



# CITY OF ELY

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## **ELY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES BOARD REGULAR MEETING**

**January 8, 2026, 8:00 a.m. – Ely Volunteer Fire Hall – 499 Mill Street – Ely, Nevada**

1. Vice Chairman Derbidge 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:

Vice Chairman Dale Derbidge  
Member Ken Ross  
Member Kelly Jackson

Members absent:

Chairman John O’Flaherty  
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  
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: January 8, 2026 Regular Meeting**

**Print name below**

*George Chachas*

**Print name below**

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## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

George Chachas stated I have a question on the Public Work Director's report. He shows the duck pond has zero usage, is that true? Did they shut off the water, or was that a misprint? On your item 3 regarding the application for a fixture Will Serve at 292 Aultman Street, is that building a commercial building? I didn't see a foundation being put in prior to the construction of the building, and there's a difference. If it is a commercial building, that's fine. I've got a request to see what qualifications Don Hendrickson had, because the code is cattywampus. I brought this issue to you before. I got two notices on my properties and I'm tired of the damn discrimination. Either we have rules and regulations or get rid of the Regional Planning Commission and the building codes. I've got properties I can't rent and that goes back to when Melody was in there. Again, I want some answers.

## 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 Ross Second by: Member Jackson Vote: Unanimous

1. Discussion/For Possible Action –Minutes.
  - December 11, 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 read the following email into the record:

 Outlook

Utility Board Meeting 1/8/2026

From Kyle Tate <Kyle.Tate@us.kghm.com>  
Date Wed 1/7/2026 5:02 PM  
To Jennifer Lee <CityClerk@cityofelynv.gov>  
Cc Patti Cobb <AdminAssist@cityofelynv.gov>

Good Evening Jennifer,

I will be unable to attend tomorrow's utility board 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 5,500 gpm is being pumped. Of that roughly 3,200 gpm is going into Gleason Creek and the rest is reporting to the Mill for ore processing needs. RW-7P is currently producing approximately 850 gpm that is being distributed into the city water system.

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

Thanks,

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## C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Board Members – City Clerk Lee – Discussion/For Possible Action – Election of Chairman thru December 31, 2026.

Vice Chairman Derbidge moved to elect John O'Flaherty as Chairman thru December 31, 2026. Member Ross seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Board Members – City Clerk Lee – Discussion/For Possible Action – Election of Vice-Chairman thru December 31, 2026.

Member Ross moved to elect Dale Derbidge as Vice-Chairman thru December 31, 2026. Member Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Board Members – City Engineer Almberg – Discussion/For Possible Action – Recommendation to approve Joe Ciscar's Will Serve Application for additional fixture units at 292 Aultman Street.

City Engineer Almberg stated this is for new construction on Aultman Street. There is an existing water service already there, and during the Aultman Street project, we actually replaced that water service so that is brand new service to that lot. The sewer fees are based on the Building Officials' calculations on fixtures inside of that building and I support that. The information is attached showing that we have the ability to serve it, so my recommendation is that we approve it.

Member Jackson moved to recommend approval of Joe Ciscar's Will Serve Application for additional fixture units at 292 Aultman Street. Member Ross seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## 4. CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

### ➤ CITY CLERK

City Clerk Lee stated I've been working on an amendment to our Green Up grant for the Landfill, with Public Works Director Cracraft and hope to have that submitted soon for the balance of our funds. They awarded us \$100,000.00 but then they only deposited \$20,000.00 and we have to apply for an amendment to get the rest.

### ➤ CITY ENGINEER

City Engineer Almberg stated we completed the Landfill quarterly report and got it submitted. Our CDBG Morley Sewer Project is basically completed as far as the construction is concerned, we're just wrapping up the paperwork. We anticipate all this will be in front of you at your February meeting for final approval and close-out of that project. The plans for the water portion of this project on Morley are into the State for review and approval, and once that is finalized we will put that portion out for bid and go to construction. We are diligently working on our City of Ely Sewer Earmark Project in Central Ely. The contractor for Aultman Street reached out to me and they anticipate getting started back up again by 11th Street and they're going to work their way to the

west, tearing out the old box culverts that they just replaced. They will work as weather allows.

➤ **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

Public Works Director Cracraft stated the water to the duck pond has been shut off to answer the question in public comment.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

George Chachas stated ongoing concerns regarding 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; not being able to obtain permits he has applied for; his concern with staff being paid big money and not doing the job; whether or not Tim Vidrine out on the highway, as well as Mr. Ramsey have connected to City water; 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 Contract Change Order for the Bell Avenue Project and the damage to his property not being addressed; who authorized the City crew to work on the sewer line at 785 Bell Avenue; and the sewer problem he took care of at his residence located at 681 Parker.

City Clerk Lee stated the next meeting will be February 12, 2026.

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

Vice Chairman Derbidge adjourned the regular meeting of the Municipal Utilities Board at **8:14 a.m.**

  
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Attest

  
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Chairman