



# CITY OF ELY

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## ELY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES BOARD REGULAR MEETING

**February 12, 2026, 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 Tom Stagg
- Member Kelly Jackson

Members absent:

- Vice Chairman Dale Derbidge

City Officials and staff present:

- Councilwoman Melody Van Camp
- City Clerk Jennifer Lee
- City Treasurer Janette Trask
- 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: February 12, 2026 Regular Meeting**

Print name below

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George Chachas  
Tony Locke Aravia Power  
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## **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tony Locke stated I am taking the opportunity to introduce myself to the board in my role as Director of Community Relations for Arevia Power. Arevia Power is a renewable energy developer that is the developing company of the Pantheon project, which is a 400-megawatt solar generating project with a 950-megawatt battery storage capability. The project is located in Jake's Valley and currently probably the farthest along in the federal permitting process with anticipated approval by mid-2027 and construction to begin sometime in late 2028 or early 2029. Arevia Power truly wants to become a part of the Ely and White Pine community, and if it weren't so, I would not have agreed to go to work for them. They are a very experienced company in what they do. This will be their third solar project in Nevada. They are the developing company for the Gemini project in Clark County, and the Libra project in Lyon County. I just wanted the board to know that there is a local representative, someone that you can go to and get questions answered. I may not know the answer to your question directly, but I will be able to connect you to someone that can. I'm going to leave my card with Jennifer for the record. The last thing I would like to say is the reason that I went to work for these guys was when they were asking me about my interest in the position, I told them they had to make me a believer, because I'm not sure that I am one. I said, I don't know how I can represent your company if I'm not a believer and they said, well, representing our company is a role that we want you to do, but what we really want you to do is represent your community to us, and that was the right answer. Six months down the road, they've done nothing but prove to me that they truly want to become a part of our community, and I think they'll be a very valuable asset. Whether you recognize it or not, a project the size of Pantheon is not measured in hundreds of millions of investments, it's measured in billions. So, this project has an opportunity to truly make an impact on the White Pine County's tax base.

George Chachas stated on your agenda, Item 3A-1 regarding minutes, at the previous meeting, I asked if the building at 292 Aultman was a storage building or a commercial building. I did not see a foundation being put in prior to construction of the building. If the building is a storage building, that is one thing. However, if it's a commercial building, it is not fine, and I'm being quoted as saying that. I did not say "it is fine." There's a big difference in code requirements. I'm requesting a written answer to my question. It appears your staff is selectively enforcing building codes, and I don't want to be misquoted. On your agenda item 4-3 and 4-7, reports from the Public Works Director and the City Clerk; I still haven't got an answer back on who authorized the clean out or sewer connection at 785 Bell Avenue, and I've yet to receive any response back on the erosion that I'm suffering on 622 High Street. There needs to be something done with that drainage coming off of the railroad.

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

### **A. CONSENT AGENDA**

Administrative Cobb stated I attest the minutes reflect a true and accurate record of the January 8, 2025 meeting transcribed from the Zoom recording.

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

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

1. Discussion/For Possible Action –Minutes.
  - January 8, 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 into the record:

 Outlook

### Utility Board Meeting 2-12-26

From Kyle Tate <Kyle.Tate@us.kghm.com>  
Date Thu 2/12/2026 4:58 AM  
To Jennifer Lee <CityClerk@cityofelynv.gov>  
Cc Patti Cobb <AdminAssist@cityofelynv.gov>

Good Morning Jennifer,

I will be unable to attend today'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 5,675 gpm is being pumped. Of that roughly 1,700 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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Manager – Environmental Services

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## **C. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Board Members – City Engineer Almberg – Discussion/For Possible Action – Recommendation for acceptance of the Morley Sewer Project PWP# WP-2025-206, CDBG Funded Project 24/PF/01.

City Clerk Lee stated the Morley Sewer Project is completed and the Morley water phase is ready to go out on the street. They're just waiting for NDEP approval, which they expect to receive by the 9th of March. We will need to get an extension on our CDBG grant for Morley Water. The Morley Sewer project is completed and there was a small change order that City Treasurer Trask and Public Works Director Cracraft approved for \$8,500 due to some service lines literally falling apart once they got into the ground, and those had to be replaced.

Chairman Oflaherty stated I know from experience it was a project that was well needed.

Member Ross moved to recommend acceptance of the Morley Sewer Project PWP# WP-2025-206, CDBG Funded Project 24/PF/01. Member Stagg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

##### **➤ PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

Chairman O'Flaherty stated I see we do have some issues with the centrifuge.

City Clerk Lee stated yes.

Chairman O'Flaherty stated I guess that is being addressed?

City Clerk Lee stated it is. Right now, Mike is waiting for quotes from our Water Operator.

Chairman O'Flaherty stated I am sure that is not going to be a cheap project.

##### **➤ CITY CLERK**

City Clerk Lee stated a couple of days ago, we got our draft agreement from NDEP for our CAP grant. That's to assist with paying for the Morley Water Project due to the increased cost, and that should be on your agenda at the beginning of March.

#### **5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

George Chachas stated ongoing concerns with 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; who authorized the City crew to work on the sewer line at 785 Bell Avenue; 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; 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; and whether or not Mr. Ramsey at 582 Highway 93, as well as Tim Vidrine have connected to City water and sewer.

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

**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 **8:16 a.m.**

  
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Attest

  
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