



# CITY OF ELY

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## CITY TREE BOARD REGULAR MEETING

**May 12, 2023, 9:00 a.m.** – Ely Volunteer Fire Hall – 499 Mill Street – Ely, Nevada

1. Chairman Bill Wolf called the regular meeting of the Ely City Tree Board to order at 9:00 A.M.

**Members present:**

Chairman Bill Wolf  
Vice Chairman Gene Trask  
Member Harry Rhea  
Member Candice Campeau (Zoom)  
Member Tami Church

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

City Clerk Jennifer Lee  
City Treasurer/HR Director Janette Trask  
City Attorney Leo Cahoon  
Public Works Supervisor Mike Cracraft  
City Administrative Assistant Patti Cobb

Also, in attendance: Members of the public in attendance at the Ely Volunteer Fire Hall signed in (appears on the following page) and the following persons attended via video conference:  
None

## **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comment

### 3. REPORTS

#### ➤ MEMBER RHEA

Member Rhea stated the stone I was hoping we could use for the Arbor Day Tree dedication is cracked and not usable.

#### ➤ MEMBER CHURCH

Member Church stated the trees for sale by the Sophomore class are at UPS and we should be able to get them Monday. The Blue Spruce are in the greenhouse and ready to go.

#### ➤ CHAIRMAN WOLF

Chairman Wolf stated I have been working on trying to get the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Grant going and that would help to pay for pruning all the public trees in the City and County parks. I thought we had Eastern Nevada Landscape Coalition (ENLC) onboard, but they have declined because there is an insurance risk that they do not want to take on. We are still looking for someone that is willing to facilitate this grant. I will go talk to Mr. Wheable with the County today to see if they are willing to take that on as a grant. Those grants start at \$100,000.00 and go up to \$50 million. The grant works by doing the work and then they reimburse you.

#### ➤ CITY TREASURER

City Treasurer stated the City Tree Board currently still has approximately \$600.00 in their budget along with the \$4,000.00 from the Community Service Funds for the Landfill planting project.

### 4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION OF THE TREE BOARD.

#### A. CONSENT AGENDA

**MOTION:** Move to approve the Consent Agenda item 4A-1 Minutes.

Moved by: Member Rhea Second by: Member Trask Vote: Unanimous

#### 1. Discussion/For Possible Action –Minutes.

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#### B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Chairman Wolf – Discussion Only – Review of Eastern Nevada Landscape Coalition’s (ENLC) capacity to apply for and administer an Urban and Forestry Inflation Reduction Act grant, along with planned grant components.

Chairman Wolf stated I met two days ago with the Eastern Nevada Landscape Coalition (ENLC). One of the people they recently hired as a botanist is a certified arborist as well who had been working for a tree service up in Oregon and based on his experience and the experience of the director of ENLC they feel if they are managing the grant, they would be taking on a very large insurance liability. I will approach the County to see if they are interested in facilitating this grant.

2. Chairman Wolf – Cayenne Engel, Urban and Community Forester (UCF) with the Nevada Division of Forestry – Discussion Only – Update on City of Ely Tree Data and Inventory.

Cayenne Engel was not available.

3. Chairman Wolf – Discussion/For Possible Action – Determination of water Access Plan for tree planting project at the City of Ely Landfill.

Public Works Supervisor Cracraft stated there is no way to access water on the top, but we could work out something for down below by the animal control and recycling along the fence line. You could also put some trees by the Wastewater Treatment Plant on Orson Road or Lackawanna Road.

Member Rhea stated the one recommendation I would have for planting along the Landfill would be to plant heavy branched junipers along the fence line and in five to ten years down the line those will be tall enough to decrease the litter and dust coming off the Landfill.

Chairman Wolf stated if there are ever changes at the Landfill and an opportunity to access water we would appreciate you letting us know. If we decide we are going to meet somewhere like the Landfill to take a look at a project, is it considered a meeting?

City Attorney stated it would be considered a meeting if there was deliberation taking place amongst the members at the Landfill. You can coordinate with Mike and go in groups of two and then bring that information back to the next meeting for discussion in an open meeting.

Member Rhea moved to quash the determination of water Access Plan for tree planting project at the City of Ely Landfill. Member Church seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Chairman Wolf – Discussion Only – Review of City of Ely Parks map.

Chairman Wolf stated these maps show the parks in the City of Ely. The trees in Broadbent Park that are on the north side of the park near Clark Street and the playground equipment were planted as an Arbor Day project. The trees that were planted on the south side of the park next to the Armory, did those survive?

City Public Works Supervisor Cracraft stated I have been here seventeen years and we have planted trees numerous times there and they just will not live there.

Chairman Wolf stated the very first planting we did as a Tree Board twenty years ago was along Mill Street in the park. Those trees give us an idea of the impact years down the road.

City Public Works Supervisor Cracraft stated in the Terrace Park there are quite a few trees, but you could plant trees near the basketball courts near Nevada Road for an Arbor Day Project.

Member Rhea stated the old skating rink park on Elysium might be looked at for some improvements.

City Public Works Supervisor Cracraft stated the water we used to use to fill the pond for ice skating was out of a fire hydrant and there is no water at that site. I wouldn't recommend any planting until there was funding from a possible grant to redo that park.

Chairman Wolf stated the next park is Jack Caylor Park which is currently being remodeled with a SNPLMA Grant right now being overseen by the County, but it is a City park. When will they be planting trees there?

City Public Works Supervisor Cracraft stated Mr. Jones with JCR would be the person to ask that question.

5. Chairman Wolf – Discussion/For Possible Action – Discussion on Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) tree sale and possible approval for Tree Board participation.

Member Campeau stated I will focus on having a tree sale organized before this fall.

Chairman Wolf stated that sounds good. I will get a hold of Cayenne to get an email list of contacts to work with. The way I think this will work is we would use the Tree Board budget to buy the trees and the organization would sell them for a couple of dollars above what they were purchased for as a fund raiser with the Tree Board being reimbursed for the purchase price. We will have to work it out with the Nevada Division of Forestry exactly how their program works.

Member Rhea mentioned it might be a good idea for the Tree Board to participate in giving out a flyer regarding tree care and pruning for the future of the trees.

Member Rhea moved to actively participate with the Nevada Department of Forestry and local community groups for tree sales in our community. Member Trask seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Levi Garcia with LG Tree Service stated I appreciate what you are doing in the community and look forward to coming to more of these meetings. I would be willing to do some volunteer work so please keep me in the loop of your projects.

Chairman Wolf stated just as a reminder we will be planting trees at the top of Mill Street by the pump house for Arbor Day tomorrow, and the public is invited to attend and help plant.

City Tree Board – Regular Meeting – May 12, 2023

The next City Tree Board meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

**6. ADJOURNMENT: THE MEETING MAY BE ADJOURNED BY APPROPRIATE MOTION OF THE CITY TREE BOARD.**

Member Campeau moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Ely City Tree Board at **9:34 a.m.** Member Rhea seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

  
CHAIRMAN

  
ATTEST

