



CITY OF ELY

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ELY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES BOARD REGULAR MEETING

July 9, 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 Treasurer Janette Trask
City Engineer B.J. Almberg
Deputy City Clerk/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, and Jennifer’s Notetaker.

MUNICIPAL UTILITIES BOARD ATTENDANCE LIST

DATE: July 9, 2026 Regular Meeting

Print name below

George Chachas

Print name below

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

George Chachas stated on the minutes dated June 11, 2026 in the fourth sentence, the name is Drakulich, not Brackwhich. On your agenda item under reports there's nothing in any of the reports regarding who authorized the new installation of the sewer line at 785 Bell Avenue. I want to remind you the City has yet to reimburse me for curing the sewer problem at 681 Parker; the blockage was on the City line, not on my line. To date, the City owes me \$29,099.83, which includes penalties and interest. I remind you; federal law prohibits discrimination in any federally funded or assisted utility. I want to know who inspected the Bell Avenue project CDBG 22/PF/04. I reported a leak on one of the meter pits and it hasn't been repaired to date. My fence was damaged, needs to be repaired by the contractor, and water lines and meter pits were not put in front of my property as the City did for the others along that project. The meter pits are 100 to 200 feet away. I want equal protection under the law. I've yet to receive any information in regard to which City Water Department employee requested the meter be changed for the Cal Ranch store, which cost the city \$30,279, and was approved by City Engineer Almberg. It was a Violation of NRS 354; money that's not budgeted cannot be spent. I've requested at numerous meetings a copy of letters sent to individuals outlining the terms required for consideration to write off penalties and interest on their properties and then be eligible for the appropriate refund. You can't have two sets of rules.

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

A. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Vice Chairman Derbidge stated he would be abstaining as he did not attend the June 11, 2026 meeting.

Moved by: Member Ross Second by: Member Jackson Vote: 4 ayes with 1 abstention from Vice Chairman Derbidge.

1. Discussion/For Possible Action –Minutes.
 - June 11, 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.

Deputy City Clerk Cobb read the following into the record:

From: Kyle Tate <Kyle.Tate@us.kghm.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2026 2:26 PM
To: Jennifer Lee
Cc: Patti Cobb; Michelle Yeoman
Subject: Utility Board Meeting 7-9-26

Good Afternoon 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 7,960 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 800 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 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.

Chairman O'Flaherty stated it appears that the sewer line was connected to a septic tank or cesspool and the water line was interconnected to a line serviced by the City at one time. Our concern is that waving the fee for the water service is appropriate, but it looks like the sewer connection fee will be the responsibility of the applicant.

Vice Chairman Derbidge moved to recommend 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 recommended waving fees in the amount of \$1,750.00 for water only as there has been service to this APN prior. The sewer connection in the amount of \$1,750.00 will be at the expense of the property owner as it has never been connected to City services. Member Ross seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Board Members – City Clerk Lee – Discussion/For Possible Action – Recommendation to remove past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$1,651.76 from APN 005-077-01 Cherry Creek, Ely, Nevada at the request of Property owner, Mike Fleming C/O Laura Fleming.

Deputy City Clerk Cobb read from City Clerks memo that on June 30, 2021, \$653.16 was transferred to this account from the previous owner and on June 9, 2026, the Flemings paid total Landfill fees due in the amount of \$1,424.96 and requested that the Utilities Board and City Council consider their request for a waiver of the accounts penalties.

Vice Chairman Derbidge recommended to remove past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$1,651.76 from APN 005-077-01 Cherry Creek, Ely, Nevada at the request of Property owner, Mike Fleming C/O Laura Fleming. Member Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

➤ CITY ENGINEER

City Engineer Almberg stated our NDOT project is ending, which is great. It's easy to get downtown and it looks beautiful. Next Wednesday, we have a walkthrough with NDOT and the City Parks Department to look at all the irrigation for the trees. They'll get an OEM manual of what's installed for all the valves, and everything associated with that irrigation system. We completed a design for a water line extension down near the Railroad for a fire hydrant in that area. We've submitted it to the City to get comments from Mike and the Water Department to see if they have any concerns, and if that's exactly what they're looking for. We're finalizing our EA for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project. As you recall, we're doing that EA because we have CDBG funding as part of our match with the earmarked money and CDBG requires the additional EA. Build America, Buy America (BABA) is delaying parts for the Morley project. As a part of that same project, we did pay Mount Wheeler Power, and they ordered the transformers and stuff to go with that pump and motor. Our Central Ely Sewer Project plans have been submitted to Mike and the Water and Sewer Department guys to review, and as soon as we get those comments back from them, we will finalize it and get it out for bid. We also received a letter regarding legal action of suppliers of PVC overcharging. There were three or four projects that we did in the timeframe that we did use those suppliers and have submitted those to the City.

Chairman O'Flaherty asked on the Aultman Street Project do we have streetlights yet?

City Engineer Almberg stated they are wiring them right now and so they should be on very soon.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

George Chachas stated ongoing concerns regarding 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; the drainage from the Bath property causing erosion on his property; whether or not Mr. Ramsey at 582 Highway 93, as well as Tim Vidrine have connected to City water and sewer per NRS; if Jim Alworth has ever applied for a permit to do business at his residence; whether the Historical Railroad, when they owned the White Pine Mobile Home Park on Avenue M, ever paid any back payments of water fees; and for the discrimination to stop.

Deputy City Clerk Cobb stated the next meeting will be August 13, 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

