



# CITY OF ELY

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## ELY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES BOARD REGULAR MEETING

July 10, 2025, 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 Ken Ross  
Member Kelly Jackson

Members absent:

Member Tom Stagg

City Officials and staff present:

Councilwoman Melody Van Camp  
City Clerk Jennifer Lee  
City Treasurer Janette Trask  
Public Works Director Mike Cracraft  
Administrative Assistant Patti Cobb

Also, in attendance: Members of the public in attendance at the Ely Volunteer Fire Hall signed in (appears below):

### MUNICIPAL UTILITIES BOARD ATTENDANCE LIST

DATE: July 10, 2025, Regular Meeting

Print name below

George Chachas

Print name below

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## 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 Jackson Second by: Member Ross Vote: Unanimous with Vice Chairman Derbidge abstaining as he was not present at the June 12, 2025 meeting.

1. Discussion/For Possible Action –Minutes.

- June 12, 2025

### 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 reviewed the following:



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From: Kyle Tate <kyle\_tate@us.kghm.com>  
Date: Wed, 7/9/2025 4:04 PM  
To: Jennifer Lee <CityClerk@cityofelynv.gov>  
Cc: Pat Gough <AdminAssist@cityofelynv.gov>

Good Afternoon Jennifer,

I will not be able to attend tomorrow's utility board meeting. I am providing this email to serve as an updated on "Old Business" item B1.

Robinson currently has mining activities occurring across all three pits (Ruth, Liberty and Veteran). The following is a breakdown of freshwater dewatering efforts from the South Block.

Approximately 1,950 gpm is being pumped. Of that, ~2,135 gpm is going into Gleason Creek and the rest is reporting to the Mill for ore processing needs. RW 7P is currently shut off to accommodate the final stages of development and testing efforts associated with the deeper replacement well RW 7PR.

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

Thank you,

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**C. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Board Members – City Engineer Almberg – Discussion/For Possible Action – Recommendation of approval of Kelly Barney's Will Serve Application for one sewer connection at 940 Avenue C.

Chairman O'Flaherty stated I will be abstaining from this item as I am associated with it making it a conflict of interest.

Public Works Director Cracraft stated in the early 2000's the apartments on Avenue C were put in and the sewer service was hooked into another existing line instead of being hooked into the main. Mr. Barney called us when he had problems in his apartment building, we went down and ran our jetter down our main line and found out there wasn't a problem there. The contractor was contacted and at that time it was discovered that it was connected to another service line and there are two separate owners of these properties.

Vice Chairman Derbidge moved to recommend approval of Kelly Barney's Will Serve Application for one sewer connection at 940 Avenue C. Member Ross seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Chairman O'Flaherty abstaining.

2. Councilwoman Van Camp – City Engineer Almberg – Discussion/For Possible Action – Recommendation to waive Will Serve fee up to the amount of \$2,975.00 from 940 Avenue C, Ely, Nevada at the request of Property Owner, Kelly Barney due to a joined sewer service that was recently discovered and that predates current ownership of the property.

Chairman O'Flaherty stated I will be abstaining from this item as I have a conflict of interest.

Member Ross moved to recommend waiving the Will Serve fee up to the amount of \$2,975.00 from 940 Avenue C, Ely, Nevada at the request of Property Owner, Kelly Barney due to a joined sewer service that was recently discovered and that predates current ownership of the property. Member Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Chairman O'Flaherty abstaining.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

George Chachas stated my only concern here is this courtesy is extended to others in the community. I'm aware of other properties that are connected with the same service. So, if you grant this, the same consideration needs to be done for others that may come before you later on.

#### 4. CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

##### ➤ CITY CLERK

City Clerk Leet stated I prepared and submitted our East Ely Water and Treatment Plant CPF applications June 13th with an expected award date in September. At NDEP's request, City Engineer Almborg and I met with them June 17th regarding our CAP grant application; they informed us the City will need regular water/sewer rate reviews by the Utilities Board/City Council and have an approved Asset Management Plan in place by project completion.

Vice Chairman Derbidge asked, "Does the City Council review those water and sewer rates so often?"

City Clerk Lee stated the last time those were reviewed by the City Council was May of 2019.

#### 5. PUBLIC COMMENT

George Chachas stated ongoing concerns regarding 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; a copy of the letters that the City sent to Ralph Jones, Tina Templer, Elaine Blackham, Chris Walker, and Jane Montgomery outlining the terms for consideration to write-off penalties and interest on their properties; 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; City staff needing to review the Title VI Plan; 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.

City Clerk Lee stated the next meeting will be August 14, 2025.

#### 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 **8:17 a.m.**

  
Attest

  
Chairman