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ELY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

September 25, 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.** Paul Podborny offered an invocation. Mayor Robertson led in the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for Roll Call.

Members present:
Mayor Nathan Robertson
Councilman Terrill Trask
Councilwoman Melody Van Camp
Councilwoman Michelle Yeoman
Councilman Dennis Perea
Councilwoman Jerri Lynn Williams-Harper

City Officials and staff present in the building or via video conference:
City Clerk Jennifer Lee (Zoom)
City Treasurer Janette Trask
City HR Director Desiree Ramirez
City Public Works Director Mike Cracraft
City Engineer B.J. Almberg
City Fire Chief Pat Stork
City Attorney Chris Arabia
City Building Official Don Hendrickson (Zoom)
City Administrative Assistant Patti Cobb (Zoom)

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; Lena Oscasio, USDA; Rhiannon Scanlon, rPlus Energies; and Matt Bowers.

ELY CITY COUNCIL ATTENDANCE LIST

DATE: September 25, 2025

Print name below

Dean Reynolds
George Chachas
SHADACH ROBERTSON
Paul Podborny
Rev. Daniel Gburdema
Carolene McIntosh
William Kippel
MARK BASSETT

Print name below

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

George Chachas stated on your agenda item 6B-6 you are to consider paying FMW Solutions \$15,000, which is half of their grant preparation fee; that needs to be denied. The Nevada Railway Foundation still does not operate under the Nevada Open Meeting Law, and they need to be brought back under the City Council's oversight. They have three steam engines down, the gas-powered trolley car is down, they have litigation going on against the State, and now they're asking the City of Ely for \$15,000 for grant fees. They need to be cut off from taxpayers' funds until they start operating under the Nevada Open Meeting Law. No one from the public can see how the money is being spent. The reports from the councilpersons appointed as directors are pathetic at best. The Nevada Railroad Foundation has a nepotism problem; Mark Bassett is the manager, and his wife is the bookkeeper. City Council cannot look the other way on this particular issue. NRS is specific in regard to nepotism, or does the Council not care. Council members that also serve as directors must abstain from voting on this issue. They have a conflict and cannot represent the City fairly, or the Railroad Foundation. It hasn't been done in the past, but it needs to be addressed this time.

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

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

4. CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

➤ MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

Municipal Court Judge Hibbs stated selecting Kristi Valencia for the Senior Clerk position was an excellent choice, she's doing a fantastic job. She and Lisa, the part-time clerk who's been there about five years or so, get along great and we are all working really well together. The main thing I wanted to tell you about was because the State has had some issues with ransomware, the DMV records were affected and so was the Public Defender's Office. So, there might be some more billable hours to do their job properly that are going to be charged, because they have to look up things manually, not because we have necessarily any more cases or anything.

➤ CITY CLERK

City Clerk Lee stated I've been working with City Engineer Almberg on requested updates to NDEP on our Morley Water Upgrade application and Administrative Assistant Cobb and I have completed Secretary of State Elections Training this week for the 2026 elections.

➤ CITY ENGINEER 16.56

City Engineer Almberg stated this week we've been dealing with the landfill ground water reports and are compiling that information to get it back into the State. We're currently working on our Morley Booster Pump, which is a part of our CDBG water portion of the Morley Street Project. The Morley Sewer Project has been awarded, we have the contract back and we are trying to get our pre-construction meeting set up so we can give them a Notice to Proceed. The 7th Street Drainage Project is out for bid and anticipate that being awarded at the meeting at the end of next month. We've been assisting City Hall with some of the current CDBG applications that are going in for this next upcoming up year. The Aultman Street Project is going well and in East Ely they are getting close to paving. NDOT approached me about a bulb out on 6th street and their recommendation I don't feel will have any impact on the City and the Public Works Director didn't either. If you would like it to be brought back with details at the next meeting for your approval, I can do that.

5. REPORTS

➤ COUNCILMAN TRASK

Councilman Trask stated I attended the Tour and Recreation meeting and the Golf Advisory Board Meeting.

➤ **COUNCILWOMAN VAN CAMP**

Councilwoman Van Camp stated Tuesday, September 16th, I attended the Natural Resource Advisory Committee meeting. There was a presentation, but it turned into just questions and answers on the White Pine Solar Project, located behind Club 50 in the agricultural area. It will be approximately 1,700 acres, a 35-year project, 250 workers during construction, and this power will go to the Gondor substation, then move on to the other areas. This project is a private land agreement, so many questions came up. During the White Pine County Report, the Golf Course Water Use Agreement was discussed, a letter was sent to the government on the overpopulation of wild horses, the drought, and the feeding issues, and pump storage test wells have been placed on pause till next year. BLM reported that the National Public Lands Day is this weekend, the Ward Mountain Disc Golf will get a facelift, and the upgrading work is continuing in caves. The State Parks and NDOW reported that the fish and resource surveys are going on, and they're going to stock smallmouth bass in Illipah. October 2nd is Pike Out Day at Cave Lake. There was a large, heated crowd of landowners and neighbors in attendance due to the protest of the solar farm behind Club 50, many comments were made on the impact of businesses, traffic, landscapes, etc. I did attend a meeting with the BLM regarding the proposed land sales. On Trash Troopers, we had a large participation in the last three pickups this year, plus the community service. Monday evening, we had twenty-five plus participants from the Robinson Mine, including dignitaries from Poland and the higher management. That group had a successful massive cleanup on the bypass. Three days of pickup netted us approximately sixty-five bags. We could easily surpass the three hundred bags of trash this year, as community service is still being used. I would like to thank Robinson Mine for their donations of supplies, T-shirts and the hands-on help, NDOT for supplies, KELY Radio, City of Ely for supplies, and last but not least, Patti and Steve Cobb, County Commissioner Van Camp, and Daisa from Robinson Mine. This endeavor would not have been successful without all the help and input. Stay tuned for Earth Day 2026, when Trash Troopers kick off the trash pickup for next year.

➤ **MAYOR ROBERTSON**

Mayor Robertson stated I attended and presented at an impromptu meeting today of the Nevada Housing Commission on housing issues in our area. I also attended the Natural Resources Board for a bit that Councilwoman Van Camp brought up. I have also been meeting with the League of Cities, preparing for the conference next month.

6. 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 and my business received payment for work I did for the 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 6A-1 Minutes and 6A-2Bills.

Moved by: Councilman Trask Second by: Councilman Perea Vote: Unanimous

1. Discussion/For Possible Action – Minutes.
 - September 11, 2025
2. Discussion/For Possible Action – Bills.
 - September 10, 2025
 - September 17, 2025

B. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Robertson stated I will disclose I am a part-time employee of the Foundation, and I will be recusing myself from chairing this item, as this topic is one that I will be intimately involved with.

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

6. Councilwoman Williams-Harper – Nevada Northern Railway Foundation President Mark Bassett – Discussion/For Possible Action – Update on the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure & Safety Improvements (CRISI) Grant, with possible approval for the City of Ely to 1) Be the lead agency on the grant; and 2) Pay FMW Solutions \$15,000, half of their grant preparation fee, for completion of the grant application.

NNRY Foundation President Mark Bassett stated to bring the Council up to date, we did apply for the CRISI grant in May of 2024. The request that we made was for \$98,971,874 just under \$100 million, and the proposed match was \$34,773,902. Our grant was well received by the Federal Railroad Administration, and they considered it one of the most compelling grants they had received, and they had the intention of supporting the problem. Where we ran into a problem is they didn't believe the railroad could be opened, without a larger environmental review. On this particular application, we will be addressing that. The other thing is since we did this grant essentially eighteen months ago the world has changed. So that's why it basically has to be redone with tariffs, copper, and everything else. We want to make sure this grant dovetails what the Trump Administration is pushing forward. The company that did this for us last time, FMW Engineering, is essentially holding their price from eighteen months ago. The foundation will be kicking in the other \$15,000 to do this, and we'll be working extensively with FMW to get this done. I need to do a shout-out to Jennifer Lee as she was tremendously helpful in preparing this grant for the last go-around. The reason this grant is so critical to our community is Interstate 70 was supposed to go all the way through Reno and it didn't, Interstate 11 was supposed to come up and follow US-93 and it didn't. As a planet, we can't agree on much, but there is one thing we do agree on and that is intermodal shipping containers. The farmers over in Eureka take their intermodal containers, and they load them in the field, put them on a truck, take them to Salt Lake, put them on a rail car, take them to the ports, they get on a ship, they go across the oceans, and they are unloaded onto other rail cars or other trucks. So, by opening this rail line the impacts to the community are tremendous. We have a housing crisis right now; Bath Lumber has a spur into their yard, where they used to receive building materials. Propane can come rolling in on the rail rather than truck transportation. Opening up the rail will drive the transportation costs of the copper concentrate down, which will then make mining that much more economical for the community. The success of this grant will basically create a new economic opportunity for all of White Pine County and the City of Ely. The other beautiful thing is our rail line is right next to the airport, and the airport has been making improvements, and when Boeing did their 787, their newest airplane, they did touch and go's right at our airport here, so it can handle jet aircraft. We have this opportunity to really have an economic renaissance of the community if we can get this grant approved.

Councilman Perea asked were you able to get in contact with the mine, and are they still on board with their in-kind contribution?

NNRY Foundation President Mark Bassett stated I've gotten in contact with them, but I don't have a definitive answer yet. I do have a definitive answer in that we have \$7.5 million in a match from White Pine Precious Metals. So, we've already started down that path. I believe the reality of transportation costs just makes this a smart play for the Mine.

Councilwoman Williams-Harper stated Mark, I think you know how I feel about the railroad, and we've had this money conversation often; it's expensive. I thoroughly believe in the vision of opening things up, but one of my concerns is, are we sure we're going to get it, just because we do this survey again? The other question is if we were able to do all of those things, can our trains handle that?

NNRY Foundation President Mark Bassett stated absolutely, it would not be our current locomotives or our current cars. The Foundation does have a subsidiary called the Great Basin and Northern Railroad. As part of the original grant, we had to address that. We would lease equipment, locomotives, and cars to handle the different freight. The other beautiful thing about this railroad is it's essentially a balanced railroad, and what that means is you have loads going out, and you have loads coming in. In the case of the outbound loads there would be copper concentrate and on the inbound loads there would be empty hopper cars, propane, mill media, and limestone for the Mine. We would have inbound loads, to help pay for the outbound loads, so it's pretty balanced.

Councilwoman Williams-Harper asked Treasurer Trask if we say yes to this do we have the money and where will it come from?

City Treasurer Trask stated I will say that is my concern. The only thing at this point that I've looked at is the budget for the railroad legal fees, we have used some of that. \$20,000 was budgeted there, and at this time, there's \$13,800 left in the budget.

Councilwoman Van Camp stated it is still early in the fiscal year.

Councilman Perea asked is contingency an option?

City Treasurer Trask stated it is if you want to keep dipping into it. We have already dipped into it for \$10,000, and there was a possibility of another \$10,000, which drops it down to \$60,000. I would like to keep it out of contingency as it is so early in the fiscal year.

Councilman Trask stated it just means there is no more money for litigation if we approve this.

NNRY Foundation President Mark Bassett stated I understand.

Councilman Perea stated I have a question for Jennifer. I know there are a lot of grants coming down and we're taking the lead on this one. At what point do we try to build in resources, and does she feel comfortable she can handle these with what's coming down the pipe in the future?

City Clerk Lee stated I do, I worked with Mark on this before and have a thorough understanding of it.

City Treasurer Trask stated from the finance side of this and running it through the City, the concern that I brought up is the fact that we don't have that kind of cash flow in our funds to pay for it and then wait for reimbursement.

NNRY Foundation President Mark Bassett stated we did look at this the last time, and I believe we can figure out a way around it.

Councilwoman Williams-Harper stated you know, we've had the discussion about you guys standing on your own two feet. Is this possible? I don't want to put that money in, and we don't get it again.

NNRY Foundation President Mark Bassett stated I believe this grant is incredibly important to the community. If the City Council elects not to participate in the funding of the grant, I'll find the money somewhere else. That being said, I think the City Council has to realize that they own a railroad that is 146.5 miles long across two counties, and it is an asset to the community and can actually change the community. One of the railroads back east used to advertise they can haul a ton of freight five hundred miles with one gallon of fuel. There is no cheaper way of transporting freight on the planet than the steel wheel on the steel rail. If we open up this railroad it improves the Mine life, it improves the quality of life in the community here, and it's going to change everything that we do. It gives us a chance to bring in new businesses. The Nevada Northern Railway is the only

railroad in the state of Nevada that has developable land next to the railroad, with a railroad that's interested in having that land developed.

Councilwoman Williams-Harper stated I see that vision, and I'm not saying that I'm not online, I think you know that I'm very excited about that, but have we tried to put pen to paper with this vision?

NNRY Foundation President Mark Bassett stated yes, that's the grant application that we turned in that was 1,004 pages. It was a very extensive grant, and in there was the pro forma on whether or not the railroad would pay for itself. Yes, the railroad would pay for itself, and the other big push for this is the historic part of the railroad here, I actually have a list of projects, and that project list is 50 million bucks. We are constantly going to be investing money in the railroad. Opening up the railroad, handling commercial traffic will allow us to make an investment in the historic part of the railroad and that's incredibly important also. We're not the only people in the country that does this. There is another railroad museum in Tennessee, and they have a for-profit entity that does switching for Volkswagen.

Councilman Trask stated it's a return on investment if we did invest and I'm going to say right now that I don't think we do more than the \$13,800 that is there for the litigation, with the understanding that there's no litigation that you're getting from us for the rest of the fiscal year. I think that \$13,800 with return on investment of almost a \$100 million project is worth the gamble on that, especially if it alleviates some of the immediate housing issues, just being able to bring in supplies. I think it's something that is worth the shot. I hope that you don't have to come and ask us for \$15,000 every year, because at some point we may pull the plug. I know that the environmental piece was an issue, and I think we are trying to address that.

Councilman Perea stated I don't know how we get these built into the budget, because these items would be more comfortable if we knew that they were coming and they were built in the budget during the budget process. I don't know what the answer is there, or how we do it, and that's a much broader question for another time.

NNRY Foundation President Mark Bassett stated let me address that. As I understand it, your budget process starts in January, and I would like to be part of that budget process then we can plan ahead and see what we're doing, because that would be also helpful for me too.

Councilman Trask stated I think that is a fair point that needs to be done.

Councilman Trask moved to approve the City of Ely to be the lead agency on the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure & Safety Improvements (CRISI) Grant and pay FMW Solutions \$13,800 out of the litigation amount budgeted for half of their grant preparation fee for completion of the grant application with no additional legal fees being funded to the Nevada Northern Railway Foundation this fiscal year. Councilman Perea seconded the motion.

Councilwoman Yeoman stated I would like to disclose that I'm a current employee of the Robinson Mine that we've discussed would stand to benefit from this project, so is that a conflict?

City Attorney Arabia stated as long as you are disclosing it you are fine.

The motion carried 4 to 1 with Councilwoman Van Camp voting nay.

Mayor Pro Tempore Williams-Harper handed the gavel back to Mayor Robertson.

1. Mayor Robertson - Nevada Small Business Administration District Director Saul Ramos – Discussion Only – Presentation on Nevada Small Business Administration District's focus on providing capital and technical assistance to Nevada's small businesses.

Nevada Small Business Administration District Director Saul Ramos stated regarding Small Business Administration (SBA), it's a federal agency, and we help small businesses start, grow, expand, and recover and we do it through access to capital. Here in Ely, we have a partner, Mary Kerner, with Rural Nevada Development Corporation, and they actually manage one of the oldest SBA revolving line of credits and might be the only one in the nation. It was a program many years ago, and it's still standing, thanks to their stewardship. As far as access to capital is concerned, we provide loans, we offer a guarantee to the bank and in doing so mitigates the risk. We are working with local lenders here to have them engage more in the SBA program and hopefully put more capital out. For counseling, we have our Small Business Development Center here in Ely as well. We have Caroline McIntosh, who is one of our, I say, champions and superstars when it comes to SBDC counseling. Every first week of May is National Small Business Week and it's a way for the SBA, at a national level, to celebrate and recognize small businesses. It's not that often that they pat themselves on the back to recognize the hard work that they do. We have Jess and Terrell here, who were recipients of a SBA Rural Nevada Award last year. I encourage any small businesses that receive SBA assistance to apply. It's a free nomination and if you need any help, you're welcome to reach out to me or to Caroline, and we would love to recognize more small businesses here in Ely. We also have Andy from Economy Drug, who was another recipient. So, Ely has been a very well-recognized community when it comes to small business.

Councilman Perea asked we've had a lot of discussions about our nominal loan program that we have through the City. Would there ever be opportunities to amplify what you're doing with the funds that we have available, or working together with that type of stuff to support small businesses?

Nevada Small Business Administration District Director Saul Ramos stated to some extent, it would be, for example, grant opportunities that come around would be a national competition or a request for proposal that goes after that, so it would have to be at that capacity. There are other opportunities for private partnerships, and that's usually with banks that offer that. From the SBA federal side, if there are any, it's going to be, you could say a competition that they would have to pursue nationally.

2. Mayor Robertson – Human Resources Director Ramirez – Discussion/For Possible Action – Presentation of individual reports summarizing each appointed official's evaluation with possible acceptance of said reports as presented.

Mayor Robertson stated as Council Members are aware, you filled out your evaluations, I summarized those, we did the average of your scores, and that was presented to the employees prior to this meeting. I also did my best to synthesize your comments. If there were a lot of the same comments, we put those in there. If there was an outlier here and there, we went over that with the employee. The sit-down with each of the employees went well. We had some good conversations, and just in general, I'd really like to say I appreciate the work that our team we have working for us does. They are dedicated to the community, they're dedicated to the City organizations, they work hard, they go above and beyond on a routine basis, and I appreciate all their hard work.

Councilwoman Van Camp moved to accept said reports as presented. Councilwoman Yeoman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Mayor Robertson – Discussion/For Possible Action - Approval to participate in the Process, Casino, and Poker Plan Modification Project (Bald Mountain Mine) Environmental Assessment as a cooperating agency.

Councilwoman Yeoman asked what does that look like to be a cooperating agency in this?

Mayor Robertson stated we typically get notifications on certain milestones of their environmental assessment and given the opportunity to submit comments.

City Clerk Lee stated correct, and a lot of those notifications haven't been released to the public yet, but I review those with the Mayor. Most of the time, the City doesn't have an opportunity for significant input, but it's good to keep track of what's going on with each of these projects.

Mayor Robertson stated for example, in the past, if something comes up where they're doing part of their study with reference to community impacts, the council usually votes on a letter asking them to address housing, or things like that as part of their process.

Councilman Trask moved to approve to participate in the Process, Casino, and Poker Plan Modification Project (Bald Mountain Mine) Environmental Assessment as a cooperating agency. Councilwoman Williams-Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Mayor Robertson – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval to hold one regular meeting in October on October 23, 2025, due to scheduling conflicts.

Councilman Trask moved to approve holding one regular meeting in October on October 23, 2025, due to scheduling conflicts. Councilman Perea 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 August 2025

Appropriations Requests

- Resubmitted all requests from FY25 with updated applications and letters of support to Congressman Amodei and the Senate delegation.
- Senators Rosen and Cortez Masto submitted all requests to the appropriations subcommittees.
- First Responder Communication Equipment Upgrade was fully funded at \$5,000,000 in the Senate CJS Report Language.

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
- Have reached out to FRA Deputy Administrator for follow up meeting to discuss CRISI Grant, expected in early fall 2025.

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 Chris Porter Jr. went through our meeting with us and he explained that the hope is a continuing resolution will be passed at the latest in March. What that does for us is keeps our applications intact. Right now, our First Responder Communications Project has been approved, it just has to be funded. So, they're just watching that closely for us, and we are watching, too.

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

Mayor Robertson stated I will disclose that the CEO is my husband, this is not a voting item, and I don't vote anyway.

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



White Pine Chamber of Commerce

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WhitePineChamber.com

Ely City Council Report - SEPTEMBER 24, 2025 - Quarter Three

The White Pine Chamber of Commerce provides this Economic Outlook and community activities report to the Ely City Council to continue the long standing partnership between the two organizations.

White Pine County is maintaining the lowest unemployment levels in the state. White Pine held the lowest unemployment insurance claims throughout all of 2024 and that is continuing to be the trend.

Another marker of a strong economic overview of Ely and White Pine County is the introduction of new businesses with a marked increase in the number of business licenses from last year to this one, indicating positive growth and development.

The White Pine Chamber monitors key economic indicators and reports to provide you with information and is also pleased to see 2024 economic reporting identified increases to collected business revenue and visitor spending in White Pine County, both up from previous years when analyzing economic sectors, including: Food & Beverage, Retail, Lodging, Gaming, Transportation, and Recreation. Based on analysis of hotel, S&L and gaming taxes.

The Chamber is providing each member in the Chamber \$4650 in Amplified Advertising incentives to promote and market themselves or events. This latest service benefit yields print and digital advertising through the Chamber's Partnership with a Nevada Based Advertising company.

Other features debuting in the coming months are a Local's Discount Card available to every Chamber Member and to the community to receive savings when shopping small and shopping local.

I will be representing White Pine County at the Great Basin Heritage Harvest in Millard County later in October, as well as while attending the League of Cities Conference at the end of next month.

The White Pine Chamber invites the City Council and the local community to participate in Trick-or-treat the Streets on October 31st as well as during the next Small Business Resource Fair and Community Development Session on November 17th at the Bristlecone Convention Center. It will be another opportunity to collaborate with community partners, stakeholders, and residents, as a kick off to Global Entrepreneur Week, but also to serve the local business and coordinate efforts leading into 2026.

The Downtown Holiday Tree Lighting will be on November 29th during the National Shop Small Saturday and this year Ridley's Family Market and Beans & Brew will support the event with Hot Chocolate and Cookies. We look forward to kicking off Shop Small Season to top off the fourth quarter.

Everyone is encouraged to Shop Small Every day and support businesses along Aultman across the city. Recipes from Chamber Member Businesses get turned into raffle tickets to win One Thousand Bucks each Quarter- with the Next Drawing on September 30th @ 5:00!

8. Council Members – City Engineer Almberg – Discussion/For Possible Action – Selection of aged copper OR venetian copper finish for the Midtown North Hills lamp posts & tops

which will be installed between 1st and 11th Streets on U.S. Highway 50 as part of the Nevada Department of Transportation's Ely Downtown Renovation Project.

City Engineer Almberg stated this is just a decision on what you guys would like to see. My understanding is that this color that's chosen is going to be basically The pole and the light fixture. There was the question at the previous meeting if these light poles were going to be dark sky compliant. I worked with the contractor through the submittals, and yes, these are dark sky compliant.



Councilman Trask moved to select aged copper for the Midtown North Hills lamp posts & tops which will be installed between 1st and 11th Streets on U.S. Highway 50 as part of the Nevada Department of Transportation's Ely Downtown Renovation Project. Councilwoman Williams-Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

George Chachas stated for the record, I'm a good supporter of the railroad, I have been since I was mayor in the 1990s. There is no open record here, folks. I am disappointed in you, Mr. Perea, you have some good questions, but I don't see Dennis, I only see Dennis the Menace. You need to start taking care of the taxpayer. We need to know where the money is being spent, and we don't. Millions have been spent on litigation, and for what? Nothing. You folks gave \$16,000 to the Chamber of Commerce and all businesses in the community should be represented, but they're not, you have to be a chamber member. So, you get all this money from these mines, and who qualifies, Chamber members and the others get the shaft. That was taxpayers' money that you gave for membership, and they're turning a blind eye to every business in this community that isn't a chamber member. To date, I've not received 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. I want to remind you that the Nevada Open Meeting Law allows five days for response, not five years. Again, your City Clerk appears to selectively enforce City regulations. After the last meeting, she came up to me and said, George, I wrote off \$14,000 on one of your properties. She didn't write off anything, I overpaid \$600 plus dollars; you have the record, Mr. Mayor. How can I get to \$14,000 when the property is closed? I had four different officers, on four different occasions escort me out of City Hall simply for trying to pay a utility bill. Let me remind you the City cannot selectively enforce the law. The City must be compliant with federal law, in particular the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VI.

To date, you have not provided any public information on my request for the contact name and address for the governing agency dealing with the Bell Avenue water main project.

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

Councilman Perea moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Ely City Council at **5:59 p.m.** Councilwoman Williams-Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



MAYOR



ATTEST

