and the pilot truck.
 - c. Locomotive 801 is out of service with governor issues.
 - d. Locomotive 310 is out of service with a prime mover issues.
 - e. Locomotive 40 is out of service for her heavy repairs. We have started on her repairs; she will be out of service until 2025.
 - f. Locomotives out of service needing moderate repairs: #201.
 - g. Locomotives waiting funding for restoration: Steptoe Valley Smelting and Mining #309, Kennecott 802 and Rotary Snowplow B (for boiler overhaul.)
 - h. 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, 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 and #22 are operational.
 - d. 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 January, we carried 129 passengers. This year to date we have carried 267 passengers.
 - b. Since operations began in 1987, we have carried 365,081 passengers.
6. Economic Impact – The average non-gaming & gaming daily expenditure per overnight visitor \$170. Economic impact for February 2024 was 129 x 80% x 170 = \$17,544. Economic impact year to date was 267 x 80% x 170 = \$36,312

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:

October:

- a. Our Facebook reach last month was 833,944.
- c. We have 134,100 page likes.
- d. 185,841 people follow our page.

8. Last month was our annual photo shoots and this year we used the Cherry Creek Depot for our night shoot. This photo by Roger Van Alyne is incredible and shows why photographers from around the world come to Ely in February to photograph the railroad.



6. REPORTS

➤ **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS-HARPER**

Councilwoman Williams-Harper stated I am probably going to defer to Councilwoman Elliott. I will say the trip to Washington D.C. was enlightening and we spent a lot of time with the Porter Group.

➤ **COUNCILWOMAN ELLIOTT**

Councilwoman Elliott stated I am pleased to report that our adventure to our Nation's Capital came with great success. We spent Thursday meeting with Congressman Amodei and both Senators Rosen and Cortez Masto. We extended our thanks for previous earmarks, and we look forward to these projects actually unfolding. These projects include improvements to Campton Street, safety measures throughout our city, as well as much needed upgrades to our Wastewater Treatment Plant, which was a pleasant surprise. We also took advantage of some time there and took a tour of the Capitol Building. We got to check out the House of Representatives Gallery, as well as the Senate Gallery, and during that time actually got to witness the Senate vote, which I think was the highlight of the trip. We look forward to submitting additional projects this coming fiscal year, and it was really good to have face to face time with the Porter Group; they were very hospitable to us and I think it was a very successful trip.

➤ **MAYOR ROBERTSON**

Mayor Robertson stated two things I'd like to mention, recently we did have two big volunteers in our community pass away; Jack Van Camp who served for a time on the Ely City Council and has been a long-time member of the community involved in a lot of things, and the other is Ed Shurtleff who's done a lot of work for the railroad. Every time we lose people like that in our community it's hard on our fabric. We appreciate all they've done, and certainly our thoughts and prayers go out to the families as they deal with that loss. The trip to D.C. Was very successful as has been noted. I think, as councilwoman Elliott alluded to, we didn't know the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project had been thrown back into the hopper, and as we walked into Senator Rosen's office, she handed us a paper that said, hey, we just put this in legislation, and here's five million dollars for your Wastewater Treatment Plant. We are happy that got included in there and really appreciative of the work our Congressional offices do on our behalf. Congressman Amodei, both of our Senators, and their staff sat down with us and addressed our concerns and talked about what's going on and what's coming down the pike for new Community Project Funding (CPF) Projects. We really appreciate all they

do, and it's really made a difference in our city. Hopefully, we can get those projects moving so we're turning dirt.

B. NEW BUSINESS

- 6. Council Members – City Treasurer Trask – Discussion/For Possible Action – Update regarding White Pine County’s decision to remove White Pine County from Supplemental City-County Relief Tax Guaranteed Status with the Nevada Department of Taxation, as it relates to the City’s current Intergovernmental Agreement for Changed Distribution of Tax Revenues with White Pine County and the White Pine County Hospital District which ends June 30, 2024.

City Treasurer Trask stated we don’t need an agreement anymore with White Pine County for the City-County Relief Tax and I will let Alan Kalt explain it with his presentation.

Chief Financial Officer for POOL/PACT Alan Kalt stated one of our programs that we do at POOL/PACT is provide financial services and leadership to you, our owners our members and reviewed the following presentation:

Understanding CTX Distribution

Understanding WPC decision to go to Non-Guarantee Status

Consolidated Tax

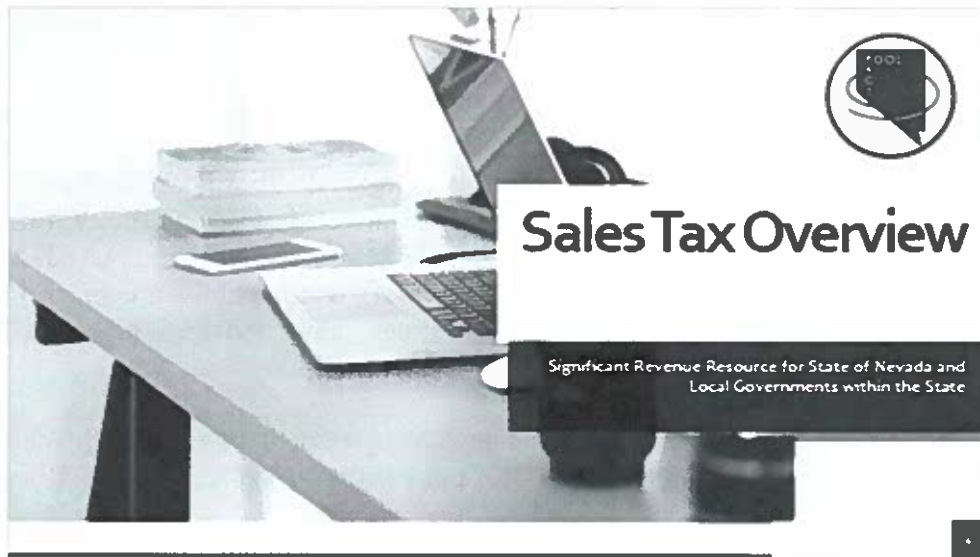
6 taxes blended into one distribution by the State of Nevada

- Basic City County Relief Tax .50%
- Supplemental CC Relief Tax 1.75%
- Real Property Transfer Tax
- Liquor Tax
- Cigarette Tax
- Government Services Tax

CTX Allocation Overview
City of Ely History of 2nd Tier Distribution CTX Revenues

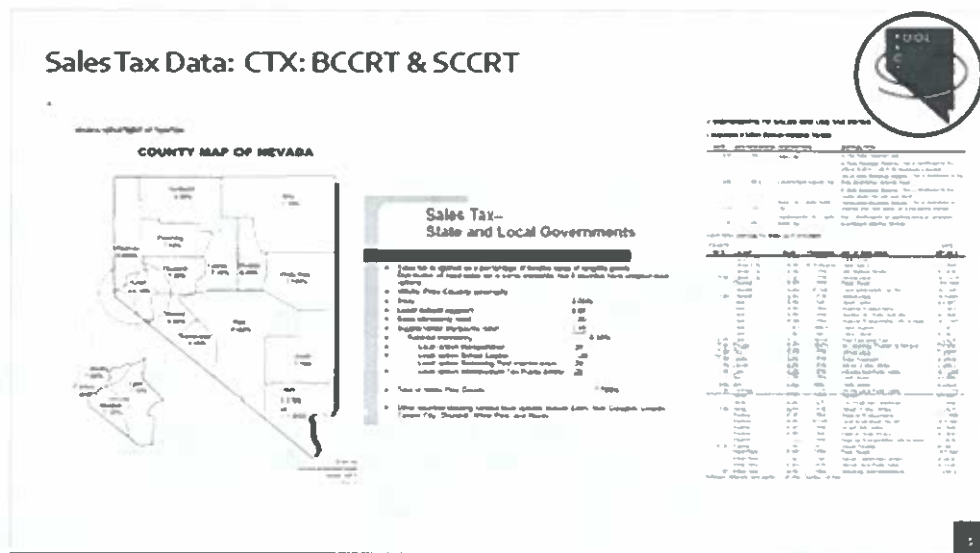
White Pine County 1 st Tier CTX Allocation FYE 6-30-2023 Actual	
• SCCR1	\$1,083,407
• SCCR2	\$3,202,171
• Cigarette	\$ 23,931
• Liquor	\$ 13,090
• RP1T	\$ 46,082
• GST	\$1,110,151
Totals	\$6,082,051

City of Ely 2 nd Tier CTX Allocation	
• FY 23	\$1,802,131
• FY 22	\$1,512,297
• FY 21	\$1,485,857
• FY 20	\$1,490,403
• FY 19	\$1,462,119
• FY 18	\$1,394,324
• FY 17	\$1,302,071



Sales Tax Overview

Significant Revenue Resource for State of Nevada and Local Governments within the State



Sales Tax Data: CTX: BCCRT & SCCRT

SALES TAX - State and Local Governments

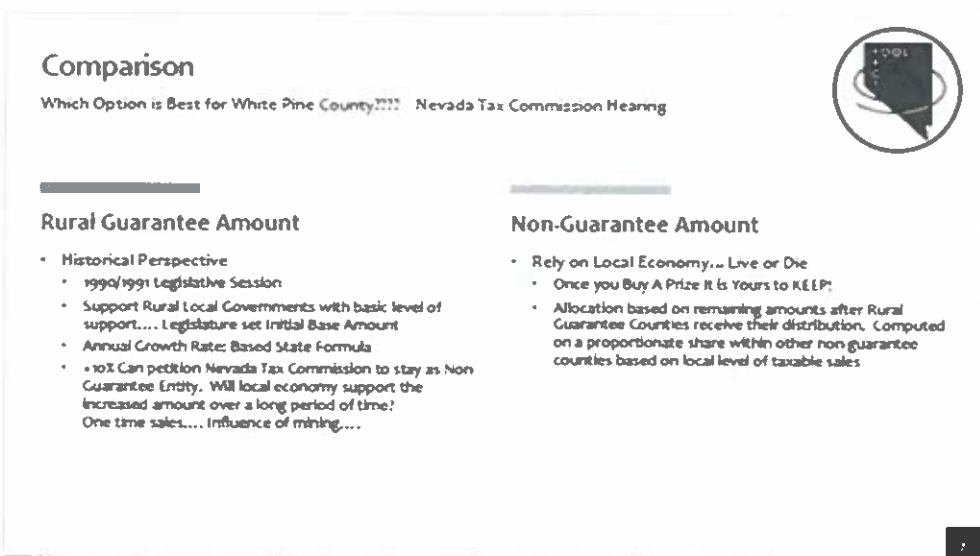
- Sales tax is defined as a percentage of taxable sales of tangible goods
- Application of sales taxes are a local responsibility, but it provides some uniformity
- White Pine County currently
 - State 4.714%
 - Local 0.00%
 - Total 4.714%
- Other counties having various local options include Clark, Humboldt, Lincoln, Esmeralda, Churchill, Washoe, and Storey.

County	State	Local	Total
Clark	4.714%	0.00%	4.714%
Churchill	4.714%	0.00%	4.714%
Esmeralda	4.714%	0.00%	4.714%
Humboldt	4.714%	0.00%	4.714%
Lincoln	4.714%	0.00%	4.714%
Storey	4.714%	0.00%	4.714%
Washoe	4.714%	0.00%	4.714%
White Pine	4.714%	0.00%	4.714%



Going to Non-Guarantee

Historical Look Back to Move Forward



Comparison

Which Option is Best for White Pine County???? Nevada Tax Commission Hearing

Rural Guarantee Amount

- Historical Perspective
 - 1990/1991 Legislative Session
 - Support Rural Local Governments with basic level of support.... Legislature set Initial Base Amount
 - Annual Growth Rate: Based State Formula
 - 10% Can petition Nevada Tax Commission to stay as Non Guarantee Entity. Will local economy support the increased amount over a long period of time? One time sales.... Influence of mining....

Non-Guarantee Amount

- Rely on Local Economy... Live or Die
 - Once you Buy A Prize It is Yours to KEEP!
 - Allocation based on remaining amounts after Rural Guarantee Counties receive their distribution. Computed on a proportionate share within other non-guarantee counties based on local level of taxable sales

White Pine County SCRT Distribution Analysis: Kathy Workman

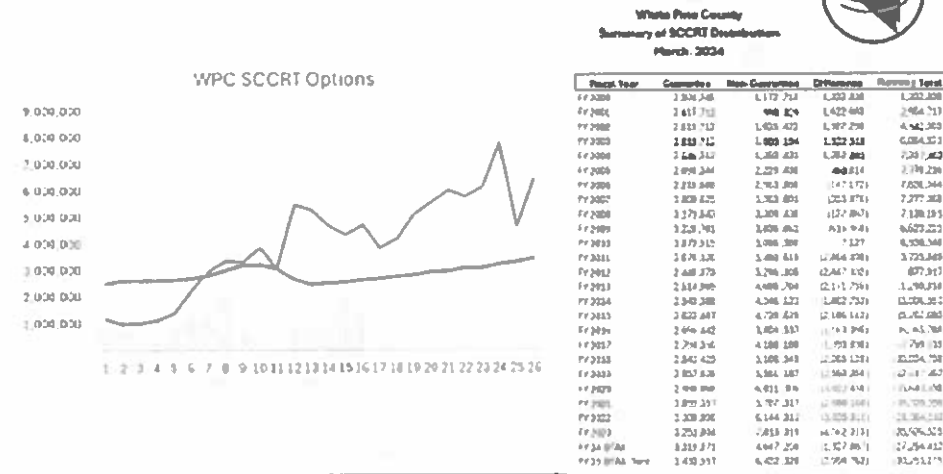
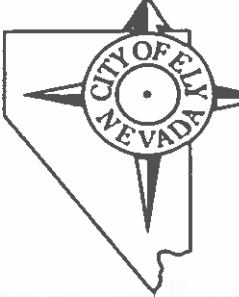

**WHITE PINE COUNTY
SCRT DISTRIBUTIONS VERSUS NET PROCEEDS OF MINERALS
FY2000-FY2023**

	FY2000	FY2001	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004
TOTAL SCRT DISTRIBUTIONS	2,396,765.00	4,014,712.00	4,814,712.00	4,445,712.00	4,445,712.00
TOTAL SCRT COLLECTIONS	1,172,776.33	684,000.00	1,000,422.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
Additional Paid to County	1,223,988.67	3,330,712.00	3,814,290.00	3,445,712.00	3,445,712.00
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Additional amounts paid to the County on SCRT distribution status
Amounts not paid to the County only on the SCRT Guaranteed Status


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White Pine County Guarantee vs Non-Guarantee FY 2000-2025

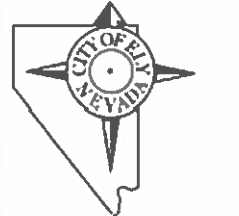




Impact of Non-Guarantee

Greater Revenue for All 2nd Tied Entities
No Need for Alternative Funding Formula
City of Ely is Greater Than \$200,000



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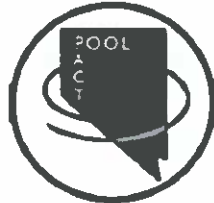
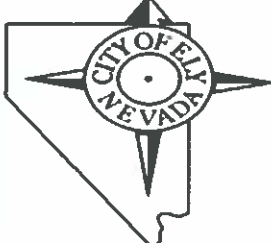
FY 24-25 Fiscal Impact

Based on DTAX February 15, 2024 Tentative Budget Est
Final Budget Estimates due March 15, 2024

White Pine County
Summary of CTX Distribution
March, 2024

SCRT	SCRT	Capex	Liquor	MPT	OST	Total
2,000,401	6,432,308	24,071	13,196	43,330	1,066,240	9,630,057
				Excess Amount	Base Amount	6,741,870

	Base Allocation	Amount	Excess Allocation	Amount	Total	Guarantee	Difference	% Above Guarantee
WP County	80.00%	4,044,121.87	59.65%	1,728,530.07	5,772,651.94	3,790,014	\$ 1,982,638	152.3%
City of Ely	20.00%	1,011,032.38	20.65%	356,698.34	1,367,730.72	1,367,730	\$ 0	100.0%
Lund	0.40%	25,677.68	0.50%	14,458.04	40,135.72	40,135	\$ 10,000	124.4%
Mc Gill	2.21%	148,995.32	2.22%	64,300.88	213,296.20	163,467	\$ 49,829	130.3%
Ruth	1.05%	70,783.63	1.12%	32,455.22	103,238.85	75,654	\$ 27,584	136.1%
WPC Mesquite	6.82%	466,537.30	6.98%	201,685.00	668,222.30	426,432	\$ 241,791	158.7%
Totals	100.0%	6,742,544	100.0%	2,697,467	9,439,991	6,640,083	\$ 2,800,000	



Looking for Quality Solutions

- Stabilization of Operations Fund: NRS 354-6115
- Risk Management Fund
- Compensated Absence Fund
- Extraordinary Repairs & Maintenance Fund NRS 354-6105
- Capital Project Fund NRS 354-6113

Financial Leadership

Investing Greater Than Anticipated Resources
Consider a 3 Year Funding Commitment
Do Something Today that Your Future Self
Will Thank You For...

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Thank You

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Item died for lack of motion.

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 submit a Preference Transfer Application to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for attachment of the City’s 1,675 Animal Unit Months (AUMS) to the 765-acre Agricultural Lease as base property.

Councilman Carson stated I am abstaining from this item as the company I work for recently hired Betsy Vogler. I will let you know the Municipal Utilities Board recommended approval of this item.

Councilman Trask stated I would like to clarify that these AUMs are assigned to the land and not signed over to the lessee so the new amount of AUMs will always be a part of this lease going forward. It is a benefit to the lessee to have that because now they can graze on all the BLM land versus just the 647 AUMs that's tied to the 765 acres that we have right now.

Councilman Alworth moved to approve submitting a Preference Transfer Application to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for attachment of the City's 1,675 Animal Unit Months (AUMS) to the 765-acre Agricultural Lease as base property. Councilwoman Williams-Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried with 4 ayes and 1 abstention from Councilman Carson

2. Councilman Carson – Discussion/For Possible Action – Review of bids received for a five-year agricultural lease of 765 acres in the Georgetown Ranch, with possible award if the City's AUM Preference Transfer Application is approved by the BLM and a different possible award if it is denied; proposed lease area is located in APN 010-42-006.

Councilman Carson stated I will be abstaining from this item also due to the company I work for recently hiring Betsy Vogler. However, the Municipal Utilities Board did recommend approval of this item.



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City of Ely
 Georgetown Ranch Agricultural Lease 765 Acres
 Bid Tabulation
 Term of the Lease shall be for five years.

Bidder	Betsy K. Vogler	Marshall Red Angus Company
Proposed Lease Rate	\$15,000.00 a year \$11,300.00 with reduced AUMs	\$12,500.00 a year
Annual Cost-of-Living Increase	1.5% cost of living per year throughout the term of the lease.	none
Additional Proposals	Add two hundred acres and remove 65 acres North of 490	none

The City of Ely is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

How the acreage will be utilized, developed, and how the City water rights will be put to beneficial use.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graze cattle and produce alfalfa • Water – to irrigate alfalfa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graze Cattle • Water Utilization Plan
Agricultural Bid states they will provide quarterly reports on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weed abatement • Perimeter fence repair and replacement • Crops • Future Plans • Water update • Livestock number 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weed abatement addressed by applicant, Tri-County Weed, and Natural Resource Conservation Service with annual or bi-annual treatments. • Fencing – Perimeter fencing repair • Water – to irrigate alfalfa • Livestock number – 50 to 60 cattle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rotational Grazing • Spot spraying by Tri-County Wee • Rebuild fences as necessary including Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) grants • Water used for Pasture grass • Livestock number – 50 to 100 cattle
Bid states that lessee will submit the required paperwork and payment to the BLM to utilize the Georgetown allotment grazing permit and provide proof to the City of payment to the BLM for the allotment annually	Proposal agrees to submit reports	Proposal agrees to submit reports

Councilman Trask moved to award Betsy K. Vogler a five-year agricultural lease of 765 acres in the Georgetown Ranch if the City’s AUM Preference Transfer Application is approved by the BLM and award the bid to Marshall Red Angus Company if the City’s AUM Preference Transfer Application is denied by the BLM. Councilwoman Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried with 4 ayes and 1 abstention from Councilman Carson.

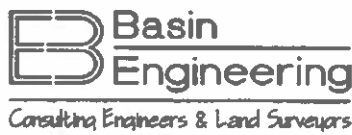
Mayor Robertson passed the gavel to Pro Tempore Mayor Williams-Harper.

Mayor Robertson stated I will be abstaining from this item as I am an employee of one of the participating bidders for the project.

3. Board Members – City Clerk Lee – City Engineer Almberg – Discussion/For Possible Action – Review of bids received for the construction of the Parker Avenue/Stevens Avenue Sewer Main Upgrade Project, PWP# WP-2024-141, with possible award.

City Engineer Almberg stated this is our CDBG project we were awarded down in Central Ely and is a continuation of the upgrades we made a few years ago. The project consists of approximately three blocks. We received two bids on this project. The lowest bid for the project is \$577,210.00 from Reck Brothers LLC. This is \$79,410.00 over what we had anticipated with our CDBG project funds and our matching funds. In working with the City Treasurer, we do have the resources to be able to take on these additional funds to complete this project so that we can make full use of the funds that we received from CDBG. I recommend that we go with the recommendation from the Municipal Utilities Board and award this to Reck Brothers LLC, as the lowest and responsible bidder.

Parker Avenue/Stevens Avenue Sewer Main Upgrade Project Bid Tabulation on the following page.



CITY OF ELY
 PARKER AVENUE / STEVENS AVENUE SEWER MAIN UPGRADE PROJECT
 PWP# WP-2024-141
 CDBG FUNDED PROJECT 22/PF/05
 BID OPENING & REQUIRED DOCUMENTS CHECKLIST

March 11, 2024

BID ITEMS CHECK LIST	RECK BROTHERS LLC	GREAT BASIN ENGL CONTRACTORS
BID PROPOSAL	YES	YES
BID BOND, CERT#IFID/CASHERS CHECK, CASH	YES	YES
EXPERIENCE OF QUALIFICATIONS	YES	YES
DESIGNATION OF SUBCONTRACTORS	YES	YES
DESIGNATION OF SUBCONTRACTORS - 5%	YES	YES
DESIGNATION OF SUBCONTRACTORS - 1%	YES	YES
AFFIDAVIT OF NON-COLLUSION	YES	YES
E.E.O. CERTIFICATION - BIDDER / CONTRACTOR	YES	YES
E.E.O. CERTIFICATION - SUBCONTRACTOR	N/A	N/A
LOBBYING ASSURANCE - BIDDER / CONTRACTOR	YES	YES
LOBBYING ASSURANCE - SUBCONTRACTOR	N/A	N/A
DEBARMENT / INELIGIBILITY - CONTRACTOR / SUBCONTRACTOR	YES	YES
SECTION 3 CERTIFICATION - CONTRACTOR	YES	YES
SECTION 3 CERTIFICATION - SUBCONTRACTOR	N/A	N/A
SECTION 3 SAMPLE CONTRACTOR SECTION 3 PLAN	YES	YES
BUILD AMERICA, BUY AMERICA CERTIFICATION	YES	YES
ADDENDUM-1	YES	YES

BASE BID BIDDING SCHEDULE	UNIT	AMOUNT	RECK BROTHERS LLC		GREAT BASIN ENGL CONTRACTORS	
			UNIT PRICE	BID AMOUNT	UNIT PRICE	BID AMOUNT
1 MOBILIZATION / DEMOBILIZATION	LS	1	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 39,900.00	\$ 39,900.00
2 18-INCH SEWER MAIN	LF	758	\$ 235.00	\$ 178,130.00	\$ 308.42	\$ 234,540.38
3 15-INCH SEWER MAIN	LF	10	\$ 450.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 608.73	\$ 6,087.30
4 10-INCH SEWER MAIN	LF	9	\$ 300.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 408.53	\$ 3,658.77
5 8-INCH SEWER MAIN	LF	401	\$ 200.00	\$ 80,200.00	\$ 187.53	\$ 67,179.53
6 48-INCH SEWER MANHOLE	EA	1	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 10,554.14	\$ 10,554.14
7 60-INCH SEWER MANHOLE	EA	5	\$ 11,200.00	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 18,328.35	\$ 81,631.75
8 60-INCH DROP-INLET SEWER MANHOLE	EA	1	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 18,720.34	\$ 18,720.34
9 CONNECT TO EXISTING MANHOLE	EA	4	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 4,824.46	\$ 18,997.84
10 6-INCH SEWER SERVICE	LF	639	\$ 175.00	\$ 111,850.00	\$ 172.43	\$ 110,010.34
11 LOCATE AND CONNECT SEWER SERVICE	EA	25	\$ 1,824.00	\$ 40,800.00	\$ 788.74	\$ 19,968.50
12 REMOVAL AND FILLING EXISTING MANHOLE	EA	3	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 8,400.00	\$ 2,482.06	\$ 7,446.18
13 REPAIR DAMAGED UTILITY	EA	10	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 2,315.77	\$ 23,157.70
14 PIT RUN GRAVEL BACKFILL	LF	1,200	\$ 15.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 108.88	\$ 128,232.00
15 TYPE II BASE	SF	5,800	\$ 2.85	\$ 16,530.00	\$ 5.58	\$ 32,364.00
OVERALL PROJECT BID PRICE				\$ 577,210.00		\$ 799,948.75

GREAT BASIN ENGINEERING CONTRACTORS
 BID PROPOSAL ITEM NO. 9 SHOWS \$18.479/B4 AND THE ACTUAL AMOUNT SHOULD BE \$18.497/B4 PER THE UNIT COST. TWO NUMBERS WERE INVERTED IN THE BID PROPOSAL. A DIFFERENCE OF \$18.00

Councilman Carson moved to award the bid for the construction of the Parker Avenue/Stevens Avenue Sewer Main Upgrade Project, PWP# WP-2024-141 to Reck Brothers LLC. Councilman Trask seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tempore Williams-Harper passed the gavel back to Mayor Robertson

4. Board Members – City Clerk Lee – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval to remove past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$3,140.19 from 23 Avenue F, McGill, Nevada at the request of Property Owner, Heather Hopewell.

Councilman Carson moved to approve removing past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$3,140.19 from 23 Avenue F, McGill, Nevada at the request of Property Owner, Heather Hopewell. Councilwoman Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Board Members – City Clerk Lee – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval to remove past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$18,352.35 from 16 Third Street, McGill, Nevada at the request of Property Owner, James J. Gubbine, Jr.

Councilman Carson moved to approve removing past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$18,352.35 from 16 Third Street, McGill, Nevada at the request of Property Owner, James J. Gubbine, Jr. Councilman Trask seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Board Members – City Clerk Lee – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval to remove past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$6,991.67 from 8 Avenue J, McGill, Nevada at the request of Property Owner, Rachel Nardi.

Councilman Carson moved to approve removing past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$6,991.67 from 8 Avenue J, McGill, Nevada at the request of Property Owner, Rachel Nardi. Councilwoman Williams-Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Board Members – City Clerk Lee – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval to remove past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$ 6,817.39 from 4 Fifth Street, McGill, Nevada at the request of Property owner, Demetrios Mellos ET AL.

Councilman Carson moved to approve removing past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$ 6,817.39 from 4 Fifth Street, McGill, Nevada at the request of Property owner, Demetrios Mellos ET AL. Councilwoman Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Board Members – City Clerk Lee – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval to remove past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$4,115.60 from 1536 E. 2748 N. Street, Ely, Nevada at the request of Property owner, Jessica Allen and Jamie Wicks.

Councilman Carson moved to approve removing past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$4,115.60 from 1536 E. 2748 N. Street, Ely, Nevada at the request of Property owner, Jessica Allen and Jamie Wicks. Councilman Trask seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Board Members – City Clerk Lee – Discussion/For Possible Action - Approval to remove past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$4,038.72 from 15 Avenue K, McGill, Nevada at the request of Property owner, Robert N. Pratt.

Councilwoman Elliott moved to approve removing past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$4,038.72 from 15 Avenue K, McGill, Nevada at the request of Property owner, Robert N. Pratt. Councilwoman Williams-Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Board Members – City Clerk Lee – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval to remove past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$4,053.49 from 11 Avenue C, McGill, Nevada at the request of Property owner, Robert N. Pratt. Councilman Carson moved to approve removing past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$4,053.49 from 11 Avenue C, McGill, Nevada at the request of Property owner, Robert N. Pratt. Councilwoman Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. 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.

Councilwoman Elliott stated I would like to disclose there were bills paid for a recent trip that Councilwoman Williams-Harper, Mayor Robertson, and I went on to Washington D.C., but feel it was for the betterment of the City of Ely and did not personally benefit any of us in anyway.

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

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

1. Discussion/For Possible Action – Minutes
 - February 22, 2024
 - February 29, 2024
2. Discussion/For Possible Action – Bills.
 - February 23, 2024
 - February 29, 2024
 - March 7, 2024

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Robertson – Discussion Only – State of the City address



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State of the City Address by Mayor Nathan Robertson given during the March 14, 2024, City Council Meeting

Citizens of Ely, City Council Members, City Staff and Guests, it is my honor to provide you all this year's State of City address.

To illustrate how far the City has come in the past five years I'd like to provide some figures. I would certainly like to thank City staff who helped me research and compile these figures.

As anyone who owns a business or manages personnel knows, an organization succeeds or fails by the people who work there.

In the past five years the City of Ely has had four City Attorneys, four Building Officials, two Fire Chiefs, and reestablished the position of the City Public Works Director. Among staff ranks we have seen a number of employees come and go. I appreciate each one that has chosen the path of public employment and service. Each of them contributed to the City as an organization and to our community for the time they were with us. I also appreciate those long serving City employees who have provided our community with the benefit of their institutional knowledge and unfailing dedication. We have several employees who have been with us for decades.

After years of no raises or token raises, the City has been able to increase employee wages by more than 11.5% over the past five years. In order to provide the citizens and community with the services required of a City it is critical that we strive to be a fair and competitive employer in our community.

In the past five years the City of Ely has distributed nearly one million dollars to businesses and non-profits in our community. This has been done in the form of grant programs, low interest loans, and, in the case of local non-profits, direct donations. This has been rather unprecedented in the City's history, and I applaud the City Council for their proactive initiatives in offering this kind of assistance. These kinds of programs also require additional attention and work from City staff, and I thank them for their diligence in carrying out the administration of these programs.

The City successfully weathered it's second global pandemic, the first being the Flu Pandemic of 1918 when the City of Ely was only 11 years old.

Regarding our City's infrastructure, quite a bit has happened in the last five years. The City has completed approximately 3,700 feet of waterline upgrades and 3,200 feet of sewer line upgrades.

The City has managed to pave or resurface approximately 230 blocks worth of City streets. That figure is in addition to the 250 tons of patch material our City crews use on average annually to address potholes throughout the community. In the past five years the City has bought or completely rebuilt a total of 10 vehicles and pieces of major equipment (including a new ambulance) and begun construction of two buildings that will be used to house some of this equipment.

In support of maintaining and upgrading the City's infrastructure the City of Ely has continued lobbying for assistance from the State and federal governments. This has included various grant programs as well as direct assistance from Congress. I'm pleased to report that these various efforts have garnered the City of Ely over \$13,000,000 in outside funding. This money has funded projects such as the utility and pavement work on Murry Street, park improvements, and continuing work on City Hall. The bulk of those awards are committed for further upgrades to water and sewer lines, needed upgrades to our sewer treatment plant, improvement for pedestrian safety on Campton St. and tools to assist the Sheriff's Office with public safety. In a city our size it is imperative that we leverage what funds we have to bring in other funding opportunities. We will never raise enough local tax dollars to address all of our community's needs. These grants and other outside funding mean that the citizens tax dollars go further than they would otherwise. The City Council and staff have been very forward thinking in pursuing these external funding sources.

In the past five years the City has successfully negotiated seven intergovernmental agreements. It wasn't many years ago that these kinds of negotiations routinely would drag on for months and would frequently end in some kind of legal proceeding. I am pleased to report that the City of Ely enjoys a cooperative and productive relationship with many of our local entities. This ends up producing better services and benefits the citizens we serve.

Financially speaking, the City of Ely is looking better than it has in a long time. I don't believe a city should hoard money, nor do I think it should spend every dime it gets. Our Capital Expenditures account has remained steady as the City has only spent in the neighborhood of what it brings in. This has kept an annual balance in that account in the \$800,000 - \$1,000,000 range; our ending fund balance has remained strong and steady. We should end this fiscal year again with over \$1,000,000 in the general fund. The City has been thoughtful and precise in how it has expended federal assistance funds that were initially distributed during the COVID pandemic, frequently taking public input and reallocating committed funds as needed. An advisory board has been formed to take public input and advise the City of Ely on ways and methods to distribute redevelopment funds which have, for the most part, been sitting unused in our community for many years. Due to White Pine County recently opting out of the guaranteed CTX tax agreement the City's portion of this tax is going to increase this next year by nearly an additional \$1,000,000. As this source of revenue now has the potential to vary quite a bit it will be critically important to make sure a healthy amount of these additional funds be put into rainy day accounts such as budget stabilization and capital expenditures. This recent development offers our community new and exciting opportunities and also new incentives to ensure that our local economy remains healthy and growing.

In speaking of growth, growth and development can be (and has proven to be) a divisive issue. While many people long for the return of our economic hay-days, there is justifiable concern about how new developments will certainly alter and shape our City. One thing we can be certain of, new growth and development will come. We do not always have a choice over what kinds of new businesses knock on our door, that is the very nature of capitalism. Investors open businesses they feel will make money in sectors they feel they can be competitive in. Will this affect established businesses in our community? Certainly. Is there a possibility that new businesses could have unintended consequences in our community? Without a doubt. Our challenge is to do our best to allow and encourage growth and new business in a way that will preserve the character of our City. We need to decide what aspects we love best about our community and do what we can to adopt policies and safeguards that will maintain the kind of community that we want to live in. Development and growth will come, one way or the other. If we are not proactive and ready it will happen in ways we may regret in the future.

To that end, the City needs to continue to correct and adjust our City codes. There are processes and programs in the City that have not been revised in decades that will need to be brought up to modern standards. Adopting new technologies that make our employees more efficient and effective are investments that the City must make. For example, our business license system needs an overhaul to make the application process more transparent, easier to understand, and easier to administer. Asset management systems and software are needed to help the City make data-based decisions on how to expend funds, systems like a comprehensive GIS system.

I have been honored to serve this past five-year term as the 25th Mayor of Nevada's 6th oldest City. There are exciting opportunities and a lot of work on the horizon.

I'll close with a quote from Cornelius Vanderbilt who once said, "I have always served the public to the best of my ability. Why? Because, like every other man, it is to my interest to do so."

I am grateful for the unfailing service of those in our community who volunteer their time and energy in so many ways. I'd also like to thank the members of the City Council and other public officials we work with. Investing in the various things that benefit our City is an endeavor that pays dividends for ourselves, our families and our neighbors.

2. Mayor Robertson – Discussion/For Possible Action – Review of age and to-date maintenance costs of City Fire Engine “Rescue 1”, with possible direction to Fire Chief to obtain replacement cost information.

City Fire Chief Stork reviewed the following:

RESCUE 1 REPLACEMENT

City of Ely Fire Apparatus purchase history

Engine 1-1916 Brockway

Engine 2-1928 American La France

Engine 3-1935 Ford????? (Donated to Ruth VFD 1978)

Engine 4 -1950 American La France 400 Gallon Water Capacity

Engine 5-1969 GMC American La France 500 Gallon Water capacity

Engine 6- 1975 International American LaFrance 1000 Gallon water capacity.

Rescue 3-1978 Dodge 1 Ton Type 6 250-gallon water capacity Pierce Manufacturing.

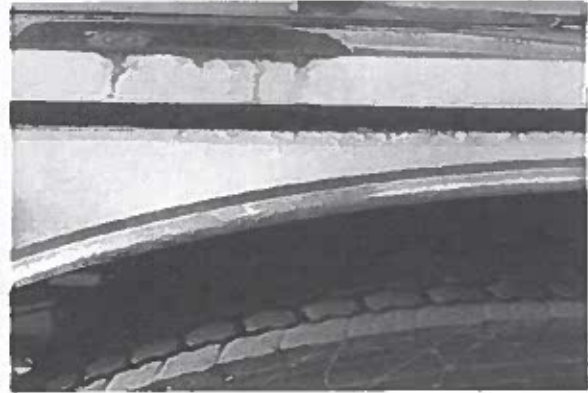
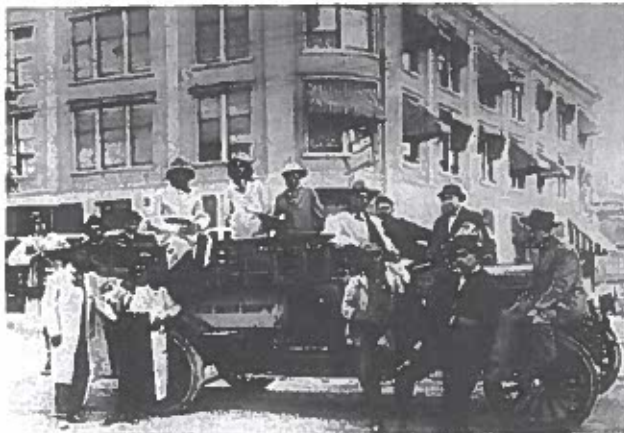
Engine 7-1985 Pierce 2000 Gallon pumper/tender (Purchased with CDBG Grant) (In use reserve engine)

Rescue 1-1998 HME Rescue/Engine 1000 Gallon water capacity. (Currently in use) replaced Rescue 3 1978 Dodge purchased 20 years earlier.

Ladder 1 2008 Rosenbauer 75' Ladder Truck 400 Gallon water capacity. (Currently in use)

Engine 1- 2017 Rosenbauer Type 1 Engine 1500 Gallon water capacity. (Currently in use) Purchased by Pennington Foundation. Volunteers contributed \$15,000.00 for equipment to outfit the engine.

- NFPA generally says first line fire apparatus should be replaced 10-15 years, and 15-20 for less frequently used fire apparatus.
- Rescue 1 is 26 years old.
- This unit responds to motor vehicle accidents in Ely and White Pine County and neighboring Counties and Utah.
- Parts are getting harder and more expensive to find.
- Currently working on a transmission issue.
- Battery chargers had to be fabricated in the cab to accommodate our new Battery Powered Extrication equipment. (This is a safety factor should we get involved in an accident, loose equipment in the cab.)
- The unit is having corrosion issues on the body and will probably need to have a frame inspection done soon also.
- A new apparatus is built with more safety features in case you are ever involved in an accident.
- If we have a catastrophic failure you can't just go to the dealership and buy one they are almost all custom built to fit a department needs and again this unit is 26 years old.



Fire Chief Stork stated if you see in the photos, we had to put the battery chargers in the cab of the truck and by doing that, we've kind of created a hazard. If you have an incident now, you have got loose objects in the cab. We also have corrosion which means we are going to start having issues with the frame and where the tank mounts. New apparatuses are built with more safety features just like your own personal vehicles you drive. The

bottom line is we have a good maintenance program, and we keep up on everything, but should we have a catastrophic failure of something with this thing due to the age of it, this is not a piece of equipment that you drive to the local dealership and pick up. They're almost all custom built for each department based on their needs and it is a process to get one. We can get a ballpark figure but will probably take about two to three months to get a more exact figure once they have all of our specifications. We have some partnerships as well as a grant we are going to apply for to help with this. We are looking for approval to move forward and get a price for this replacement. There is about an eight to fifteen month build time for these.

Councilman Alworth moved to direct Fire Chief Stork to obtain replacement cost information for City Fire Engine "Rescue 1." Councilwoman Williams-Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Mayor Robertson – Joe Byers of Pleasant Valley Energy Consultants – Dr. Uwa Unyioha-Osimiri of African Women Mobilization Commission – Discussion Only – Presentation regarding Empowering Women through Education Project near Ely.

Dr. Uwa Unyioha-Osimiri stated I'm a resident of the African Women Mobilization Commission which is a nonprofit 501c3 Corporation headquartered in Georgia. Our mission is to provide mobilization, philanthropy, advocacy, culture, and training. I'm also the International Program Chair for the STEM Joe Dome Project, a project of Pleasant Valley, LLC. The program that I'm going to talk about today is Empowering Women Through Education. It is a housing and STEM certification program to be operated by my organization in the Monolithic Jewel Dome Facilities in Ely, Nevada, and other places. What problem does Women's Empowerment Through Education Program seek to solve? I'm excited about this because this mission, and the vision of this program is to provide housing and certification in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). I'm quite excited that the State of Nevada is very interested in promoting STEM, and for this one we are specifically focused on young women. The foster care system is sometimes described as a highway to homelessness and aging out of foster care can have a significant impact on the likelihood of experiencing homelessness. Studies have shown that one out of four young adults who age out of the foster care system are at a higher risk of becoming homeless in the first four days after their release compared to their peers, fifty percent (50%) of homeless people have lived in foster care, and young women are the most impacted negatively. Young women aging out of foster care may be at the higher risk of exploitation. A lot of these young people end up in the streets and they become exploited to human trafficking and also end up in abusive relationships. They may lack the support and resources to navigate these risks, making them more vulnerable to exploitation. Research has also shown that young women who age out of foster care have higher rates of early pregnancy compared to their peers. This can further complicate their educational and career opportunities as they may have added responsibilities and challenges to navigate as young mothers without consistent and reliable access to healthcare. These young women, aging out of foster care, may face barriers to receiving comprehensive reproductive health care services and this can impact the ability to make informed decisions about their reproductive health and family planning. They often lack positive female role models and mentors who can guide them and support them in their transition to adulthood and this lack of support can make it harder for them to navigate challenges related to education, employment, and personal development. I know there are programs that exist for young people graduating from high school and coming out of foster care, but a lot of those programs are still inadequate, and what we're trying to do is fill that void. It is not enough to just address them not having housing as some of these young people have nowhere to go, so we're going to be providing housing for them and that will minimize the number of homeless people that graduate or age out of foster care. If enough is not done it is going to increase more of them in the streets, and it will be a strain on society. We want to create inclusive and supportive environments that encourage these young people to explore and engage with STEM subjects. The objectives to achieve these goals is by creating a safe and supportive space for them to explore their interest without social or gender biases. These programs are designed to foster collaboration, boost their confidence, and provide opportunities for them to excel in STEM fields. We're going to be connecting young women with female mentors and role models who are already working in STEM fields. This can be done

through guest speaker events, or partnering with organizations that focus on connecting women in STEM with aspiring young women. This can include activities such as experiments, coding workshops, robotics challenges, and field trips to STEM related organizations or institutions. We're going to have focus groups that can help these young women develop important skills such as communication, leadership, and critical thinking. It is essential to address and challenge gender stereotypes and biases that may discourage young women from pursuing STEM fields. We want to promote positive narratives to them about women who are already in STEM by highlighting their achievements and showcasing diverse role models who will help break down these barriers? We're going to be collaborating with local schools, universities, businesses, and community organizations that will expand the reach and impact of STEM programs for these young people in Ely. In this community, these partnerships can provide access to resources, expertise and networking opportunities, creating a more comprehensive and enriching experience for these young women. Separate from the cost of construction of the dome, the budget for the Empowering Women Through Education Program will be for administration, maintenance, resource personnel such as psychologists and case management for mental health concerns, furnishings, clothing, transportation, educators, and educational materials. Providing crucial ongoing support for these young women is going to be very crucial. We're going to continuously nurture their interest, and we're going to provide them with a strong association with women who are already doing very good work so that this will encourage them to pursue further educational careers in these fields. We want to evaluate them at the beginning of their entrance into the program, and every six months thereafter to see how well they are doing while in the same program, and then, upon completion of the two-year certification program. We will then help them get employment before they move out of the domes, so we are not repeating homelessness. The initiative will also screen the young women for candidacy for placement, physically, academically, mentally, and for those who are not too inclined to STEM. By implementing these strategies, we join organizations and communities to create this inclusive and empowering STEM Program that inspires and supports young women. I would like to thank you for giving me this opportunity to present and we welcome your support.

Mayor Robertson recessed the Regular Meeting of the Ely City Council at 6:37 p.m.

Mayor Robertson reconvened the Regular Meeting of the Ely City Council at 6:41 p.m.

4. Councilman Trask – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval to Direct City Attorney to draft a Resolution changing the day of City Council meetings from the second and fourth Thursdays of the month to the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.

Councilman Trask stated I am asking for this because I now have a conflict on Thursdays, and I would like to continue to work on the Council. I have talked to April Bath regarding the availability of the Volunteer Fire Hall, and they have no problems with the change.

Councilman Carson stated the only problem I have with it is Wednesday is the same day the County Commission meets and a lot of us attend that and to have both meetings in one day would make for a long day.

Councilwoman Elliott asked could we move it to the first and third Wednesday since the County Commission meets on the second and the fourth Wednesdays?

Councilman Alworth stated in my twenty-three years of being involved with City government we have changed the time for the public; we are here for the public, and to change it for one council member I think is wrong. If you want to do a public hearing or a public opinion on it, I think that would be better.

Mayor Robertson stated my big thing is that it is in the evening so the public can attend. I don't think it would cause any affect to the public if it's one weekday or the other. I'm of the opinion that if the city wants to put its money where its mouth is and support small business and new endeavors in the City, supporting that on our own council, I think, is

important as well. I know this wasn't the original idea when he ran as they were doing something else that would have left him free, but plans change and rolling with the punches, I don't think is a horrible idea. I get what you're saying, Councilman Carson, about the County Commission meeting.

Councilman Alworth stated he wants to change the meeting because it's going to affect his financial benefits. Is that the right thing to do to request for his financial benefit to change it. We had a council member quit because it interfered with his job. Is this an ethical thing?

City Attorney Cahoon stated there's no City funds or anything that's going toward him, or any kind of conflict. I think it's a personal request and it would be appropriate, maybe, to abstain from a vote on it and just allow the Council to determine whether or not they should change the date as a City action.

Councilman Carson stated I really, truly respect what you're doing, and I know you need to ask for this day, but moving forward, we're going to have different people on this board, and do we just keep switching the dates and times to make it right for the Council and kind of get off the pattern of what the public, who's been notified, is familiar with.

Councilwoman Elliott moved to direct City Attorney Cahoon to draft a Resolution changing the day of City Council meetings from the second and fourth Thursdays of the month to the first and third Wednesdays of the month. The motion died due to lack of second. No other motions were made.

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.

Councilwoman Elliott stated we do meet with Brian with the Porter Group on Monday so after that we should have a good report for the next meeting as to what we are submitting and follow up from the D.C. trip.

Mayor Robertson stated the Wastewater Treatment Plant apparently has already found its way into legislation and that item has dropped off this coming year's request. The only ones going forward are the Fire Station Solar Panel Project, the universal metering, and the Public Safety Communication Equipment Upgrade Project.

Councilman Alworth stated regarding the Fire Station solar panels, the mayor did contract an engineering firm to come out and look at it. We went through the panels and the history and with the issues we will see if it is worth it. They're coming up with different ideas and will be able to give us a better dollar amount to move forward or not.

6. Council Members – City Clerk Lee – Discussion/For Possible Action – Review of value-engineered bid received to complete plumbing in Steptoe Valley Skeet and Trap Club hunter education building, with possible reconsideration of February 22, 2024, Council action and award of value-engineered bid.

City Clerk Lee stated Basin Engineering per Council's direction reached out to Pearson Brothers Construction, and they were willing to provide us a Value Engineered Bid. It does meet the requirements of using the available grant funding and not going over and allows for the administrative oversight as well. I would recommend approval of this.

Councilman Alworth moved to approve awarding the value-engineered bid to Pearson Brothers Construction Company to complete plumbing in Steptoe Valley Skeet and Trap Club hunter education building. Councilwoman Williams-Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joe Byers stated I just wanted to thank the City of Ely for inviting us to speak today with regards to the Joe Dome Project. I've actually joined the White Pine Chamber of Commerce with my

business. I feel as though you're my new home for my business, and I look forward to meeting each one of you as I come up there to visit the sight of the project. Any assistance you can provide is greatly appreciated and thank you for your time tonight.

George Chachas stated I'd like to know who inspected the duck pond, and I don't want to include the new gentleman that you just hired. Mr. Chachas stated ongoing concerns regarding if the City ever collected in full for water, sewer and landfill services from the Historical Railroad when they owned the White Pine Trailer Park; collected in full from the Garnett Mercantile; reimbursement for the sewer problem he took care of at his property located at 681 Parker Avenue; the upgraded water line the City paid for on the property from Love's to the charter school and states that should have been the responsibility of the developer; his concern of the City paying to reroute a private sewer line during phase III of the Murry Street project; permitted RVs throughout the City and if they are paying utilities; and the drainage from the Bath property onto his property.

10. 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 7:04 p.m. Councilwoman Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



MAYOR



ATTEST

