



CITY OF ELY

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ELY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES BOARD REGULAR MEETING

May 14, 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 Ken Ross
- Member Kelly Jackson

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): Michael G.

MUNICIPAL UTILITIES BOARD ATTENDANCE LIST

DATE: May 14, 2026 Regular Meeting

Print name below

George Chachas

Print name below

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

George Chachas stated on agenda item 3C-1 I want to know if Mr. Jeremy Perkins paid the full amount of \$342.93 on the past due account in order to qualify for the \$45.54 removal of past due utility fee penalties and then receive a refund for the differences, as I was required to do on a property I have. At several of your Utility Board meetings I have asked the Board to provide me with a written answer so that I can keep it in my file. The discrimination needs to stop. I've asked in the past for copies of letters from I think it's up to eight or nine different individuals on how they were treated in regard to the write-off of the penalties. Again, they were treated differently than I, and I am not going to stand for that. We have rules and regulations for all or for nobody. I'm not going to be treated any differently. To date, I've not received any information in regard to who authorized the new installation and connection of the sewer line clean-out at 785 Bell Avenue. The City has yet to reimburse me for curing the sewer problem at 681 Park, the blockage was on the City line, not on my line. To date, the city owes me \$27,421.43, which includes penalties and interest. I'm not going to be treated any differently. I want some answers, and I want my money back. I remind you; the federal law prohibits discrimination on any federally funded or assisted utility. To date I have not received any information on who inspected the Bell Avenue project CDBG 22\ PF\04, my fence was damaged and needs to be repaired by the contractor, and water lines and meter pits need to be put in front of my different properties. The last item, which I've yet to receive anything on, is I have asked which City Water Department employee requested the meter to be changed at the Cal Ranch Store, which cost the City, \$30,279.00, which was a violation of NRS, money that isn't budgeted can't be spent. I'd like some answers, Mr. Chairman.

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 Stagg Vote: Unanimous

1. Discussion/For Possible Action –Minutes.
 - April 9, 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, May 13, 2026 8:40 AM
To: Jennifer Lee
Cc: Patti Cobb; Michelle Yeoman
Subject: Utility Board Meeting 5-14-26

Good Morning Jennifer,

Robinson 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.

We currently have mining activities occurring in all three pits (liberty, Ruth, and Veteran). The following is a breakdown of dewatering efforts from the South Block:

Approximately 5,750 gpm is being pumped. Of that roughly 1,720 gpm is going into Gleason Creek and the rest is reporting to the Mill for ore processing needs. RW-7P is currently producing approximately 810 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. Board Members – City Clerk Lee – Discussion/For Possible Action – Recommendation to remove past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$45.54 from 11 Avenue K, Ely, Nevada at the request of Property owner, Jeremy Perkins.

City Clerk Lee stated Mr. Perkins just has landfill on this account. He has had balances accrue, but he's routinely paid them off so, this is where the penalties come from.

Member Jackson moved to recommend removal of past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$45.54 from 11 Avenue K, Ely, Nevada at the request of Property owner, Jeremy Perkins. Vice Chairman Derbidge seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

➤ **CITY ENGINEER**

City Engineer Almberg stated we got our Landfill water reports completed and into the State. This year, we also had to complete the air permit for the Landfill, so that permit has been completed and turned in as well. We did some water right applications for the water that we received from the County during the land swap. We moved that water up to the location of the replacement well at 7P, and a small portion of it we put down at the old golf course irrigation well to use as stock water for our ranch down there, which will prevent us from having to plug it, with the installation of the new irrigation well that the county actually just approved of yesterday. We're going to help out the Fire Chief gather information for their ISO rating, which is a report that comes out every five years. We are also working on the Morley Water Project, and Central Ely Project. We are also working on the EA for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, so it complies with all funding source requirements.

Chairman O'Flaherty asked now that the County has approved the new well, what is the next step?

City Engineer Almberg stated the next step is we sent out a Notice of Award to the drilling contractor. The drilling contractor will begin to gather all their submittals to send to us of everything that's associated to make sure it's meeting the requirements of that project. There will be a lot of paperwork such as getting the bond in place, contract signed, and different things like that.

Chairman O'Flaherty asked who was the low, successful bidder?

City Engineer Almberg stated they were out of Reno and I believe the name of the company was Greg Drilling. They had good references and some of the references I have worked with for twenty years so I feel confident they will do a good job. They will then order the materials and there will be some lead time in getting the pump and the motor. Some of the casing material and things that are going to go down in the hole are probably a little more available so they will coordinate the job for efficiency.

Vice Chairman Derbidge asked is it going to be in the same place as the existing well?

City Engineer Almberg stated it is going to be in the same general area.

Chairman O'Flaherty asked what is the timeline for completion on this project?

City Engineer Almberg stated I am not sure, I would have to go look at that information. I think a lot of it is going to be based on the lead time on equipment.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

George Chachas stated ongoing concerns regarding the drainage from the Bath property causing erosion on his property and inquired if the Morley project includes curb and gutter to correct the issue; whether or not Mr. Ramsey at 582 Highway 93, as well as Tim Vidrine have connected to City water and sewer per NRS; 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 for the discrimination to stop.

City Clerk Lee stated the next meeting will be June 11, 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 **8:17 a.m.**



Attest



Chairman

