



CITY OF ELY

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ELY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES BOARD REGULAR MEETING

July 13, 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:

Councilman Kurt Carson

City Clerk Jennifer Lee

City Treasurer-HR Director Janette Trask

City Public Works Director 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 to be put on the agenda for consideration of the past due utility fees on his property located at 490 Hight Street; inaccuracies on bills and business licenses coming out of the City Hall office; 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; the water line put in by the Charter School to Love’s should have been at the expense of the developer and not the City in his opinion; his request for reimbursement for the

sewer problem he took care of at his property at 681 Parker Avenue; and his request for a copy of the contract for phases II and III on Murry Street.

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

A. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Discussion/For Possible Action –Minutes.
 - June 8, 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 Partey <Frederick.Partey@us.kghm.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 4:48 PM
To: Jennifer Lee
Cc: Amanda Hilton
Subject: Utility Board Meeting- 7/13/2023

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 8,587gpm is being pumped, 1,186gpm is going into Gleason Creek and the rest is going to the mill for ore processing. RW-7P- is delivering 1,162gpm 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 Clerk Lee – Discussion/For Possible Action – Recommendation for approval to remove past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$3,770.75 from 5 Avenue B, McGill, Nevada at the request of Property Owner, Jose Arellano.

City Clerk Lee stated Mr. Arellano purchased this property at a tax sale and paid in full the principle due. He 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 \$3,770.75 from 5 Avenue B, McGill, Nevada at the request of Property Owner, Jose Arellano. Member Rivero 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 \$1,479.70 from 20 Sunshine Street, Ruth, Nevada at the request of Property Owner, Jose Arellano.

City Clerk Lee stated this is the same situation.

Member Ross moved to recommend approval to remove past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$1,479.70 from 20 Sunshine Street, Ruth, Nevada at the request of Property Owner, Jose Arellano. Member Rivero seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

George Chachas stated I am not against these people getting a write off, but I want equal consideration and protection under the law. I want to remind you that I paid for my property at 490 High Street regarding the principle and the penalties instructed in a letter from Jennifer Lee the City Clerk dated November 25, 2019. The City has failed to reimburse me for all the payments 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. He bought that at a tax sale just like I did for the old Ely Grade School. I remind you the City gave the property owners of 790 Avenue I a \$4,000.00 or more write off and they used all the utilities for years. I am asking again to be put on the next agenda for consideration to remove past due utility penalties for 490 High Street because I want it cleaned up. I pay every month and it should have a zero balance.

4. CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

There were no City Department Reports.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

George Chachas stated ongoing concerns regarding his request for a complete list of RVs that have been permitted in the City and if they are paying utilities and now that I am a member of the Regional Planning Commission we need to resolve these things; 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 August 17, 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