



CITY OF ELY

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ELY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

February 13, 2025, 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.** Joshua Beck offered an invocation. Mayor Robertson led in the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for Roll Call.

Members present:

- Mayor Nathan Robertson
- Councilman Terrill Trask
- Councilwoman Melody Van Camp
- Councilwoman Samantha Elliott
- Councilman Dennis Perea
- 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 Engineer B.J. Almberg
- City Building Official Don Hendrickson
- City Attorney Chris Arabia
- 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, Eugene Harper, Wyatt Cox – KELY, Troy Underwood, and Allan.

ELY CITY COUNCIL ATTENDANCE LIST

DATE: February 13, 2025

Print name below

Janet Van Camp
Sara Noriega USFS
Dan Abeyaratne Dea Reynolds
Terry Adams
Mark Bassett
George Chachas

Print name below

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

County Commission Chairwoman Janet Van Camp stated I would like to comment on item 7-1. On January 8th the Commission met and voted to request the City consider reinstating the Ruth water rate agreement for the White Pine County Golf Course. I hope you consider that. Thank you.

George Chachas stated on your agenda item 7-1 you are to consider the approval of special water rates for the White Pine County Golf Course; that proposal needs to be denied. The taxpayer pays significantly now subsidizing the golf course. The County needs to be creative to increase play and increase fees. Accountants have always stated that the County or City must show the true cost of running the Golf Course or any other facility, to do otherwise is malfeasance. On your agenda item 7-3 you are to consider the removal of past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$964.52 from 1 Dorchester Street, in Ruth, Nevada. I'm requesting a copy of the letter that was given to Tina Templer, outlining the terms requested of her to write off penalties and interest on her property. I'm requesting a copy of the letter as allowed by the Nevada Open Meeting Law. On your agenda item 7-4 you are to consider the removal of past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$560.42 from 15 Sunshine Street in Ruth, Nevada. I'm requesting a copy of the letter that was given to Tina Templer outlining the terms requested of her for consideration to write off penalties and interest on her property. I'm requesting a copy of the letter as allowed by the Nevada Open Meeting Law. Thank you.

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

Councilwoman Elliott moved to approve the agenda as presented. Councilwoman Van Camp seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

➤ **CITY CLERK**



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Mayor Robertson and Ely City Council

Subject: POOL PACT Budget Training, RCAC income study &

Key Considerations:

1. I attended Alan Kalt's Financial Leadership Budget Training with Treasurer Trask & Mayor Robertson in Fallon on Monday, which was very informative.
2. The Nevada RCAC has agreed to fund the City's low to moderate income survey through May 30th of this year; we need a 51% LMI result to be eligible for our 26-27 wastewater treatment plant CDBG grant application.

Thank you.

J Lee
Ely City Clerk

Mayor Robertson asked, "is this a citywide survey?"

City Clerk Lee stated it is a citywide, but it's random.

➤ CITY ENGINEER

City Council Report (2/13/25)

- Aultman NDOT project has begun. We have begun reviewing submittals and will be attending startup meetings.
- Began working on Morley CDBG project.
- Working on completing NDOT Road Certification.
 - NDOT is requiring a full inventory of the roads being reported.
 - We are completing a field inventory with the GIS data collector and will provide the inventory in GIS Shape file format.

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 not a voting item, and I don't vote anyway.

NNRY 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
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Monthly Operations Report for January 2025

1. Locomotive Status – Updated
 - 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 – Updated
 - a. Passenger equipment in service: #07, #08, #09, Flatcar #23, Baggage/RPO #20, Outfit Car #06.
 - b. Passenger Coach 5, painting is complete. Next issue is rebuilding the coach steps and lettering the car.
 - 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 January we carried 186 passengers, this was an increase of 36% compared to the previous year.
 - b. This year we have carried 186 passengers, this was an increase of 36% compared to the previous year.
 - c. Since operations began in 1987, we have carried 380,108 passengers.
6. Economic Impact – The average non-gaming & gaming daily expenditure per overnight visitor \$170. Economic impact for January 2025 was 186 x \$170 = \$31,620.

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 – 2024, 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

Economic impact year to date was $186 \times \$170 = \$31,620$

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 views was 2,094,013
- b. Our Facebook reach last month was 930,623
- c. We have 135,400 page likes.
- d. 201,026 people follow our page.

8. Fire & Ice

The Fire and Ice show was a success! A big thank you to the Ely Volunteer Fire Department and the White Pine County Fire Department for their assistance and support of the event. Shout outs also to the White Pine County Tourism and Recreation Board, Great Basin Pyrotechnics, the Lions Club for their ship, and Mt Wheeler Power for donating the ships mast and installing it.



9. Doodlebug

The Foundation was able to purchase a 1930 Brill, gasoline powered Doodlebug. A Doodlebug is a self-propelled railroad passenger car that was used by railroads on branch lines with low ridership. The Nevada Northern Railway considered purchasing one in the 1930s but never did. A restored car came up and the Foundation was able to raise the purchase price. The car has been loaded and will begin its journey to Ely next week.



6. REPORTS

➤ COUNCILMAN TRASK

Councilman Trask stated I attended the Nevada Elected Local Officials Training in Reno, and it was quite informational. We went over some budgeting things, ethics, and the Nevada Open Meeting Law. I'm glad that I was able to do it and get a little bit more in depth on some of those topics.

➤ COUNCILWOMAN VAN CAMP

Councilwoman Van Camp stated on January 29th I was invited to a Main Street meeting and this was in conjunction with Bristlecone Convention Center. They invited community leaders, businesses, and the road builders that are going to do the Aultman Street Project to give us an update and a timeline on the Aultman Street Project. Main Street is going to try and put out the messaging for all the work, and a timeline for when all the work will be done, so all the business owners uptown will be advised of what's going on. Anyone with questions is to contact the Bristlecone Convention Center and talk to Nicole. They're going to use all media to get updates out, keep everybody well informed, and they're going to accommodate the businesses as they're tearing up the sidewalks and the roads. I'd like to thank the Parks Department for putting up the poop bag dispensers in the park; If we could only have some flashing red arrows to say we got them. I also attended a community art and tourism meeting sponsored by the Bristlecone Convention Center on February 5th. There was a discussion on the Arts tourism. We had quite a bit of input from all different leaders and pioneers from the surrounding area, and it was very well attended. On Monday, February 10th I met with the Building Official, and we exchanged all kinds of ideas for the Redevelopment Plan.

➤ COUNCILMAN PEREA

Councilman Perea stated I am planning on attending the training on the 27th in Carson City and I am looking forward to that.

➤ COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS-HARPER

Councilwoman Williams-Harper stated I will be attending the same training on the 27th.

➤ MAYOR ROBERTSON

Mayor Robertson stated I'd like to congratulate the High School wrestling team. It was great to see the community support for that, and everybody's hard work pay off. I attended the POOL/PACT Government Finance training with the City Clerk and the Treasurer, and it's always good to review those things. I appreciate the kind of resources we have in POOL/PACT and Allen Colt for such a complicated subject matter they really know their business inside and out. Just by way of notification for the Council I would like to note that I did send a letter over to the County today regarding timelines on whether or not they wanted to go ahead with negotiating for the continuation of the Interlocal Agreement for Building Department services. They responded quickly, and they're going to take a look at it and let us know. We asked them to get back to us by March 14th, so we had time to at least negotiate for a little bit and get it into the preliminary budget before it had to go to the State.

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

1. Councilwoman Van Camp – Discussion/For Possible Action – Consideration and possible approval of White Pine County's request for the following terms through October 31, 2025 for provision of water services to the White Pine County Golf Course, to include, modify or exclude the following: 1. Water usage period begins April 1st through October 31st; 2. Ruth rate applied per monthly allotment amounts outlined in Monthly Allotment chart for an annual total of 62 million gallons, with monthly allotments not carrying over; and 3. Water used over monthly allotment billed at current City of Ely water rates. The City Public Works Director monitors the City's water tank levels and well operations, so he will notify the White Pine County Parks & Building Maintenance Superintendent if Golf Course watering needs to be temporarily reduced to maintain fire protection for the community, irrespective of terms for the provision of water services to the White Pine County Golf Course.

Councilwoman Van Camp stated at this morning's Utility Board meeting it was very good and informative. It was suggested that we go with this agreement. The County does have a couple of protests, and that will hold up the County trying to do anything with getting their own well. It was said we would save a lot of water by making this agreement and the savings the County would have with this agreement could go into an overflow account, so there would be money in the end for their own well. A well can't be done until the protest has ended, and it's been going on already, I think they said a year and a half, and it could go on a little bit longer, so we would have a little bit of control on the amount of water and just wait it out.

Mayor Robertson stated I do see the Utilities Board recommended approval and I appreciate the term on here being until October 2025. I think if we're talking about this every year, it doesn't get forgotten and we're moving towards getting the County on a well. I think it is good for them, it's good for our water system, and it's good for the golf course.

City Engineer Almborg stated I one hundred percent agree. I think this is absolutely beneficial to the City, beneficial to the County for their own watering needs, and the other party that I actually believe will benefit is the Mine. The reason I believe it's beneficial to the Mine is because currently the mine pays the power costs for all of our wells and as a part of those power costs is water that's going to the Golf Course. If the City comes in and does this, in a sense, are subsidizing the County's well, because we are taking in less money than what we normally would for this. What they discussed this morning is the willingness to give the reduction with the suggestion that money that is saved between the full price and the reduction price goes into a special fund that over time will build up and go towards drilling the well.

Mayor Robertson stated I think their objective is to get that well just as much as anybody.

City Engineer Almborg stated they are going to save money beyond this reduced rate once they get their own well.

Mayor Robertson stated that this is more of a fire protection issue for the City and I don't know if I can say that enough. I feel like I keep encountering people that don't understand what the issue is. We need the fire capacity that we're required to have and during the driest parts of the summer that can be hard.

City Clerk Lee stated I would just offer up, that the mechanism is if they ask to renew then that's the City's opportunity to say, how much have you saved towards your new well and were the protests resolved?

Mayor Robertson stated that this is something to talk about at the next renewal.

Councilman Trask stated I would like to see this approved, with the idea that when they come back to us in one year that we have this discussion to make sure that there are steps being moved forward on. Now, I also have a question for you B.J., I guess knowing how water protests work and the black hole that is at the State, is there a reality that this protest actually will ever get resolved because I know of one protest that is over ten years old?

City Engineer Almborg stated the protest is going through the process, but I believe it will get resolved. There was an initial understanding that there was this protest, and it was caused somewhat by the County delay in what they were doing and that's definitely not the case. The protests came because the County was proceeding down that path, it went to the public comment period, and somebody protested. I want to make it very clear that it wasn't that the County missed their opportunity to do it, and then protested, they were doing what they were supposed to be doing, and it got protested.

Councilman Trask moved to approve White Pine County's request for the following terms through October 31, 2025 for provision of water services to the White Pine County Golf Course, to include, modify or exclude the following: 1. Water usage period begins

April 1st through October 31st; 2. Ruth rate applied per monthly allotment amounts outlined in Monthly Allotment chart for an annual total of 62 million gallons, with monthly allotments not carrying over; and 3. Water used over monthly allotment billed at current City of Ely water rates. The City Public Works Director monitors the City's water tank levels and well operations, so he will notify the White Pine County Parks & Building Maintenance Superintendent if Golf Course watering needs to be temporarily reduced to maintain fire protection for the community, irrespective of terms for the provision of water services to the White Pine County Golf Course. Councilwoman Van Camp seconded the motion.

Councilman Perea asked is there any way to get those pushed forward with this being a public safety issue?

City Engineer AlMBERG stated I can surely have this conversation with Steve Shells and ask his opinion for helping to prod this along?

Councilman Perea stated if I understand the history of it, at one point the County got shocked by getting a bill when the water went over. Is there a mechanism to work with the County so that they know if they're in jeopardy of paying some high bills?

Public Works Director Cracraft stated we read the meter daily and send a report weekly.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Board Members – City Engineer AlMBERG – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval of Guardian DB Services Will Serve Application for two water connections and one sewer connection at 825 Avenue E for new Forest Service Bunkhouse.

City Engineer AlMBERG stated this is for the Forest Service building that's being constructed down at the Forest Service offices. I think it's some barracks or something along those lines, and we have the water for it. It does talk about two water connections; one of those water connections is a fire connection, that's a safety issue and we do not charge for the fire connection. We're only charging for the domestic use of that water and the domestic sewer connection. They have paid all their fees.

Councilman Trask moved to approve Guardian DB Services Will Serve Application for two water connections and one sewer connection at 825 Avenue E for new Forest Service Bunkhouse. Councilwoman Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Board Members – City Clerk Lee – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval to remove past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$964.52 from 1 Dorchester Street, Ruth, Nevada at the request of Property Owner, Tina Templer.

City Clerk Lee stated Ms. Templer paid the fees owed of \$1,152.56 on the 10th of January. She's asking for a waiver, which we've done in the past. The backup is in the packet.

Councilwoman Elliott moved to approve the removal of past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$964.52 from 1 Dorchester Street, Ruth, Nevada at the request of Property Owner, Tina Templer. Councilman Perea seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Board Members – City Clerk Lee – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval to remove past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$560.42 from 15 Sunshine Street, Ruth, Nevada at the request of Property Owner, Tina Templer.

City Clerk Lee stated the same day on this property, she paid the landfill fees of \$931.56. She's asking for a waiver of those penalties.

Councilwoman Elliott moved to approve the removal of past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$560.42 from 15 Sunshine Street, Ruth, Nevada at the request of

Property Owner, Tina Templer. Councilman Perea seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF ELY.

1. Councilwoman Van Camp – Discussion/For Possible Action – Review and approval of Redevelopment Grant Plan Revision and residential/commercial application forms, with approval to issue Redevelopment Area grants this fiscal year.

Councilwoman Van Camp stated I talked with Jennifer, and we thought that if we kept the Redevelopment within the City staff that we could get a lot more done because we don't have to worry about having a public meeting, minutes, and a quorum. We've got money, and it's pretty set out in the plan. I'd like to get a jump start on this and get moving on it, so we can get something done in the spring.

Mayor Robertson stated the forms look great. Is staff going to approve the grant applications, or do the applications come back here to the Council for approval?

City Clerk Lee stated it will come to the Council for approval.

Councilman Trask moved to approve the revised Redevelopment Grant Plan and revised residential/commercial application forms with approval to issue Redevelopment Area grants this fiscal year. Councilwoman Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

THE MAYOR WILL RECESS THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF ELY AND RECONVENE THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

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

A. CONSENT AGENDA

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 Van Camp stated I would like to disclose my granddaughter is an employee of the City of Ely Fire Department.

Councilman Trask stated I would like to disclose that my name is listed in the bills regarding the training that I attended for reimbursement.

MOTION: Move to approve the Consent Agenda item 9A-1 Minutes and 9A-2 Bills.

Moved by: Councilwoman Van Camp Second by: Councilwoman Williams-Harper Vote: Unanimous

1. Discussion/For Possible Action – Minutes.
 - January 23, 2025
2. Discussion/For Possible Action – Bills.
 - January 17, 2025
 - January 28, 2025
 - February 5, 2025

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Robertson – Discussion/For Possible Action – Consideration to revoke April 13, 2023, City Council action converting Murry Street to “One-Way” traffic northbound.

Mayor Robertson stated the original action for the Council was to do this, and it was to do it in the future after we had finished all of our work on Murry Street. That time has

come, and I sat down with our City Officials, including the Sheriff, Engineer, the Fire Chief, City Clerk, and the Public Works Director. We had a discussion on what it would take, and if anything changed since two years ago. Sheriff Henriod brought up with the opening of the daycare facility, there was a lot more traffic up there. The cost to put this into action was easily going to be in the \$12,000 to \$15,000 range with all the signage needed. The policing and enforcing that would be needed to do that is not something we readily have available to make sure everybody kind of gets on the same page and is doing what they're supposed to be doing. The recommendation by and large from that group was, we should bring this back to the Council to consider, possibly revoking this. Our Engineer was the dissenting opinion on that, and felt like we should continue, but we wanted to bring it back to the Council for discussion and thoughts on that.

Councilwoman Van Camp stated I would like to disclose I live at 1125 Murry Street.

Councilwoman Williams-Harper stated I would like to know why City Engineer Almborg said no, and if we do go ahead and do this you would need funds to enforce it properly and would we ever have those funds to do that?

Mayor Robertson stated it's not so much a funds issue as a manpower issue. I know the sheriff has 10,000 square miles of White Pine County to take care of, in addition to the 7 square miles of the City of Ely and they are still down quite a few sheriff's deputies, and so the manpower is kind of thin over at that department.

City Engineer Almborg stated I think I was part of the reason this discussion started in the first place, because Murry Street is a very narrow road and there's a lot of people that park on the sidewalks. The sidewalks aren't meant to be parked on, and they get very clustered up there. If we could get them to park on the road and create a one-way situation, we wouldn't have to have traffic that has to wait for each other and go around each other. We basically tapered that last block of Murry Street in anticipation of this. If you guys opt not to do it, there's no housing on one side of that road, anyway, so, it isn't really going to have an impact. The road is twenty-eight feet wide and so when you have cars on both sides and cars going in both directions, it's just not wide enough to actually be in compliance of any type of standard. This way if they were actually on the street they would meet a standard for that lane, and you would have, in a sense, about four feet of extra for that lane and so that's the reason for my hesitation. Why I thought it would be beneficial is it's hard on the sidewalks, and it would make it a smoother flow through there. After our meeting I went back, and I looked at how many signs it is truly going to take to be within the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways standards. I looked at each of the intersections and conservatively figured replacing some of the existing poles that may not be tall enough and it's about \$3,000 in materials, excluding any type of manpower that would have to go up there to do it. Just because I would like to see, it doesn't necessarily mean that it's required. I just see there's some positive things to it.

Mayor Robertson stated sidewalks usually aren't reinforced and they're not designed to carry vehicle traffic. If you're parking a two-ton truck on their repeatedly there's a good chance it will break down and we have spent money fixing that over the last several years.

Councilwoman Williams-Harper stated Sheriff Henriod my question would be an estimation of how long would it take for people to do the right thing if we change to a one-way and the signs were put up?

Sheriff Henriod stated it's going to be an education process. We didn't realize how much more traffic was going to be added when the Boys and Girls Club put their new facility up there. I mean, it's a great thing, but I don't know if the residents on Murry Street realize how much more traffic that's going to cause with a one-way street. They are already dealing with issues up there with speeding and just the regular day traffic, but now, with the one way that's going to increase it, I can't tell you how much. Councilwoman, that's going to be an education process if you guys move forward with it. Handing out flyers first about parking restrictions and the one-way directional traffic would be beneficial and then if people still don't abide by that, we'll do our very best to

go up there and actually start writing parking tickets for parking on sidewalks. That will be just those complaints that we receive, or habitual people doing that over and over again after they've received warnings, of course, but it will be as resources are available. I'm a big fan of education; I really am even if it means going door to door and handing out flyers or putting them on people's cars parking the wrong way or parking on the sidewalk. We can definitely make up some type of notification system and put it on people's cars so that they are aware. I imagine probably within a month or two everybody will know.

Councilwoman Williams-Harper asked would you say it's safer to do the one way with the daycare being up there?

Sheriff Henriod stated yes.

Councilman Trask asked Public Works Director Cracraft, "What do we do with the snow on that road?"

Public Works Director Cracraft stated what we try to do with the snow is put it to the middle and go back to pick it up with the snowblower. If that's a one-way, we're going to go to the sides, because if you go down the middle you're going to block the driving lane. I know when this came up a couple of years ago, I was kind on the fence. As soon as the emergency response people, including the Sheriff and the Fire Chief said no, it was a no-brainer to me. There is also the cost for the Public Works Department.

Councilwoman Williams-Harper asked if there was a big snow would you be blocking cars in?

Public Works Director Cracraft stated probably. I have had a discussion with our Streets Leadman, and he is not for it either just because of that. We like to get the snow to the middle and then blow it in the back of a truck and get it out of there as quick as we can. Councilwoman Williams-Harper stated the daycare is precious, and we don't want to have anybody hurt. I mean, is there any way to put up some huge flashing light, or a speed bump; something actually less intrusive, but more intrusive.

Public Works Director Cracraft stated the problem with the speed bumps is plowing snow and when we have talked about STOP signs and such before those are not considered traffic control.

Mayor Robertson stated we can talk about that on a separate item. The item today for discussion is just the one way or not. There are other issues like the Sheriff noted with speeding and I would imagine making this one-way would just push more of the traffic to Mill Street.

Public Works Director Cracraft stated I would think the speeding would pick up too.

Councilwoman Van Camp stated as a resident I can say the speeding is horrendous up there. I really have no opinion on it. I park in the driveway and would never park on the street, because the sheriff is right, I always have to pull over to let the other car come down and it's worse when you have a travel trailer. The speeding is out of hand, and the school didn't help it any as there are cars driving in and out of that driveway to the school quite a bit. It's really congested, and people are parking on the sidewalks.

Councilman Perea asked do you have the sediment of your neighbors? Do you know how they feel?

Councilman Trask stated the first time we did this we sent out a survey which is part of the attachment. There were sixty sent out and looking back when we had had these conversations before, that's how we came up with this decision. The number one comment for the in-favor comments says the Volunteer Fire Department feels it will improve traffic flow on Murry Street, but in an emergency, it will not impact our response, as we will do what we need to do. I wish Pat was here just so I could see what

has changed since the first time we had this conversation and why we feel that would be any different now.

Councilwoman Williams-Harper asked what is the cost to have cameras installed to get people's plate numbers and catch them if they are speeding or not doing the right thing without having deputies running up and down there?

Sheriff Henriod stated the last time we reached out and got quotes, the cameras were around \$10,000.00 each.

Councilman Trask moved to table revoking April 13, 2024, City Council action converting Murry Street to "One-Way" traffic northbound. Councilwoman Williams-Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried with 4 ayes and 1 abstention from Councilwoman Van Camp.

2. Councilwoman Williams-Harper – Discussion/For Possible Action – Request Mayor Robertson, with the support of City staff and input from Council Members, to prepare and give a State of City address in accordance with NRS 266.1902. (a). Address to be given at the first City Council meeting in March and submitted in writing.

Councilwoman Williams-Harper moved to request Mayor Robertson, with the support of City staff and input from Council Members, to prepare and give a State of City address in accordance with NRS 266.190 2. (a). Address to be given at the first City Council meeting in March and submitted in writing. Councilman Perea seconded the motion.

Councilman Trask asked, "can we get an update on our funding situation and where we stand?"

Mayor Robertson stated yes, if there's anything in particular any council members would like to see comment on, please let me know, and I'll try to include that and certainly appreciate Staff's help with all that.

The motion carried unanimously.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jose Noriega with the Forest Service stated I haven't been to one of these meetings in a while, and I came because of the agenda item on the sewer hookups, thank you very much. I figured I would just take a moment to let you know that I'll try and get on the agenda to come in and give the City an update on some of the stuff that's going on. There is a big SNPLMA workload that's going on right now, and at least one of those projects will have direct effects on the City with the Ward Mountain bike trail. Construction is going to begin on that this summer and actually this spring as soon as it gets a little warmer. We're going to see a lot of changes up there on Ward Mountain. I will get on the agenda and come in and give a full presentation about what's going on at a later meeting date. Thank you.

Wyatt Cox stated thank you, Mr. Mayor. First of all, when these surveys go out, please let us know when they're coming. We've noticed lately that people have a tendency not to want to cooperate with surveys unless they know they're coming, and they're not going to be a big issue. I want to thank Jennifer Lee for her assistance in an issue that we've had out here regarding an accident, and I know she's going to get back with me on that. Furthermore, today is world radio day and between me and Karen over at KDSS we did our best to toot our own horn as the original social media. Long before there was even Myspace, radio has been the real social media in America and the world these days. Mr. Mayor, when you get around to your State of the City address as we've done in the past, you'll be welcome to come out and present that to our audience as well. Thank you so much for the opportunity.

George Chachas stated on the Utility Board for the members that are golfers; they should have abstained and not voted on the water agreement. Golf is a luxury, not a necessity. I want the address and contact name regarding the CDBG Bell Avenue Waterline Project. Mr. Chachas stated ongoing concerns regarding the sewer problem he took care of at his residence located at 681 Parker; his fence on Bell Avenue being damaged and wants to know who will be repairing

that; the waterlines he alleges were there and would like them put back to his property on Bell Avenue; Code violations by members of the Planning Commission, some City Council Members, some County Commissioners, and staff; and the drainage off of the Bath property draining onto his property at 622 High Street causing erosion

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

Councilwoman Elliott moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Ely City Council at **5:58 p.m.** Councilwoman Williams-Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



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