



# CITY OF ELY

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## ELY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES BOARD REGULAR MEETING

**September 14, 2023, 8:00 a.m.** – Ely Volunteer Fire Hall – 499 Mill Street – Ely, Nevada

1. Member Ross 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:

Member Ken Ross  
Member Greg Rivero  
Member Sherrie Marquez

Members absent:

Chairman John O’Flaherty  
Vice Chairman Dale Derbidge

City Officials and staff present:

Councilman Kurt Carson  
City Clerk Jennifer Lee  
City Attorney Leo Cahoon  
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

No public comment

### 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 Marquez Second by: Member Rivero Vote: Unanimous

1. Discussion/For Possible Action –Minutes.

- August 17, 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**

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**From:** Frederick Parthey <Frederick.Parthey@us.kghm.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 13, 2023 3:31 PM  
**To:** Jennifer Lee  
**Cc:** Amanda Hilton  
**Subject:** Utility Board Meeting- 9/14/2023

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 10,980gpm is being pumped, 1,170gpm is going into Gleason Creek and the rest is going to the mill for ore processing. RW-7P- is delivering 1,180gpm into the city water system.

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

Thanks,

Frederick

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**C. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Board Members – City Engineer AlMBERG – Discussion/For Possible Action – Recommendation to Approve Ely Shoshone Tribe’s Will-Serve Application to tap the City’s water line at 505 S. Pioche Highway for two landscaping water service meters with 1” service lines.

City Clerk Lee stated City Engineer AlMBERG reviewed this Will serve before it got to our office. They have paid all the fees and the additional documentation shows we still have plenty of capacity if approved.

Member Rivero moved to recommend approval of the Ely Shoshone Tribe's Will-Serve Application to tap the City's water line at 505 S. Pioche Highway for two landscaping water service meters with 1" service lines. Member Marquez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Board Members – City Engineer Almberg – Discussion/For Possible Action – Recommendation to approve Exclusive Easement Agreement between White Pine County Commissioners and the City of Ely for a sewer/water easement in Veteran's Park.

Member Rivero stated I spoke with City Engineer Almberg and this easement is necessary for the sewer line that is crossing Aultman Street. It is necessary for the City to go in and lower the waterline underneath the storm drain on Aultman Street that will be placed next year. This is just paperwork to make sure the City protects their rights.

City Attorney Cahoon stated I did review the agreement and it appears sound on its face. I don't have any issues with the agreement.

Member Rivero moved to recommend approval of the Exclusive Easement Agreement between White Pine County Commissioners and the City of Ely for a sewer/water easement in Veteran's Park. Member Marquez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Councilman Carson – Discussion/For Possible Action – Recommendation to accept Heggie Cattle, LLC's termination of their lease with the City of Ely for a portion of the Georgetown Ranch.

Councilman Carson stated we usually advertise the lease agreement for someone else to take it over, but I ask that we take the month and review the lease agreement and see if there is anything that needs to be done and have Leo adjust it if needed. The last time we did this we accepted everyone's proposals with ideas and thoughts of what they thought they would do so you are not really comparing apples to apples. I was thinking of a more formal lease agreement stating the things we need done such as fencing and weed control and then people can submit a price on the lease instead of their own ideas of what they want to do out there.

City Attorney Cahoon stated I can take a look at that with you.

Member Marquez asked when the other leases come due that are on the Georgetown property, will we do the same thing?

Councilman Carson stated I think it would be a lot cleaner if we did, and the direction I would like to see it go.

Member Rivero recommended accepting Heggie Cattle, LLC's termination of their lease with the City of Ely for a portion of the Georgetown Ranch. Member Marquez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Board Members – City Clerk Lee – Discussion/For Possible Action – Recommendation for approval to remove past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$46.43 from 2362 N. McGill, Ely, Nevada at the request of Property Owners, Richard and Jennifer Adams.

City Clerk Lee stated the Adams have paid the principle amount and are asking for the penalties to be waived.

Member Rivero moved to recommend approval to remove past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$46.43 from 2362 N. McGill, Ely, Nevada at the request of Property Owners, Richard and Jennifer Adams. Member Marquez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Board Members – City Clerk Lee – Discussion/For Possible Action – Recommendation for approval to remove past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$74.85 from 19 Keystone Street, Ruth, Nevada at the request of Property Owners, Nathan and Kezia Kelly.

City Attorney Cahoon stated this item will need to be tabled as there is a discrepancy on the amount owed on the agenda item and be brought back next meeting.

Member Rivero moved to table the recommendation to approve the removal of past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$74.85 from 19 Keystone Street, Ruth, Nevada at the request of Property Owners, Nathan and Kezia Kelly. Member Marquez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **4. CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

##### **➤ CITY CLERK LEE**

City Clerk Lee stated just for the record our Public Works Director and City Engineer are at the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) Meeting. This is an unusual scheduling conflict, but they needed to be there today. I just wanted to bring to the Boards attention the six projects that have been suggested for CDBG which include the following: Morley Avenue Water-Sewer Project, Stevens-Orson Sewer Project, Parks Water Reclamation Feasibility Study, Central Ely Drainage Improvement Project, White Pine Public Museum Project, and the 7<sup>th</sup> St. Drainage Improvement Project. The Council will be looking at making decisions on those towards the end of the year. All the information is in the links on the August 24, 2023, City Council agenda. I encourage you to review that if you have input for the Council. We can submit two projects.

➤ **CITY ATTORNEY CAHOON**

City Attorney Cahoon stated for the landfill liens in the County and the City I have been sending Notice of Intent to Foreclose Letters to those properties. The ones that have actually made it to the property owners, we are seeing a good turnaround. A number of those people have called and paid, bringing those liens into compliance and their accounts current. We are having a problem with a lot of them being returned. A lot of the vacant properties have owners that don't live in Ely, and it's been a little difficult finding everybody, but those that are making it to the owners we are seeing money come back in.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment

City Clerk Lee stated the next meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2023

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

Member Rivero moved to adjourn the Regular Ely Municipal Utilities Board Meeting at **8:16 a.m.** Member Marquez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

  
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**Attest**

  
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**Chairman**

