



CITY OF ELY

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CITY OF ELY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

June 16, 2026, 4:00 p.m. – Ely Volunteer Fire Hall – 499 Mill Street – Ely, Nevada

1. City Clerk Lee called the regular meeting of the City of Ely Historic Preservation Commission to order at **4:00 p.m.**, led in the Pledge of Allegiance, and asked for Roll Call.

Members present:

Member Anthony Ithurrealde

Member Janet Van Camp

Member Jason Bath

Member Mark Bassett

Member Weston Johnson

City Officials and staff present:

Mayor Nathan Robertson

City Clerk Jennifer Lee

Administrative Assistant Patti Cobb

Also, in attendance: Members of the public in attendance at the Ely Volunteer Fire Hall signed in (appears below): John's notetaker, and Mark's notetaker

CITY OF ELY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

ATTENDANCE LIST

DATE: June 16, 2026

Print name below

Ken Lyke *Mark Bassett*

Print name below

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION ONLY OF THE CITY OF ELY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION.

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. Commission Members – City Clerk Lee – Discussion/For Possible Action – Election of Chairman thru December 31, 2026.

Member Johnson moved to elect Janet Van Camp as Chairman of the City of Ely Historic Preservation Commission thru December 31, 2026. Member Bassett seconded motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Commission Members – City Clerk Lee – Discussion/For Possible Action – Election of Vice-Chairman thru December 31, 2026.

Member Bath moved to elect Mark Bassett as Vice-Chairman of the City of Ely Historic Preservation Commission thru December 31, 2026. Member Ithurrealde seconded motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Commission Members – City Clerk Lee – Discussion/For Possible Action – Recommendation to apply for Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization grant funds for the Ely City Hall Renovation Project.

June 15, 2026

City of Ely Historic Preservation Commission Members

Subject: FY25 & FY26 Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant Application

The National Park Service released a Notice of Funding Opportunity for the FY2025 & FY2026 Historic Preservation Fund – Paul Bruhn Historic on May 18, 2026, with a June 23, 2026 application deadline.

Background: For ten years the City of Ely has used grant monies and its own funds for the revitalization of City Hall, completed projects have included a Historic Structures report, repairs to fourteen of the original windows on the second floor, masonry repair and a complete set of plans to renovate the building. Current City Hall applications under consideration include a Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation (CCCCHP) Application to replace the exterior tin on City Hall and a Congressional appropriation to renovate the entire building.

Key Considerations:

1. I learned today that Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization prime grantees cannot use grant funds for their own properties, see third paragraph in National Park Service program description
2. The Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) makes historic preservation subgrants available to in-state Certified Local Governments this year's application period has closed, but the city could apply next year
3. Last Friday, June 12, 2026, I submitted a request to SHPO to waive the professional member requirement for the City's Historic Preservation Commission, when the city receives it, we can submit our CLG application

Next Steps:

1. Complete and submit the City of Ely's application to the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office to become a Certified Local Government
2. Design a small City Hall project to apply for a S-IPO Historic Preservation Fund Subgrant in 2027

J Lee

Mayor Robertson stated what we had considered applying for here was a project to clean, paint, and restore any masonry issues on the outside of the City Hall building. If you're looking at the City Hall building, you'll notice that the grout appears to be kind of a tan color. It's actually supposed to be black and that's due to oxidation over the years, weathering and things like that. The grant that we're applying for from Congress to do the renovation of the building doesn't contemplate a lot of work on the exterior, it does a lot of the seismic retrofits, it does a lot of the interior ADA, elevators, new electrical, bringing everything up to code, that respect. For the exterior, we need to find some additional funding for a lot of the tin trim and things, which we applied for through the Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation (CCCHP), and then this would be for the masonry cleaning and repairs, so that was kind of what was on the docket here. It would be great if this board wanted to apply, and I don't know if this something they could apply for and hand out grants to people working on historic buildings around town, which would be nice and sounds like that's the intent of the Paul Bruhn grant. However, staff with the City is really topped out with what we're juggling right now, and at the end of the day, the City would still have to ensure compliance as it is federal money. Putting something like this into place may be a longer-term project than what we have on the table today, but having some parameters in place for future would be helpful. I think this is something the community really needs and appreciate everybody's willingness to serve on this commission. You guys bring a lot of great expertise and perspective to this, and having been a long-time resident, with a lot of history here myself having us look at some of these things, I think, is certainly critical, and something our community has been needing for a long time. If I might suggest for the Commission to look at an order of operation, getting that waiver, and then looking at possible other grants and programs and putting things into place would kind of be a next step. There's a lot of things apart from just this one grant program that they could look at. The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has been understaffed for a number of years. They've just staffed up with a number of new people, new experts, and are making other resources available, which I think the community would be smart to take advantage of if we had the time. So, looking at some of those parameters and what we could do with those resources that the State now has, I think would be a good first step.

The Commission discussed different ideas and agreed that monthly meetings would be more productive at this time instead of the required quarterly meetings. The board also discussed the possibility of a joint board with the County; researching the process to get City Hall on the State Registry of Historic places; designating one of the members to set up the account on the SHPO site for inventory of historic buildings; designating someone to attend the annual SHPO training as a Certified Local Government (CLG); what the Commission's goals are for the year; and what the job of the commission will be.

Vice Chairman Bassett stated I don't really think we need to be on the State Registry if we're on the National Registry. I'd like to take that one step further and go after National Historic Landmark status for City Hall. Of all the properties that are on the National Register of Historic Places, only 3% are considered landmarks and so, that is the creme de la creme. So, to a certain extent, I think going for State Registry is like a step back, because that's below the National Register. By being on the National Historic Landmark

Registry, you go to the top of the pile when applying for grants. When we do inventory of these buildings, we should look at the second floor to see if they could be turned into housing because we are in desperate need of additional housing. I think the two very big goals would be the Plaza Hotel and Collins Court. There are historic tax credits and things of that nature. I was the Main Street Project Manager in Laramie, Wyoming, and we actually brought in an outside developer who wanted to develop two of the buildings on the block, and he succeeded at that, and it turned two buildings that were on the verge of failure into landmarks in the community. So, those are the types of things we could address too.

Member Bath stated he would investigate the possibility of a joint board with the County.

Chairwoman Van Camp stated she will research getting the City Hall on the State Registry of Historic buildings and being a historic landmark.

Member Johnson has interest in identifying and documenting historic places, which is one of the stipulations outlined for the commission.

City Clerk Lee will check on the annual training provided by SHPO that is required for a Certified Local Government and get back with dates as soon as she has them.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

The next City of Ely Historical Preservation Commission meeting will be July 23, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.

5. ADJOURNMENT: THE MEETING MAY BE ADJOURNED BY APPROPRIATE MOTION OF THE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Vice Chairman Bassett moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the City of Ely Historic Preservation Commission Meeting at **4:37 p.m.** Member Bath seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.


Attest


Chairwoman