



# CITY OF ELY

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## ELY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES BOARD REGULAR MEETING

**January 12, 2023, 8:00 a.m.** – Ely Volunteer Fire Hall – 499 Mill Street – Ely, Nevada

1. Chairman 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
- Vice Chairman Dale Derbidge
- Member Greg Rivero
- Member Sherrie Marquez

Members absent:

- Member Ken Ross

City Officials and staff present:

- City Clerk Jennifer Lee
- City Treasurer/HR Director Janette Trask
- City Public Works Supervisor Mike Cracraft
- City Attorney Leo Cahoon joined at 8:03 a.m.
- City Engineer B.J. Almberg
- Administrative Assistant Patti Cobb

City Officials and Staff absent:

- Councilman Kurt Carson

Also, in attendance: Members of the public in attendance at the Ely Volunteer Fire Hall signed in (appears below): None

### **MUNICIPAL UTILITIES BOARD ATTENDANCE LIST**

**DATE: January 12, 2023**

**Print name below**

George Chachas

**Print name below**

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## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

George Chachas stated ongoing concerns regarding if the City ever collected in full for water, sewer and landfill services from the Historical Railroad when they owned the White Pine Trailer Park, collected in full from the Garnett Mercantile, and collected in full from the Golf Course; the billing on his property located at 490 High Street; his request for contracts regarding the Murry Street Project Phases II and III; his request for reimbursement on the expense he incurred at 681 Parker for a sewer problem; the installation of water taps and sewer connections for his property located at 729 and 733 Great Basin Boulevard; the alleged damage done at 745 Great Basin Boulevard by Q & D Construction; and his request for a list of those permitted to have RVs in the City of Ely and if they are paying City utilities.

## 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 Derbidge Second by: Member Marquez Vote: Unanimous

1. Discussion/For Possible Action –Minutes.

- December 8, 2022

### 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 read the following email into the record:

**Jennifer Lee**

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**From:** Frederick Partey <Frederick.Partey@us.kghm.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 11, 2023 2:54 PM  
**To:** Jennifer Lee  
**Cc:** Amanda Hilton  
**Subject:** Utility Board Meeting- 1/12/2023

Hello Jennifer,

I will not be able to attend tomorrow utility board meeting, I am by this email providing you an update on "Old Business" item B 1. *Ruth Pit development and water mitigation efforts within the City of Ely.*

Robinson continue to mine from the Ruth pit complex, here is the breakdown of fresh water dewatering effort from the South block.

About 9,552gpm gpm is being pumped, 2,629gpm gpm is going into Gleason Creek and the rest is going to the mill for ore processing. RW-7P- is delivering 1,223 gpm into the city water system.

Please let me know if the utility board has any questions.

Thanks,

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Member Derbidge asked how are the negotiations going?

City Clerk Lee stated it is all still in process.

Chairman O’Flaherty asked B.J. it sounds like with the new pump they are pumping a little more water than they were with the old one?

City Engineer AlMBERG stated yes, they are and they did turn it down a little bit.

### **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 \$357.51 from 16 Pine Street, Ruth, Nevada at the request of Property owner, Johnathan, and Cody Dishong.

City Clerk Lee stated Mr. and Mrs. Dishong paid the principal in full and are asking for the penalties to be waived.

Member Derbidge moved to recommend approval to remove past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$357.51 from 16 Pine Street, Ruth, Nevada at the request of Property owner, Johnathan, and Cody Dishong. Member Rivero seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Board Members – City Clerk Lee - Discussion/For Possible Action – Recommendation to remove past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$58.64 from 509 Cedar Street, Ely, Nevada at the request of Property owner, Isaacs Family Trust George Paul C/O David Paul.

City Clerk Lee stated David who is the son paid the principal in full and is asking for the penalties to be waived.

Member Derbidge moved to recommend approval to remove past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$58.64 from 509 Cedar Street, Ely, Nevada at the request of Property owner, Isaacs Family Trust George Paul C/O David Paul. Member Marquez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

George Chachas stated I want to remind you at 490 High Street I apaid principal and penalties in full and I didn’t get the same consideration that you are giving these other people. I am not against them getting the write-off, but I want equal consideration. I paid it as I was instructed, and I have yet to receive any reimbursement for the overpayment I paid on the grade school.

#### 4. CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

##### ➤ PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR

Public Works Supervisor Cracraft stated we are still waiting on the pumps for the lift station. Mike with Sanitary Septic can't get it drained down all the way to the bottom and it has been a challenge. The manufacturer will probably be here Tuesday of next week and hopefully we can get it pumped completely out so they can evaluate it.

##### ➤ CITY ENGINEER

City Engineer AlMBERG stated I reported last time that our North Street Well went down last summer and the pump and motor did show up. We are going to wait until it gets a little warmer, coordinate with Mike, and get that back in operation and online for spring. We are working on final details for the runoff ditch at the Landfill.

Chairman O'Flaherty asked have you experienced much runoff during this heavy, wet weather?

City Engineer AlMBERG stated I have not heard of any runoff issues. We did get word back from SHPO on our Central Ely Project and they are good with everything we put together, but we were missing one piece of paper they want us to add in there; we have that back into them. We should get the SHPO approval for all of Central Ely so every phase we have coming up will be covered for the next five years. Once that is complete we will forward that with the EA to CDBG and that will allow us to get working on that. We are closing out the SHPO requirements on the Murry Street Project. We are assisting Jennifer with the current CDBG Projects that we are applying for. We are also working on the Aultman Street Project plans. They are trying to get it out on the street by the end of the year for contractors and begin construction next spring. We are currently working through all the conflicts between storm drains, sewer lines, and everything else to make sure everything goes in smoothly during construction. We are also working on the same thing as the last project in that we are older than their right of way, so they are again going to come in and assist and pay for a percentage of this project because we are doing some of these improvements because of their project. We hope to have a contract back from NDOT by the end of the month that will define the percentages and then proceed with the next phase of the project.

Chairman O'Flaherty asked are we experiencing any runoff issues as far as storm drains and Robinson Nevada Mine's runoff?

City Engineer AlMBERG stated at this time I have not heard of any issues we are having. The reason they turned down the pump at 7P is because we are not using much water and if that pump runs too much it overflows the courthouse tanks which adds to our runoff issue downstream and there is no reason to be wasting water. I think this spring when it starts warming up, we are going to have to be on top of the runoff.

Member Marquez asked how long will the Aultman Street Project take?

City Engineer Alberg stated the Aultman Street Project is probably going to be a two year construction cycle like the last one. Right now they are planning to complete the whole project which would be from this end of town to Bell Avenue where they stopped last time and from 10<sup>th</sup> Street by R Place all the way down to 15<sup>th</sup> Street. We received an earmark project again this round for our East Ely water mains and the reason I am bringing that up is NDOT received a \$5 million earmark for this Aultman Street Project.

Chairman O’Flaherty asked will you have input on the design?

City Engineer Alberg stated they will bring back any design as far as their streets are concerned.

Chairman O’Flaherty stated they need to come back and redesign the corner of Aultman Street and Great Basin Boulevard that is a terrible design and I have almost been run off the road two or three times. You really should bring that to their attention.

City Engineer Alberg stated I will, that is no problem.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

George Chachas stated ongoing concerns regarding the installation of water taps and sewer connections for his property located at 729 and 733 Great Basin Boulevard; his opinion on the lack of ADA access on the Great Basin NDOT project; the new curb and gutter put in on Avenue D between 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Street that is lacking ADA access and drainage; and his request for a list of those permitted to have RVs in the City of Ely and if they are paying City utilities. At a recent County Commission meeting Mr. Howe reported they had budgeted \$450,000.00 for a well at the Golf Course and up to \$70,000.00 for engineering. If they have that kind of money to dig a well, then they have enough money to pay their monthly water bill. I have property in Steptoe Valley and it is going to affect me when you are drawing down this much water. When I look at the report that you got from KGHM a lot of that water is going to waste and you need to find a way to recapture that.

City Clerk Lee stated the next meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2023.

**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 **8:22 a.m.**

  
Chairman

  
Attest

