



CITY OF ELY

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ELY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES BOARD REGULAR MEETING

June 8, 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

Member Ken Ross

Member Greg Rivero

Member Sherrie Marquez

Members absent:

Vice Chairman Dale Derbidge

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

City Engineer B.J. Almberg

Administrative Assistant Patti Cobb

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

George Chachas stated ongoing concerns regarding his request for a copy of the permit the City had to obtain to fix the water line on Aultman Street on March 5, 2023; 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; his request for reimbursement for the sewer problem he took care of at his property at 681 Parker Avenue; his request for a complete list of RVs that have been permitted in the City and if they are paying utilities; and the erosion on his property from the runoff drainage from the Bath property.

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

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by: Member Ross Second by: Member Rivero Vote: Unanimous

1. Discussion/For Possible Action –Minutes.
 - May 11, 2023

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

From: Frederick Parthey <Frederick.Parthey@us.kghm.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2023 10:04 PM
To: Jennifer Lee
Cc: Amanda Hilton
Subject: Utility Board Meeting- 6/08/2023

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 8,578gpm is being pumped, 2,774gpm is going into Gleason Creek and the rest is going to the mill for ore processing. RW-7P- is delivering 1,181gpm into the city water system.

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

Thanks,

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C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Board Members – City Engineer Almberg – Discussion/For Possible Action – Recommendation to accept Landfill South Run-On Ditch project, PWP WP-2023-163.

City Engineer Almberg stated we are bringing this back as a formal process to accept the project. The contractor completed the project. The project went very smoothly, and they were a great contractor to work with. There were no change orders on the project, and they did it in a very timely manner.

Chairman O’Flaherty asked when you go in through the gate and you look down to the right is that the pond that was constructed and has water in it right now?

City Engineer Almberg stated no, that was put in several years ago with part of that expansion and is a lined pond. When they get water that is sitting on top, they collect it and put it in there.

Chairman O’Flaherty asked where is the location of this one?

City Engineer Almberg stated it is not a pond, it is actually a diversion ditch which is on the uphill side of this, and it diverts any storm drain water around the Landfill, so the Landfill doesn’t get washed out. We had worked with Mike on putting some additional gabions downstream to slow that water down that comes out of that ditch. The contractor had left over riprap and put in a couple little slow down structures for free because they had the rock there.

Member Rivero moved to recommend acceptance of the Landfill South Run-On Ditch project, PWP WP-2023-163. Member Marquez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Board Members – City Clerk Lee – Discussion/For Possible Action – Recommendation for approval to remove past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$578.19 from 3694 N. 151st Street, Ely, Nevada at the request of Property Owner, Rance Hutchinson.

City Clerk Lee stated the property owner paid the principal of \$789.13 and is requesting a waiver of the penalties.

Member Ross moved to recommend approval to remove past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$578.19 from 3694 N. 151st Street, Ely, Nevada at the request of Property Owner, Rance Hutchinson. Member Rivero seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

George Chachas stated I am not against the write off but want equal consideration. I paid for my property at 490 High Street as instructed in a letter from the City Clerk dated November 25, 2019. The City has failed to reimburse me for the overpayment I made on the old Ely Grade School at 622 High Street. You wrote off all the back billing for Tom Bath when he bought the Plaza Hotel, and I would like to remind you the City gave the property owners of 790 Avenue I approximately a \$4,000.00 write off and they used all the utilities. I have paid every month since I bought that property and paid principle and

penalties and yet here I am. Kindly put me on the next agenda for consideration for approval to remove past due utility fee penalties.

4. CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

➤ **CHAIRMAN O’FLAHERTY**

Chairman O’Flaherty stated I would like to compliment the Parks Department on the nice presentation of the cemetery on Memorial Day and the park for the graduation last night; it was very nicely done.

➤ **CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney Cahoon stated I have been working with Greg Morrison on the runoff for the EAP and that should be done very soon. We do need to make progress on the agreement between the City of Ely and Robinson Nevada Mining Company (RNMC) so am working closely with him on that as well.

➤ **CITY ENGINEER**

City Engineer Almborg stated our plans are coming due for the Aultman Street Project, so we are doing a lot of coordination back and forth to get those finalized. We are working on getting the contract ready for the contractors to bid the installation of the pumps at Industrial Park. We are working with the Water Department to do some maintenance on that line prior to the installation of the pumps.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

George Chachas stated when we do Aultman Street downtown I want to make sure we don’t end up with the same screw up that we have on Great Basin Boulevard and East Aultman. Mr. 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; collected in full from NDI when former Bob Miller was contracting; his request for a complete list of RVs the City has permitted and if they are paying utilities; and the drainage onto his property from the Bath’s property that is causing erosion on his property due to the lack of curb and gutter, the estimate he received from Reck Brothers to repair the damage is \$24,500.00.

City Clerk Lee stated the next meeting is scheduled for July 13, 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 **8:18 a.m.**



Attest



Chairman