

CITY OF ELY

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ELY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES BOARD REGULAR MEETING

August 13, 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 Ken Ross

Members absent:

Member Tom Stagg
Member Kelly Jackson

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
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: August 13, 2026 Regular Meeting

Print name below

George Chachas
Michelle Yeoman

Print name below

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

George Chachas stated on agenda item 3C-1, I want to know if Steve Romero paid the full amount of \$3,004.05 on the past due account at 794 Ely Street in order to qualify for the \$1,407.81 removal of past utility fee penalties and then receive a refund for the difference. Also, on agenda item 3C-2, did Steve Romero pay the full amount of \$2,157.92 on the past due account at 770 Ely Street in order to qualify for the \$930.39 removal of past due utilities penalties and fees then receive a refund for the differences as I was required to do for properties I had? I repeat that at numerous Utilities Board and City Council meetings, I have asked the board to provide me with a written answer so that I can keep it in a file for reference. You folks aren't consistent. It seems every time I turn around something changes. It appears your City Clerk is selectively enforcing rules that pertain to some, but not to others. Her continued intentional and blatant discrimination needs to stop. At numerous meetings, I've requested a copy of the letter sent to individuals outlining the terms required of them for consideration for write-off of penalties and interest on their properties and then be eligible for appropriate refund. To date, I've not received anything, should be very simple to pull that out of the files. On your agenda item 4-2, Councilman Van Camp; 4-3, Public Works Director; 4-7, City Clerk; and 4-10, City Engineer there is nothing in the reports regarding who authorized the installation and connection of the sewer line connection or clean-out, whatever it was, at 785 Bell Avenue. This has been going on for quite some time and I want the information. I want to remind you that the City has yet to reimburse me for curing the problem of the sewer line at 681 Parker. The blockage, again, was on the City line, not on mine. To date, the city owes me \$29,681.83, which includes penalties and interest. I want to remind you that federal law prohibits discrimination on any federally funded or assisted utility. I want to know who inspected the Bell Avenue project, CDBG 22\PF\04. To date, my fence that was damaged needs to be repaired by the contractor and the water lines and the meter pits were not put in front of my properties as you did for others with that project. I want equal protection under the law.

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: Vice Chairman Derbidge Second by: Member Ross Vote: Unanimous

1. Discussion/For Possible Action –Minutes.
 - July 9, 2026

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Board Members – Discussion only – Robinson Nevada Mining Company update to the Municipal Utilities Board on *Robinson Nevada* mining activities, South Block dewatering, Gleason Creek discharge and water mitigation efforts within the City of Ely.

Robinson Nevada Mining Company Representative Michelle Yeoman stated we currently have mining activities in all three pits; Ruth, Liberty, and Veteran. The following is a breakdown of our dewatering efforts from the South Block. As of this morning, approximately 6,500 gallons per minute (GPM) are being pumped. Of that, about 2,400 gallons per minute (GPM) is going into Gleason Creek, and the rest is being sent to the mill for ore processing needs. RW-7P is currently producing approximately 800 gallons per minute (GPM) and that's being distributed into the City water system.

C. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman O'Flaherty opened Items 1 and 2 together.

1. Board Members – City Clerk Lee – Discussion/For Possible Action – Recommendation to remove past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$1,407.81 from 794 Ely Street #1, Ely, Nevada at the request of property owner, Steve Romero.
2. Board Members – City Clerk Lee – Discussion/For Possible Action – Recommendation to remove past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$930.39 from 770 Ely Street – formerly 794 ½ Ely Street – Ely, Nevada at the request of property owner, Steve Romero.

City Clerk Lee stated both of these properties were being managed by Steve's mother, but she's getting elderly and the tenants were not paying the bill, so it kind of got away from her. He wants to get this all taken care of and has paid the landfill balances and the water balances on both.

Member Ross moved to recommend the removal of past due utility fee penalties up to the amount of \$1,407.81 from 794 Ely Street #1, Ely, Nevada and up to the amount of \$930.39 from 770 Ely Street – formerly 794 ½ Ely Street – Ely, Nevada at the request of property owner, Steve Romero. Vice Chairman Derbidge seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

➤ CITY ENGINEER

City Engineer Almberg stated we submitted the complete design and bid package for our EPA grant that was one of our earmarks for approval to put out on the street. I'm not sure when it's going to get back to us, because they are down some contractors that review our stuff, so it could be a little bit before we get it back, but it's in their hands. On the Morley CDBG project, we're just waiting for some BABA stuff and supplies to get here so the contractor can get to work. Hopefully it will be here in a timely manner so we can get it done before the weather turns on us. Other than that, I think everything else is good.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

George Chachas stated ongoing concerns regarding the drainage coming off of the Bath property onto his property on 7th Street causing erosion; 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; whether or not Jim Alworth ever applied for a permit to do business at his residence and if he paid commercial landfill utilities; whether the Historical Railroad, when they owned the White Pine Mobile Home Park paid any of their water and sewer back fees; and discrimination.

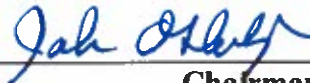
City Clerk Lee stated the next meeting will be September 10, 2026.

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.**



Attest



Chairman