



# CITY OF ELY

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## ELY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES BOARD REGULAR MEETING

**November 13, 2025, 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 Tom Stagg

Member Kelly Jackson

**Members absent:**

Chairman John O'Flaherty

Vice Chairman Dale Derbidge

**City Officials and staff present:**

Councilwoman Melody Van Camp

City Clerk Jennifer Lee

City Treasurer Janette Trask

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

## **MUNICIPAL UTILITIES BOARD ATTENDANCE LIST**

**DATE:** November 13, 2025 Regular Meeting

Print name below

George Chachas

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## **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

George Chachas stated on your agenda item 3C-1 in regard to the proposed water use agreement, I didn't get the water use agreement until just before the meeting. I don't know when you guys got it, but the open meeting law is specific, all information must be presented to those interested or attending three days prior to the meeting, not the day of the meeting. On your agenda item 3C-2, in regard to transferring Ely Regional Landfill fees from the City's billing system to the White Pine County property tax roll; I don't have a problem with that if you do the County, but in the City of Ely, what are you going to do lay off people? We've got a lot of billing that's not being done properly, and that needs to stay within the City, not go on the County tax rolls. On agenda item 3C-3, regarding the change order for the Morley Avenue Sewer Upgrade Project, I still haven't seen an addition for sidewalk along 7th Street; you've done that for other projects, and I want equal consideration along my property.

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

### **A. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Administrative Cobb stated I attest the minutes reflect a true and accurate record of the September 11, 2025 meeting transcribed from the Zoom recording.

Moved by: Member Stagg Second by: Member Jackson Vote: Unanimous

1. Discussion/For Possible Action –Minutes.

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## 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:

**From:** Kyle Tate <Kyle.Tate@us.kghm.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 12, 2025 9:42 AM  
**To:** Jennifer Lee  
**Cc:** Patti Cobb  
**Subject:** Utility Board Meeting 11/13

Good Morning Jennifer,

I have a conflicting meeting that will prevent me from being able to attend tomorrow's meeting. I am providing the information below to serve as an update on "Old Business" Item B1.

Robinson currently has mining activities occurring in both the Liberty and Veteran pits. The following is a breakdown of dewatering efforts from the South Block:

Approximately 7,500 gpm is being pumped. Of that roughly 2,250 gpm is going into Gleason Creek and the rest is reporting to the Mill for ore processing needs. RW-7P is currently producing approximately 860 gpm that is being distributed into the city water system.

Please let me know if there are any questions or concerns.

Thanks,

**Kyle Tate**  
Manager – Environmental Services

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## C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Robertson – City Engineer Almberg – Discussion/For Possible Action – Recommendation to approve proposed Water Use Agreement between the City of Ely and White Pine County for a shared replacement well and an exchange of water rights.

City Engineer Almberg stated I would recommend tabling this item at this point. We are still waiting for the County to finalize it on their side. The conversations that I have had with them, they anticipate the first meeting in December there will be an action item on their agenda, and we will bring it back to the you and the City Council at that time.

Member Staggs moved to table approval of proposed Water Use Agreement between the City of Ely and White Pine County for a shared replacement well and an exchange of water rights. Member Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Councilwoman Van Camp – Discussion/For Possible Action – Recommendation to direct the City Attorney and City Treasurer to evaluate the feasibility of transferring the collection of City of Ely Regional Landfill fees from the City of Ely’s billing system to a special assessment included on White Pine County property tax bills.

Councilwoman Van Camp stated the nice thing about this is this time the County came to us with some interest. The City has no recourse to these back bills, except to lien the property and wait for the property owner to die or sell, and we will never be free of all those bills. All we do is just take them on month after month. If the County folks don't want to pay, they don't, and it's not fair to all those that do pay. So, this direction is for talking to the County to possibly get it on the tax rolls, then everybody is paying their fair share.

City Treasurer Trask stated the reason why we need to look into it is, the City proposed this to the County once before several years back and there was a joint meeting where the City got blasted and told that it could not be done. I would be interested to see what has changed and I'll be questioning that. It would be a huge benefit to the City. We would still be responsible for any past due, but going forward, we would work out the logistics with the County of whom all needs to be charged what on the tax roll. There is a lot to work out to get it done.

Member Stagg moved to recommend directing the City Attorney and City Treasurer to evaluate the feasibility of transferring the collection of City of Ely Regional Landfill fees from the City of Ely’s billing system to a special assessment included on White Pine County property tax bills. Member Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Board Members – City Engineer Almberg – Discussion/For Possible Action – Recommendation to approve Change Order Number 1 to the Morley Avenue Sewer Upgrade Project contract for an extension of project deadline to December 31, 2025.

City Engineer Almberg stated this is a request from the contractor for an additional month at no cost. It is taking time to get materials, and we had to have a pre-construction meeting between CDBG, ourselves, and the contractor, and due to some conflicting issues, it took a while to get together. The contractor anticipates three weeks' worth of work to get through this project once started. I recommend approval of the extension.

Member Jackson moved to recommend approval of Change Order Number 1 to the Morley Avenue Sewer Upgrade Project contract for an extension of project deadline to December 31, 2025. Member Stagg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### 4. CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

➤ **CITY CLERK**

City Clerk Lee stated I just want to bring the board's attention to the CDBG hearing this evening for City Council. There are two eligible projects; one of them is the upgrade for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, which is a very important project for us and the other would be to complete the Lower East Ely Water Main Upgrade with a small project. City Treasurer Trask, City Attorney Arabia, and my office continue to work on the liens, and we are having a meeting on that this afternoon.

➤ **CITY ENGINEER**

City Engineer Almberg stated the utility contractor for the Aultman Street project is going to step away for the winter in the next week or so and they will be back next spring to finish up some things. The bulk of the work is done. We made our last major connection earlier this week, and we're basically up and running on stuff. Now it's a matter of us taking in and compiling all of our information, getting the as-built together and any change orders completed.

Councilwoman Van Camp stated when they come back in the spring what is the timeframe they think they will have the project completed?

City Engineer Almberg stated I think they're doing pretty well and per the contract or some things that I hear them talking about, they're anticipating completion sometime in April, if they can get started early enough in the spring. A lot of that timeframe is definitely Mother Nature dependent.

Councilwoman Van Camp asked are the streetlights all going to be installed this year?

City Engineer Almberg stated not on this end of town. I don't think the contractor is intending to tear apart anything else, they're just trying to kind of close up the things that they have torn up right now. On the east Ely side of town, to be honest with you, I would anticipate those streetlights coming on any night now. The other thing that we're working on is the Morley project. The sewer project is going to get started here shortly, but our Morley water portion we are currently working through the design. We anticipate that it will be submitted to NDEP in the next week or so for approval and then will be put out for bid to get work done on the water portion of the project early in the spring. Next week, we have a meeting with EPA for some available funding, and I think we'll be successful in that to assist us in paying for this project.

#### 5. PUBLIC COMMENT

George Chachas stated ongoing concerns regarding his request for the address and a contact name regarding the Bell Avenue Water Main Upgrade Project CDBG 22/pf/04 and who inspected the project; the Bell Avenue Project change order; the damage to his property on Bell Avenue; information on who authorized the water crew to work on the sewer line at 785 Bell Avenue on April 19, 2025; the sewer problem he took care of at his residence located at 681

Parker; the letters that the City sent outlining the terms required for consideration to write off penalties and interests on properties, and then be eligible for the appropriate refund to Ralph Jones, Tina Templer, Jeremy Lilly, Doug Lilly, Kelly Gubbine, Elaine Blackham, and Jane Montgomery; his request for a complete list of properties and individuals that the City has permitted and allowed to park RVs on the City lots and streets while living in them and if they are paying utilities; the drainage off of the Bath property draining onto his property at 622 High Street causing erosion; and if the property Mr. Vidrine owns is connected to City water and sewer and what he has paid.

City Clerk Lee stated the next meeting will be December 11, 2025.

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

Member Ross adjourned the regular meeting of the Municipal Utilities Board at **8:23 a.m.**

  
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Attest

  
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VICE Chairman