



CITY OF ELY

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ELY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES BOARD REGULAR MEETING

March 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
Vice Chairman Dale Derbidge
Member Tom Stagg
Member Kelly Jackson

Members absent:

Member Ken Ross

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): Michael G. via Zoom

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 Stagg Second by: Member Jackson Vote: The motion carried with 3 ayes and one abstention from Vice Chairman Derbidge.

1. Discussion/For Possible Action –Minutes.
 - February 12, 2026

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:

From: Kyle Tate <Kyle.Tate@us.kghm.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2026 9:01 AM
To: Jennifer Lee
Cc: Patti Cobb
Subject: Utility Board Meeting 3-12-26

Good Morning 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 7,450 gpm is being pumped. Of that roughly 4,000 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 – Recommendation to accept State of Nevada Grants for Water Conservation and Capital Improvements Grant Contract No. GP2603 between the State of Nevada, acting by and through its Board of Financing Water Projects, and the City of Ely for the Morley Avenue Water Upgrades Project.

City Clerk Lee stated this is a 40% grant that we got from NDEP, that will be in conjunction with our CDBG funding. This will help us a lot and will actually reduce our match by a little bit for this project.

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

Vice Chairman Derbidge asked, “When does this go out to bid?”

City Engineer Almberg stated it is out now and will close in a few weeks. It will be on the April agenda for your recommended approval.

Councilwoman Van Camp asked, “When will the project start and how long will it last?”

City Engineer Almberg stated I don’t have an exact date. I anticipate it will be recommended to award the first meeting next month for you guys and go to the City Council that evening. I anticipate the first part of May it will be under construction. There are some long lead time items associated with this project, so that could drag out the completion of that project for a while,

Councilwoman Van Camp stated more like the end of summer?

City Engineer Almberg stated yes, I would anticipate that.

Vice Chairman Derbidge stated the cost is \$650,000?

City Clerk Lee stated it is \$650,850.00 and is on the last page of the agreement.

Vice Chairman Derbidge moved to recommend acceptance of State of Nevada Grants for Water Conservation and Capital Improvements Grant Contract No. GP2603 between the State of Nevada, acting by and through its Board of Financing Water Projects, and the City of Ely for the Morley Avenue Water Upgrades Project. Member Staggs seconded the motion. The motion carried with 3 ayes and 1 abstention from Chairman O’Flaherty.

4. CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

➤ PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Public Works Cracraft stated the parts for the centrifuge have been ordered.

➤ **CITY CLERK**

Chairman O’Flaherty stated I noticed on the liens; there are some big ones, any chance of collecting on those?

City Clerk Lee stated they are getting paid down, and it's my understanding that the City Attorney's office is working on the bigger ones.

➤ **CITY ENGINEER**

City Engineer AlMBERG stated we are working on our CDBG presentation. We will be going over to Fallon in the first part of April to give our presentation for this year's projects that we're applying for. We received our water deed from the County last Friday and it was recorded. If you recall that was a part of the land swap and well agreement that we are working through with the County. That is a great thing, and we have already filed a conveyance into the State to convert that from the County's water right name into the City of Ely's water right name. The State doesn't track ownership, even though it's ours now, because it's already recorded. We have got to inform the State of being the new owners of this water right. We have completed that, and that was sent in, I think, on Monday. We will immediately back that up with a change application to move that water from currently up north of McGill in the Steptoe Valley to one of our wells down here to get it to where we can use that water. So, we will change the place of use, point of diversion, and also the manner of use from an industrial use to a municipal use.

Chairman O’Flaherty asked, “Are you the design engineer for the well?”

City Engineer AlMBERG stated yes, we are working with them for the well. I'll probably move that water to what is going to ultimately be the 7P replacement well and then both will still continue to function. Then you'll have a 7P, and what they're calling 7PR, as a replacement, and so that replacement is where we'll move that water into. Currently, how that water works is, the water coming out of 6P and 7P up here is actually covered by two water rights; one water right falls underneath the Mine's water rights, because that's dewatering water and for us to be able to use it for what we're using it for, for our municipal use, we have to have a water right on top of that to use it for our municipal use. So, since this is a new well up there, it's not currently functioning, but it will be online here pretty soon, we'll move water into it so that when it does come online, we have the right to turn it on and use it within our system.

Chairman O’Flaherty asked, “Is any of this extended for a long period of time, or do you think this will all be done relatively quickly to keep the project moving?”

City Engineer AlMBERG stated no, I think this will be done fairly quickly. I don't anticipate there should be any reason to protest this or to slow this application down, it's pretty straightforward. We already have wells in that same general area, and I don't anticipate any impact there. We'll also take a small portion of that water, and we'll move it to what is the existing golf course well down there that's going to currently be replaced with the County's golf course well. We will do that so we can keep that old well in place and not have the expense to plug that well. We will just put a very small amount of water

in there so that we can drop a very small pump down and use it for stock water on the ranch.

Chairman O’Flaherty asked what is the projected gallons per minute?

City Engineer Almberg stated on the new well I think it's 1200 GPM. We have already talked about our Morley Water project; that's out on the street. The other thing that we're working diligently on is trying to get all of our water infrastructure in on our GIS system. The reason we're trying to push and get it done so quickly is we need that infrastructure and all the information that comes out of that GIS system to upload it into our Waterworth software that is going to help with long-term financial planning. The Treasurer and I have been going through some training with them.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

City Clerk Lee stated the next meeting will be April 9, 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 **8:13 a.m.**



Attest



Chairman

