



CITY OF ELY

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ELY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

December 11, 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.**, led in the Pledge of Allegiance, and asked for Roll Call.

Members present:

Mayor Nathan Robertson
Councilman Terrill Trask
Councilwoman Melody Van Camp
Councilwoman Michelle Yeoman
Councilman Dennis Perea

Members absent

Councilwoman Jerri Lynn Williams-Harper

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

City Clerk Jennifer Lee
City Treasurer Janette Trask
City HR Director Desiree Ramirez
City Public Works Director Mike Cracraft
City Engineer B.J. Almberg
City Attorney Chris Arabia
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; Wyatt Cox, KELY; Ben Bailey, Keddington & Christensen CPA; and Valerie Flannery.

ELY CITY COUNCIL ATTENDANCE LIST

DATE: DECEMBER 11, 2025

Print name below

Dean Rognakis
Cody Bliss
Caroline Mc Intosh
Mark Lassett
George Chachias
William McGill
JENNIFER LESHER

Print name below

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer Drew-Lesher stated good evening, Mr. Mayor and Council Members. I'm here to speak to you tonight in support of agenda item B-1 regarding Chris Flannery, and hope that you will show support for this item as well. Chris is somebody I have worked with before and I know what kind of person he is. He's a quality person, and sometimes you have to do what you have to do to bring such an exceptional person to this position. He is somebody that I feel could come to the Building Department and hit the ground running as he has worked with the County, City, and I've dealt with him in other experiences as well. I just feel he is somebody who deserves whatever we can offer him to get him here and, maybe we would finally have some stability in the Building Department, that we have not had since Brad retired, and it seems like we go through this every year and a half to two years. I know Chris has ties here and would like to retire here. I feel there are a lot of things working for the favor of the City Council and for Chris, and this would be a great marriage, so to speak, if we can do what we can to get him here. I would hate for the Council to pass up this opportunity to bring such a quality and excellent person to this position. He carries with him a great amount of knowledge in both the code enforcement for building department permits and other code enforcements for City and County codes. I would hope that you would strongly consider voting in favor of this item for Mr. Flannery. Thank you.

George Chachas stated on your agenda item 9-1, you are to consider the water agreement with the County involving the Golf Course; that needs to be denied. The Golf Course does not qualify for water allocation with the County's industrial water allocation from the State. The Golf Course needs to apply under a different category. The City should not endanger the County's industrial allocation. The taxpayers are paying a horrendous amount of money to provide a golf course for very few citizens, and the course can't even afford to pay for itself. The Utility Board, City Council, and the Engineer are tainted in their thinking. No other entity gets a discount of 50% on their usage. You need to review the federal law regarding public utilities assisted by federal dollars. On your agenda item 9-2 you are to consider removing past due utility penalties up to the amount of \$90.33 from APN 00500303 in Cherry Creek, Nevada, at the request of Nicholas Bailey. Did Mr. Bailey pay the full amount due of \$486.61 to qualify for the write-off of \$106.53? I'm requesting a copy of the letter sent to him outlining the terms required by him for consideration of writing off the penalties and interest on his property and then be eligible for the appropriate refund. Agenda item 10B-6 needs to be denied as the exchange is not of equal value as required by state NRS; stop competing against the private sector. There are properties available now for growth. This is no more than a sweetheart deal for the golf course. I can't get permits that I've applied for and those that I have applied for, I've been denied and given citations. Discrimination needs to stop. Agenda item 10B-7 needs to be denied. The Railroad does not operate under the Nevada Open Meeting Law, and the taxpayers can't see how the money is spent. You have three steam engines down and the gas fired doodle bug. The management is not competent. They need to stay out of lawsuits, and you need to replace them. Agenda item 10B-8, you are to review the City year-end audit. Where's the audit for the Railroad that the city paid for? It should be included. I'll be back. I need some answers. Thank you.

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

Mayor Robertson stated just so the Council is aware, I will be recusing myself for item B-7. The Mayor Pro Tem is not here tonight so the procedure will need to be that a Council Member makes a motion for someone to chair that item and then vote on that prior to proceeding with item B-7.

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

4. CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

➤ CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Arabia stated I'm happy to report that we had a trial this morning, it was a battery case, the person was convicted, and I saw something I've never seen before. After all the evidence was heard, but before the judge issued his decision, the defendant asked, can we start over and the judge had to decline that request. I guess the other thing I would say is Judge Hibbs and I were talking about how things are going in general, and I think we agreed that everything at the Municipal Court is in pretty good order, and the NSPD has been doing a pretty nice job representing its clients, so, that's running well, which is nice.

➤ CITY ENGINEER

City Engineer Almberg stated our staff had some training this week for USDA funding. We were successful on our last grant application through EPA that I think I expressed last time to you guys. Our CDBG Morley project is under construction up on the hill and it's going good. They are actually through the deep part, which in some areas was up to seventeen feet deep and so it's been quite a challenge. We are waiting for a letter from the Fire Chief who will be back in the office tomorrow for the water portion of this project, and then that package will be electronically submitted to the State for approval. We anticipate going to construction on that a little bit later in the spring. We had some requests and some issues with the ditches and surface water running out through our ranch, so the Mayor, Public Works Director, and I went and analyzed that situation. As a part of our funding project, I just told you we were successful for, there's a requirement for some asset management stuff, so we're working with Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) to get through that.

5. NNRy FOUNDATION REPORT

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

NNRY President Mark Bassett reviewed the following report:

NEVADA NORTHERN RAILWAY NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK



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 November 2025

1. Locomotive Status – Updated
 - a. Locomotives in service: 250, 109, 801, Wrecking Crane A & Rotary B.
 - b. Staff and volunteers are working on Locomotive 802 with the goal of bringing it back to service this summer.
 - c. On Locomotive 81 work is progressing on the pilot truck.
 - d. Locomotive 93 suffered a hub liner and crown brass failure on axle 4. We have dropped the axle and taken it to Salt Lake. Fortunately, the axle can be turned. The axle has been turned and the locomotive bearing bronze has been machined and the axle is back in Ely.
 - e. During an inspection of the Doodlebug, we found a crack in the power truck frame. We are in the process of make a repair and returning the car to service.
 - f. Locomotive 105 is out of service for radiator leaks, the radiators have been sent out for repair.
 - g. Locomotive 40 is out of service for her heavy repairs. We have started on her repairs; she will be out of service until 2027.
 - h. Locomotives out of service needing moderate repairs: #201
 - i. Locomotives waiting funding for restoration: Steptoe Valley Smelting and Mining #309 and Rotary Snowplow B (for boiler overhaul.)
 - j. Locomotives out of service needing heavy repairs #80 and the military locomotives.
2. Rolling Stock Status – No change
 - a. Passenger equipment in service: #05, #07, #08, #09, Flatcar #23, Baggage/RPO #20, Outfit Car #06 and Caboose 6.
 - b. Passenger Coach 5 is in service but it needs to be lettered in gold leaf.
 - c. Passenger equipment out of service: #10, #2 and #05 needing heavy repairs.
 - d. Caboose in service: #3 #6 and #22 are operational.
 - e. Caboose out service: #5
3. Track Status – No change
 - a. Keystone Branch is open.
 - b. Adverse Branch is open.
 - c. Museum Branch is open.
4. Ridership and Ticket Sales – Updated
 - a. In November we carried 797 passengers, Santa gave us an early present, this is a 17% increase over the previous year. Santa's Reindeer Flyer ticket sales have been strong.

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

- b. So far this year we have carried 12,786 passengers, this was an increase of 1% compared to the previous year.
- c. Since operations began in 1987, we have carried 392,882 passengers.
- 5. Economic Impact – The average non-gaming & gaming daily expenditure per overnight visitor \$174. Economic impact for November 2025 was $747 \times \$174 = \$138,678$. Economic impact year to date was $12,786 \times \$174 = \$ 2,224,764$. These numbers only reflect the economic impact of our train passengers and does not include visitors who did not ride the train.
- 6. Social Media: Our reach on social media continues to expand:
 - a. Our Facebook views was 1,437,512
 - b. Our Facebook reach last month was 455,683
 - c. We have 138,900 page likes.
 - d. 236,731 people follow our page.
- 7. Santa's Reindeer Flyer has been very popular!



Councilman Perea asked, “You had said in the last meeting that the doodlebug is just in the queue, waiting behind these other projects?)

NNRY President Bassett stated Correct, we have actually increased our staff, and we'll be starting repairs on that in January. Our goal is to have that car operating on May 1st.

6. REPORTS

➤ COUNCILWOMAN VAN CAMP

Councilwoman Van Camp stated November 18th, I attended the Natural Resources Advisory Committee, and the discussions were on our future water use and needs. Most agencies were absent due to the holiday or the government shutdown, so there were no reports. What looked to be a first time of a short meeting turned out to be an in-depth report from the U.S. Forest Service reporting on gates, fences, grass trails, bike trails, roads, campgrounds, regulations, you name it, there was a report on it. I did attend the Utility Board meeting this morning. Natural Resource will not have a meeting this month, so I won't have a report till next year.

➤ COUNCILMAN TRASK

Councilman Trask stated I did have a small journey to DC. It was nice to be back there, and we got quite a tour of the Capitol. We got to talk about some policy with some of our state delegations, and I think Nevada was represented spectacularly. The tree was amazing and it was fun listening to the speech Grady from Virginia City gave. As most of the politicians there pointed out, they wish that they could speak as well as he did. We were very fortunate to be there as well.

➤ MAYOR ROBERTSON

Mayor Robertson stated I have been attending some local meetings around the community. I'd also like to note the passing of Tom Bath, who's been a prominent supporter of many organizations in the community over the years, and done a lot of good. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

B. NEW BUSINESS

9. Council Members – City Treasurer Trask – *Keddington & Christensen, CPA's* representative (s) - Discussion/For Possible Action – Presentation and possible acceptance of the Year Ended June 30, 2025 fiscal audit for the City of Ely.

City Treasurer Trask stated I did receive the financials and audit before November 30th, we signed them and sent them back and I am going to hand it over to Ben Bailey with Keddington & Christensen.

Keddington & Christensen CPA Ben Bailey stated I just want to say thanks for the opportunity we had again to audit the City and to report to the Council. I'll go over a few things that we're required to report, and then if you have any questions, we can go through those. We view the Council as governance, and governance is responsible for the financial reporting process, and just to let you know that an audit doesn't relieve governance of that responsibility. We issued three reports on the audit. The first one is on page 1, and it's on financials. We perform the audit in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards to obtain reasonable rather than absolute assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, and that was our conclusion that they're materially stated, so it's a clean opinion on the financials. The other reports that we give are on internal controls, where we look at the cash receipting, payroll, cash disbursements, and journal entries for the City, but we don't issue an opinion on it. It helps us to design our testing, and then also, if we find anything, we can point it out, but we didn't have any compliance issues or any control issues. The City has a reliable accounting system, and it produces reliable information. The other report we have is just on state compliance, which just describes our testing on certain state laws, and we don't express an opinion on that, but we didn't notice anything on that either, so all the opinions are good with no findings. In financials, the significant accounting policies and the estimates are in Note 1. The City has sound accounting policies and the financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear. There was one standard implemented this year, it was GASB 101 for the compensated absences, and there were no issues with that. We didn't have any uncorrected misstatements or unusually large misstatements. It was a pretty easy audit. Janette and her team are pretty easy to work with, and they have everything ready to go for us.

Councilman Perea moved to accept the Year Ended June 30, 2025 fiscal audit for the City of Ely. Councilwoman Van Camp seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Robertson stated as I mentioned, I will need to have someone make a motion and vote on someone to chair this item, as the Mayor Pro Tem isn't here, and I will be abstaining, as I am an employee of the Foundation.

Councilman Perea moved to have Councilwoman Van Camp chair item B-7. Councilman Trask seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Robertson passed the gavel to Councilwoman Van Camp.

7. Councilwoman Williams-Harper - Discussion/For Possible Action - Approval of eighth Amendment to the Development Agreement between the City of Ely and Nevada Northern Railway Foundation, Inc., extending the term of the Development Agreement to January 1, 2027.

Councilwoman Yeoman moved to approve of the eighth Amendment to the Development Agreement between the City of Ely and Nevada Northern Railway Foundation, Inc., extending the term of the Development Agreement to January 1, 2027. Councilman Perea seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Van Camp passed the gavel back to Mayor Robertson.

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

1. Mayor Robertson – City Engineer Almberg - Discussion/For Possible Action - Approval of Water Use and Deed Agreement between the City of Ely and White Pine County.

Mayor Robertson stated the Utilities Board recommended approval this morning.

City Engineer Almberg stated It's been a long process. I think this is a great deal for both parties.

Councilman Perea asked, "This is materially the same that we were discussing earlier in previous meetings, correct?"

City Engineer Almberg stated correct. The only thing that has changed is there was a provision added saying that if bids come back and were unacceptable and extremely high, they had the option to refurbish the old well. We put in a provision that if your refurbishment doesn't last and that well doesn't function for twenty years, then the County is solely responsible for redoing it. I thought that was a good way of protecting the City long-term and allowing them to get this to where they felt comfortable approving it. There's a report through some professionals that said you could refurbish it, but it's never going to function as good as it did in the past, and they didn't recommend it.

Councilman Perea asked is there still a driller shortage and is this going to be a long process if they actually accept a bid?

City Engineer Almberg stated I think there is a driller shortage where things are scheduled out, and so this agreement says we will honor the discounted rate through next year, with hopes that by 2027 it is up and operating. It is giving them a year to get this taken care of, and so best possible scenario, even if we had a driller that could get lined up and lead time for equipment, my guess is it would be mid-summer before this would ever be online.

Councilman Trask moved to approve the Water Use and Deed Agreement between the City of Ely and White Pine County. Councilwoman Van Camp seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Board Members – City Clerk Lee – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval to remove past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$90.33 from APN 005-033-03 in Cherry Creek, Nevada at the request of Property owner, Nicholas Bailey.

Mayor Robertson stated this item was also recommended for approval by the Utilities Board this morning.

Councilman Trask moved to approve removal of past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$90.33 from APN 005-033-03 in Cherry Creek, Nevada at the request of Property owner, Nicholas Bailey. Councilman Perea seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

A. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Mayor Robertson disclosed my husband is a member of the Volunteer Fire Department and is not treated any differently than any of the others so I will not be abstaining, and I also don't vote.

MOTION: Move to approve the Consent Agenda item 10A-1 Minutes and 10A-2 Bills.

Moved by: Councilman Perea Second by: Councilwoman Yeoman Vote: Unanimous

1. Discussion/For Possible Action – Minutes.
 - October 23, 2025
 - November 13, 2025
2. Discussion/For Possible Action – Bills.
 - November 18, 2025
 - November 26, 2025
 - December 4, 2025

B. NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

1. Mayor Robertson – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval of Chris Flannery’s request to start as City of Ely Building Official January 12, 2026, and to pay for his Cobra Health Insurance Coverage for February and March of 2026.

Mayor Robertson stated to add some context, in addition to the backup documentation, unfortunately, over the Thanksgiving holiday, Chris Flannery's family received some unfortunate medical news, a diagnosis, that they need to spend some time addressing. Prior to moving up here, he called with time and insurance concerns, as our insurance standardly, as a rule, doesn't go into effect until the first of the month after sixty days has elapsed past the start date. If he had started in December, insurance wouldn't go into effect until March 1st and starting in January would allow him to stay on his regular insurance as paid by his previous employer until the end of January, leaving two months being February and March until the City’s insurance goes into effect. Due to the nature of the medical issue they're resolving, the insurance has become quite critical that there isn't a lapse there, and he made the request if the City could cover his COBRA costs for those two months, before the regular insurance takes effect that would allow him to take care of his family issue and start work on January 12th. The reason for the delay in starting was because they had some doctor's appointments they could not delay. In discussing this with the Treasurer, the HR Director, and Councilman Perea they brought forward a figure of \$5,000 to cover those two months for Chris and his wife should be sufficient, not knowing exactly what the COBRA costs are but looking at other insurances and what that would cost. They agreed that they would make it sufficient, even if they found that it wasn't. What he's requesting is the delay of the start date to January 12th and an extra \$5,000 to be paid on top of the moving expenses we've already agreed to pay him for him to cover those COBRA costs. They are committed to being up here and making this job opportunity work and want to be back in Ely. Again, I believe Chris is eminently qualified to do the job, not just for his certifications, but because he knows the community and the construction community up here well and knows how to operate and deal with our unique sort of area. I would encourage the Council as this is still less than the previous building inspector was asking for as a consolation to stay. I think it's well within the City's ability to pay, and I think it's a reasonable ask, given the situation that Chris and his wife find themselves in, and I appreciate them still looking for an opportunity to make this work.

Councilman Perea stated I don't think we are setting a precedent here; It's a unique situation. I agree with the public comment that we need some stability, and I believe that we can get it here. I do want to reiterate Councilman Trask's comments in that I think we need to have some rules behind this in the future, especially, whether it's reimbursement or upfront payments and that kind of stuff, but I think that we need to get some stability.

Councilman Trask stated I still stand by that we need to be a little more prepared for these situations, which this is a tricky one to be prepared for, and I understand that. I hope this brings stability with the new developments. I guess that's the piece that makes me slightly nervous is that it sounds like we are bringing kind of an unstable situation into what we were hoping to be stable, and I would hate to dump all this money into that and then be in the same situation in six months.

Mayor Robertson stated I certainly share your concern. I've mulled over and spent a lot of time in my private hours mulling over these issues, and the universe is ultimately chaos.

Councilman Trask stated we have no crystal ball, and if this gives us the best opportunity to bring stability, in which I think it does. Let's make sure moving forward we are across the board.

Councilwoman Van Camp stated he does know our community and will be able to walk right into it.

Councilman Perea moved to approve Chris Flannery's request to start as City of Ely Building Official January 12, 2026, and to pay \$5,000 to him to help cover his Cobra Health Insurance Coverage for February and March of 2026. Councilwoman Van Camp seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Mayor Robertson – Public Hearing – Discussion Only – Consideration of a Petition for Vacation or Abandonment of Road or Easement on property located in or near Ely, NV. The Applicant is C & B Auto Parts LLC. They are requesting the City to abandon approximately 1,875 square feet of City of Ely right-of-way, which would be the north 15 feet of High Street adjacent to Lots 1-5 of Block X in front of Assessor's Parcel # 001-143-03, under Chapter 8.1.0 of the City of Ely Code (Ordinance 682) and NRS 278.480. The subject property address and/or general location is: 20 High Street, Ely, NV 89301.

George Chachas stated I support this item. My concern is, why aren't these issues going to the Regional Planning Commission first? This is the second item that I've seen come to the City Council, and not to the Regional Planning Commission. You did an item for the warehouses, now you're doing one for this. I don't have a problem with that, but you've got an entity that you've set up to address these issues for review before they come to the Council or the Commission. If you don't want to do that, that's fine, get rid of it. We have got too much damn government in this community as it is. You need to set a standard and stick with it. I support this item.

Mayor Robertson stated I will note the Development Agreement with the Regional Planning Commission specifically states that issues of abandonment come directly to the County or the City, respective of where they are, and not to the Regional Planning Commission; that's how that's spelled out.

8. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS PERTAINING TO THE PUBLIC HEARING.

1. Mayor Robertson – Discussion/For Possible Action – Consideration of a Petition for Vacation or Abandonment of Road or Easement on property located in or near Ely, NV. The Applicant is C & B Auto Parts LLC. They are requesting the City to abandon approximately 1,875 square feet of City of Ely right-of-way, which would be the north 15 feet of High Street adjacent to Lots 1-5 of Block X in front of Assessor's Parcel # 001-143-03, under Chapter 8.1.0 of the City of Ely Code (Ordinance 682) and NRS 278.480. The subject property address and/or general location is: 20 High Street, Ely, NV 89301. Mayor Robertson asked what are your plans for the property?

Cody Bliss stated this is a warehouse property, and we have been trying to add utilities.

Councilman Perea asked Public Works Director Cracraft if he had any concerns with the Abandonment.

Public Works Director Cracraft replied he did not have any concerns.

Councilman Perea moved to approve C & B Auto Parts LLC application requesting the City to abandon approximately 1,875 square feet of City of Ely right-of-way, which would be the north 15 feet of High Street adjacent to Lots 1-5 of Block X in front of Assessor's Parcel # 001-143-03, under Chapter 8.1.0 of the City of Ely Code (Ordinance 682) and NRS 278.480. The subject property address and/or general location is: 20 High Street, Ely, NV 89301. Councilman Yeoman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

2. Mayor Robertson – Discussion/For Possible Action - Confirmation of Mayoral reappointment of Council Member Terrill Trask to the White Pine Tourism and Recreation Board through December 31, 2027.

Councilman Trask stated I have enjoyed my time on there and am currently the chairman of that board, so I don't mind continuing doing continuing.

Councilwoman Van Camp moved to confirm the Mayoral reappointment of Council Member Terrill Trask to the White Pine Tourism and Recreation Board through December 31, 2027. Councilwoman Yeoman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Mayor Robertson – Discussion/For Possible Action – Confirmation of Mayoral appointment of Anthony Ithurralde as a member of the City of Ely Historic Preservation Commission, with a term through June 30, 2027.

Mayor Robertson stated you have his backup letter there. I think Anthony is eminently passionate and qualified to serve on this board, and I'm hoping we get some other applicants.

Councilwoman Van Camp moved to confirm the Mayoral appointment of Anthony Ithurralde as a member of the City of Ely Historic Preservation Commission, with a term through June 30, 2027. Councilman Perea seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Mayor Robertson – Discussion/For Possible Action - Approval to participate in the Butte Valley Exploration Project Environmental Assessment as a cooperating agency. Councilman Trask moved to approve participating in the Butte Valley Exploration Project Environmental Assessment as a cooperating agency. Councilwoman Yeoman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Trask moved to approve participating in the Butte Valley Exploration Project Environmental Assessment as a cooperating agency. Councilwoman Yeoman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Councilman Trask – Councilwoman Williams-Harper – Discussion Only – Update on Porter Group efforts on the City of Ely's behalf to secure federal and State funding.

Activity Report for The City of Ely

FOR THE MONTH OF November 2025

Appropriations Requests

- First Responder Communication Equipment Upgrade was fully funded at \$5,000,000 in the Senate CJS Report Language.
- Currently awaiting spending bills to pass Congress.

Additional Grants

- Reaching out to the delegation to begin working through the Bureau of Reclamation to address the Water Meter Project
- Targeting the WaterSmart grant program with Bureau of Reclamation
- Had a discussion with FRA staff regarding our revised strategy for submittal of our CRISI Grant, scheduling a follow up meeting in early December to go over additional details and get feedback.

Additional Activities

- Provided federal updates on a variety of topics important to the City of Ely, including pending action in the House and Senate, potential legislative updates, and updates on grant award announcements.

City Clerk Lee stated they're setting up meetings with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to go over our CRISI proposal that's been through several drafts now. They can't look at it once the opportunity opens, so they're working with us now and trying to set that meeting up for next week, or the first part of next month.

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

Mayor Robertson stated I will make the disclosure that the CEO of the Chamber of Commerce is my husband.

Chamber of Commerce CEO Shadrach Robertson reviewed the following report:



White Pine Chamber of Commerce

636 Aultman St. Ely, NV. 89301

775-289-8877

WhitePineChamber.com

Ely City Council Report - December 11, 2025 - Quarter Four

Good evening, City of Ely Councilmembers. Good evening Mr. Mayor.

The local economic report for the fourth quarter has no new numbers to report from the state Department of Training and Rehabilitation, their systems have been under development and changeout since August and statistics regarding unemployment and job growth have yet to be updated since then.

However, new job openings are being created in our area across industries - Mining, Agriculture, telecommunications, and engineering fields have positions open and anyone in the community looking for work can find an extensive list at the local Job Connect and EmployNV office on Avenue F.

The Chamber of Commerce thanks the Mayor and City staff, Janette Trask and everyone that supported the Economic Forum and Community Development Jam Session that was conducted on November 17th. It was wonderful to have so many collaborators focus on improving the economy through cooperative discussions.

Locally, the Chamber of Commerce is finishing the process of dispersing our first grant cycle in which \$52,000 was awarded to non-profits and small businesses as part of a funding initiative started by the Chamber Foundation. We would like to thank White Pine Solar and their parent company- Ampyr for their support in economic enhancements. This grant will be awarded annually to benefit the community.

Shop Small Saturdays and holiday shopping is in full swing. We encourage everyone to shop small and shop locally for gifts this year. We will participate in the cookie crawl tomorrow. We are continuing to support small businesses up and down Aultman that are dealing with construction - by giving away another \$1000Bucks - receipts from participating businesses turn into raffle tickets and the drawing will be on December 31st.

The Annual Ely Volunteer Fire Department's House-to-House is this Saturday and everyone is also encouraged to get out and meet the firefighters as they raise funds through a raffle of their own.

6. Councilwoman Van Camp – Discussion/For Possible Action - Approval of Resolution 2025-10, a resolution approving the exchange of real property between the City of Ely and White Pine County pursuant to NRS 277.050 and NRS 277.053.

CITY OF ELY

Resolution Number 2025-10

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXCHANGE OF REAL
PROPERTY BETWEEN THE CITY OF ELY AND WHITE PINE
COUNTY PURSUANT TO NRS 277.050 AND NRS 277.053**

- WHEREAS,** The Ely City Council has the authority to pass resolutions that are not repugnant to the constitutions of the United States or of the State of Nevada or to the provisions of Chapter 266 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, necessary for good municipal government and the management of the city affairs pursuant to Ely Municipal Code 1-5-4(B); and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Ely, Nevada, a municipal corporation, a political subdivision of the State of Nevada and a public agency, is the owner of certain real property described as APN 010-424-04, Parcel 2, Document #402199 filed in the Office of the White Pine County Recorder, approximately 105.116 acres of, and/or adjacent to, the White Pine County (Public) Golf Course, located in the City of Ely, White Pine County, Nevada and depicted in EXHIBIT A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, together with all improvements, facilities, tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances, and any reservations, restrictions, conditions, rights, rights of way, if any, of record thereto belonging or appertaining, including, without limitation, any and all water rights; and
- WHEREAS,** White Pine County is a political subdivision of the State of Nevada and a public agency, and is the owner of certain vacant, undeveloped real property described as APN 002-271-19, Parcel 1A, Document #388480 filed in the Office of the White Pine County Recorder, approximately 54.92 acres, located in the City of Ely, White Pine County, Nevada and depicted in EXHIBIT B, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, together with all improvements, facilities, tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances, including any reservations, restrictions, conditions, rights, rights of way, if any, of record thereto belonging or appertaining; and
- WHEREAS,** both the City of Ely and White Pine County have negotiated, without advertising for public bids, to exchange the above-described parcels of real property, each to convey its parcel to the other, without charge; and
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to NRS 277.050, the governing body of a public agency may, without advertising for public bids and without a vote of the electors, exchange real property with another public agency, provided that the property exchanged is of equal current appraised value unless otherwise excepted by NRS 277.053, that is the real properties will be used for a public purpose; and
- WHEREAS,** the real properties subject to this exchange are intended to be used for a public purpose; and
- WHEREAS,** the exchange of the parcels of real property was approved by the White Pine County Board of Commissioners (BOCC) on October 8, 2025, by their Resolution 2025-15; and
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to NRS 277.050 (5) (C), notice of the public hearing before the Ely City Council was duly published October 24 and 31, 2025; said hearing was held November 13, 2025, at which objections to the exchange could be made by the electors of the City of Ely.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Ely City Council that:

1. The exchange of property between the City of Ely and White Pine County, as described herein, depicted in EXHIBIT A AND EXHIBIT B, which are attached hereto, is hereby approved.
2. The City of Ely shall convey to White Pine County Parcel 2 of White Pine County APN 010-424-04, Parcel 2, Document #402199 Filed in the Office of the White Pine County Recorder, approximately 105.116 acres, together with all improvements, facilities, tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances, and any reservations, restrictions, conditions, rights, rights of way, if any, of record thereto belonging or appertaining, including, without limitation, any and all water rights.
3. White Pine County shall convey to the City of Ely APN 002-271-19, Parcel 1A, Document #388480 Filed in the Office of the White Pine County Recorder, approximately 54.92 acres, together with all improvements, facilities, tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances, including any reservations, restrictions, conditions, rights, rights of way, if any, of record there to belonging or appertaining.
4. The City Attorney is hereby authorized and directed to coordinate with the White Pine County District Attorney in order to draft quitclaim deeds for execution by the authorized parties, and recording with the White Pine County Recorder, for the exchange and transfer of legal titles of the properties, to be used for public purposes, which is to occur on December 12, 2025, unless extended by mutual written agreement.
5. The Mayor of the City of Ely, or his/her designee, is authorized to execute all documents necessary to complete the exchange of property, subject to the approval as to form by the City Attorney.

VOTE: **AYES** _____
 NAYES _____
 ABSTAIN _____

PROPOSED on the 11th day of December 2025, by Councilwoman Van Camp.

PASSED on the 11th day of December 2025.

APPROVED BY:

ATTESTED TO:

NATHAN ROBERTSON
MAYOR

JENNIFER LEE
CITY CLERK

Approved as to form and content

CHRIS ARABIA, ESQ., CITY ATTORNEY

EXHIBIT A

010-424-04



EXHIBIT B

002-271-19



Mayor Robertson stated as the Council will recall, we tabled this last time in anticipation of approval of the Water Agreement, but now that that's been done, I think this is appropriate.

Councilwoman Van Camp moved to approve Resolution 2025-10, a resolution approving the exchange of real property between the City of Ely and White Pine County pursuant to NRS 277.050 and NRS 277.053. Councilman Trask seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

George Chachas stated you have someone removing debris from the White Pine Mobile home park and it is not fenced off and an attractive nuisance. You either enforce codes or you need to get out of the business. Mr. Chachas stated ongoing concerns regarding his request for the address and a contact name regarding the Bell Avenue Water Main Upgrade Project CDBG 22/pf/04 and who inspected the project; the Contract Change Order for the Bell Avenue Project and the damage to his property not being addressed; who authorized the City crew to work on the sewer line at 785 Bell Avenue; the sewer problem he took care of at his residence located at 681 Parker; not receiving a copy of letters that the City sent to Ralph Jones, Tina Templer, Jeremy Lilly, Doug Lilly, Kelly Gubbine, Elaine Blackham, Chris Walker, and Jane Montgomery stating standards they needed to meet to get a refund; and whether or not Tim Vidrine out on the highway, as well as Mr. Ramsey have connected to City water

Wyatt Cox with KELY stated I just have a couple of items. In subsequent information to the report from the Chamber of Commerce, we just received an email from the Department of Employment Training and Rehabilitation, and last month's employment rate was at 3.8%. While we're used to that being the lowest in the state, it appears that Persian County came in at 3.6%, so, we are still doing well in that regard. The other item is, this morning on our morning show, we had somebody on talking about Councilman Trask's trip to Washington, D.C. to see the

Christmas tree, and we do have that podcast available on our website and on our Facebook and X pages, if people would like to hear more about that. We also spent a lot of time talking about country of origin labeling, and farm-to-table beef, which is really a lot better than what you can get at any grocery store. We thank you so much as it's a pleasure to be able to serve the community as we do. We hopefully will have the Mayor on again, and, once trash season gets here, we'll have Councilwoman Van Camp back on.

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

Councilwoman Yeoman moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Ely City Council at **5:50 p.m.** Councilman Perea seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



MAYOR



ATTEST