



CITY OF ELY

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ELY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES BOARD REGULAR MEETING

June 11, 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 Tom Stagg

Member Ken Ross

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

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 Miller

MUNICIPAL UTILITIES BOARD ATTENDANCE LIST

DATE: June 11, 2026 Regular Meeting

Print name below

George Chachas
Michelle Yeoman

Print name below

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

George Chachas stated on your agenda items regarding reports there's nothing in the reports stating who authorized the installation of the new sewer line connection at 785 Bell Avenue. In March of 1992, the City filed a complaint against me for putting in a clean-out for Mrs. Drakulich on Parker Avenue. Sewage was backing up in her home for three days. I didn't know that the sewer line for the main line to the property was private. They took me to the Ethics Commission; they just slapped my hand, and I offered to pay for the damage. They didn't charge me anything. however, this is blatant. I want to know who that person is. Selective enforcement has no place in the City of Ely. Discrimination needs to stop. The City has yet to reimburse me for curing the sewer problem at 681 Parker with a blockage in the city line, not my line. To date, the City owes me \$27,969.86, which includes penalties and interest. I'm not charging any more than the City does for penalties and interest. I remind you that federal law prohibits discrimination against any federally funded or assisted utility. I want to know who inspected the Bell Avenue project, CDBG 22/PF/04. I want to remind you my fence was damaged and it needs to be repaired, and I want to know if the contractor's going to do it, or the City. I want to remind you that the water lines and meter pits were not put in front of my property, as the City did for others. The meter pits are 100 to 200 feet away. I want equal protection under the law. I don't have a contractor's license, and I'm not going to pay someone to run those lines where they were before. The City took them out and the City's going to put them back in. I want to know which City department employee requested the meter to be changed at the Cal Ranch store, which cost \$30,279.00 and was approved by your City Engineer. This violates NRS 354, money that's not budgeted for cannot be spent, but depends on who you are. Something's wrong here. Mr. Chairman and needs to be addressed.

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.

- May 14, 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.

Robinson Nevada Mining Company (RNMC) representative Michelle Yeoman stated we currently have mining activities in all three pits, Liberty Pit, Ruth, and Veteran. The following is a breakdown of the dewatering efforts in South Block: approximately 6,300 GPM is being pumped and of that, 2,480 GPM is going into Gleason Creek as of this morning, and the rest is reporting to the mill for ore processing needs. RW7-P is currently

producing approximately 800 GPM and that is being distributed into the city water system.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Board Members – City Engineer Almberg – Discussion/For Possible Action – Recommendation to approve Leading Technology Development LLC/RKF Properties Will-Serve Application to tap the City's water line at APN: 002-280-20 for a 1" water line and five sewer fixtures.

City Engineer Almberg stated information is included in your packet regarding the will serves and breakdowns, and I am recommending approval of this item. This business will be located in the lot next to Family Dollar on Great Basin Boulevard.

Member Jackson moved to recommend approval of Leading Technology Development LLC/RKF Properties Will-Serve Application to tap the City's water line at APN: 002-280-20 for a 1" water line and five sewer fixtures. Member Ross seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Board Members – City Engineer Almberg – Discussion/For Possible Action – Recommendation to approve Shawn Wilson's Will-Serve Application to tap the City's water line at 1685 Avenue E, APN: 002-081-01, for four fixtures, with a possible waiver of fees in the amount of \$3,500.00.

City Engineer Almberg stated this is a little building that's down across the street from Chris's service. If you drive by there you will see they are working on the roof and other things. Shawn Wilson is working on improving this building. There's a restroom in there, but he can't find the existing services to turn them on and off or anything else from the City, so they want to run new services. I have checked at City Hall to see if there was any record of us billing that property in the past, and there is not. I don't know anything about the building, but conversations I have had with the Public Works Director and the Fire Chief, from their recollection years ago that building was used as a propane office. I haven't gone and inspected the property or looked at it. When Shawn brought that stuff to me, we talked about it and that's how I was informed.

George Chachas stated it was a storage building for AmeriGas to store their tanks and the building next to it was for the office.

Chairman O'Flaherty asked if anyone had investigated the building to see what was there and what connections.

Public Works Director stated Carl said there was a bathroom in that building, but we looked around and couldn't find any water connections.

Chairman O'Flaherty asked was the bathroom tapped on to a sewer main or was there a septic tank? Sewer lines don't just disappear and if they are there then the fees should be

waived and these connections should be identified again. I think we need to put this item on hold and get verification.

Chairman O’Flaherty moved to table the recommendation for approval of Shawn Wilson’s Will-Serve Application to tap the City’s water line at 1685 Avenue E, APN: 002-081-01, for four fixtures and waive fees in the amount of \$3,500.00 so the applicant can provide more information. Member Stagg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

➤ PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Chairman O’Flaherty stated I noticed on the report on the lift station that now we can monitor the lift station.

Public Works Director Cracraft stated yes, we are putting a SCADA into it now. It's not there yet, but it's on its way, and you can monitor it on the computer or phone just like the water tanks with alarms that will alert us if needed.

➤ CITY ENGINEER

City Engineer Almberg stated I want to make sure that I recognize RNMC, because they have agreed to participate in the Golf Course irrigation well that the County's putting in. They've said they'll participate with the pump and the motor, and I think that's a big benefit to the County, to us, and in getting them off of our system.

Chairman O’Flaherty asked is there any update on that?

City Engineer Almberg stated we're just going through submittals, and don't necessarily have a scheduled time yet, as we are waiting to see what the lead time of those items are going to be, but we've got the driller's contract back, everything is signed, and we are just going through the submittals. The big hold up is going to be the lead time as it could take up to eight weeks or more. Aultman Street is getting really close to completion. We are coordinating with them as they are raising all of the sewer manhole lids, water valve lids, and everything else. Our Morley Project is kind of the same situation as the Golf Course with long lead time items. We are working on a small water line extension down near the Railroad. We provided some stakes last week for the new curb and gutter around the cemetery, and that will improve the drainage around the cemetery. It's going to modify that intersection of Orson and Campton slightly.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

George Chachas stated ongoing concerns regarding not receiving any information on who inspected the Bell Avenue project CDBG 22\ PF\04; his request for the letters the City has sent to the past ten or so people waivers have been granted on for utility penalties; 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; whether or not Mr. Ramsey at 582 Highway 93, as well as Tim Vidrine have connected to City water and sewer per NRS; the drainage from the Bath property causing erosion on his property; and for the discrimination to stop.

City Clerk Lee stated the next meeting will be July 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 **8:25 a.m.**



Attest



Chairman

