



CITY OF ELY

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ELY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES BOARD REGULAR MEETING

December 9, 2021 8:00 a.m. – Ely Volunteer Fire Hall – 499 Mill Street – Ely, Nevada

Chairman John O’Flaherty called the regular meeting of the Municipal Utilities Board to order at 8:00 a.m., led in the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for Roll Call.

Members present:

- Chairman John O’Flaherty
- Member Dale Derbidge
- Member Ken Ross
- Member Greg Rivero
- Member Sherrie Marquez

City Officials and staff present:

- Councilman Kurt Carson
- Councilman Ed Spear
- City Clerk Jennifer Lee
- City Treasurer/HR Director Janette Trask
- City Engineer BJ Almberg
- City Attorney Leo Cahoon
- City Public Works Supervisor Mike Cracraft
- City Building Official Craig Peterson (Zoom)
- City Administrative Assistant Patti Cobb

Also, in attendance: Members of the public in attendance at the Ely Volunteer Fire Hall signed in (appears below).

MUNICIPAL UTILITIES BOARD ATTENDANCE LIST

DATE: DECEMBER 9, 2021

Print name below

Linda Derbidge
Ed Spear
George Chachas

Print name below

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

George Chachas stated ongoing concerns regarding NDOT putting a barbed wire fence around an area in central Ely and it violating City Code; claiming NDOT caused a leak at the meter box on 745 Great Basin Boulevard where his brother has property by heavy equipment driving over the area and vibration; NDOT not following ADA compliance on curb and gutter on Great Basin Boulevard; not being reimbursed for taking care of the sewer problem at 681 Parker; his request for a complete list of RV permits in the City. Mr. Chachas stated there is an RV parked on 8th Street and Avenue I that has been there over a month and when I parked RVs on private property, I was issued two citations; I want the discrimination to stop.

3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION OF THE UTILITY BOARD.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Move to approve the Consent Agenda item 3A-1 Minutes.

Moved by: Member Ross Second by: Chairman O'Flaherty Vote: unanimous with abstention from Member Derbidge as he was not in attendance.

1. Discussion/For Possible Action –Minutes.
 - October 14, 2021

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Board Members – *Robinson Nevada Mining Company* (RNMC) representative – Discussion only – Update to the Utility Board on the *Robinson Nevada* Development, Ruth Pit Development and water mitigation efforts within the City of Ely.

City Clerk Lee stated I did not receive an update from Robinson Nevada Mining Company's representative Frederick Partey this morning.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Board Members – City Clerk Lee – Discussion/For Possible Action – Recommendation to remove past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$6,949.23 from 5916 N McGill Highway, McGill, Nevada at the request of property owner Aurora SMC, Inc.

City Clerk Lee stated as you can see from the backup material, the new owner paid the balance of landfill charges due on the 23rd of November and is requesting the same consideration from the Board that has been granted to other owners on their penalties.

Member Derbidge moved to recommend the removal of past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$6,949.23 from 5916 N McGill Highway, McGill, Nevada. Member Ross seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

George Chachas stated I don't have a problem with this, but you are not treating everybody the same. The property that I have at 490 High Street is yet to be corrected. I

paid the fees as I was directed and paid the penalties. I see these other people coming before you and I wasn't told that I had to pre-pay for any consideration.

4. CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Chairman O'Flaherty stated we have two new Board Members and I think it is appropriate for them to introduce themselves.

Board Member Sherrie Marquez stated I work at Mount Wheeler Power, and I hope to learn a lot on this Board and be of some help.

Board Member Greg Rivero stated I am an Ely resident that came from down south a few years ago. I am involved in a few things and now that I live in the city, I was interested in being on this Board.

Chairman O'Flaherty stated this is the first time there has been a full board in years and the new board members are welcomed.

➤ CITY ENGINEER

City Engineer Almberg stated we are working with the Fire Department regarding the new software they will have as an electronic data base in their vehicles to monitor the fire hydrants; some of that information is going to come from the data we collected this last summer with the GIS information regarding fire hydrants, manholes, and valves. We are working on the next phase of the Aultman Sewer Project; as we are working on that, we are trying to fix some situations where the sewer cuts across private property, and stay in City right-of-ways, which we have been able to work through on three locations so far. We are also working on the next phase of the Murry Street Sewer Project, which is going to be from where it left off this year down to Dickerson Avenue. We received approval for the next steps of our Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications, so we will get the final applications completed that are due February 19, 2022. We have a new Landfill Leadman that is coming on board, and we will have to get some water sampling done as soon as he comes on. We have been going over the existing permit, so we can have something for him to review on the important aspects of the job. We are spending a lot of time with the PORTER Group trying to get some of these infrastructure projects funded. Cameron Gresh with the PORTER Group will be attending the City Council Meeting tonight and will be spending a couple days with us. We are helping the City with some water billing items and miscellaneous excavation permits that are going on throughout the community. I don't have a report from Robinson; if there were any changes, they would let us know. The Terrace Well has been working well and the Murry Street Booster has not been on in over thirty days. The Terrace well turns on about once every twelve hours for about three or four hours. We are keeping up with our water demand currently.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

George Chachas stated I contacted the Q & D Foreman on why the water taps were not installed on my family's property, later that day they were found buried four inches underground and I want to know why there is not a meter pit there. Mr. Chachas stated ongoing concerns regarding billing on his properties, bonding of City staff; City Code not being adhered to by several nuisances on private property around town; if Mount Wheeler Power was notified of moving the power poles on Murry Street regarding ADA Access; and a storm drain drop inlet missing on Avenue C intersection.

6. ADJOURNMENT: THE MEETING MAY BE ADJOURNED BY APPROPRIATE MOTION OF THE MUNICIPAL UTILITY BOARD

Chairman O'Flaherty adjourned the regular meeting of the Municipal Utilities Board at **8:19 a.m.**



Attest



Chairman