



CITY OF ELY

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ELY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES BOARD REGULAR MEETING

September 10, 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
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) and the following people attended via video conference: Michael Miller

MUNICIPAL UTILITIES BOARD ATTENDANCE LIST

DATE: September 10, 2026 Regular Meeting

Print name below

Kyle Tate
George Chachas

Print name below

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

George Chachas stated on your agenda item 3C-1, you're to consider Resolution 2026-09 to establish a water per gallon rate effective September 10th, 2026 for all contractors. Does that also include the Golf Course? The Board may consider a reasonable increase but be careful of killing potential projects. Most costs are passed on to those needing contractors. What is the fee now? five cents seems a little too high; Councilwoman Van Camp is not presenting a reasonable plan or fee. On one hand, she fails to collect fees that are mandated by ordinance and then expects to collect the difference from those attempting to make progress. A small increase may be justified, but not five cents. On your agenda items, 4-6, Councilwoman Van Camp; 4-3, Public Works Director; 4-7, City Clerk; and under 4-8, City Engineer there's nothing in their reports regarding who authorized the installation or clean out at 785 Bell Avenue; that's all private property and should not have been done. The City has yet to reimburse me for curing the sewer problem at 681 Parker. To date, the City owes me \$29,681.83. I remind you, federal law prohibits discrimination on any federally funded or assisted utility. I want to know who inspected the Bell Avenue project CDBG22/PF/04. My fence was damaged and needs to be repaired. Water lines and meter pits were not put in front of the different properties that I gave you a diagram of, as you did for others. My meter pits are one hundred to two-hundred feet away. I want equal protection under the law. I also want to know which water department employee requested the meter to be changed at Cal Ranch Store, which cost approximately \$30,000 and it was approved by your City Engineer; a violation of NRS 354, money that isn't budgeted cannot be spent.

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.
 - August 13, 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 Environmental Manager Kyle Tate stated we currently have mining activities occurring across all three pits at the operation. Our dewatering activities, from South Block, consist of approximately 7,000 GPM that's currently being pumped. of that 7,000, 1500 is going into Gleason Creek, and the remaining 5,500 is going to the mill to help facilitate processing needs. RW-7P is currently pumping at about 800 GPM, and all that's being distributed into the City's water distribution system.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Councilwoman Van Camp – Public Works Director Cracraft – Discussion/For Possible Action – Recommendation to approve Resolution 2026-09 to Establish water per gallon fee effective September 10, 2026, for all contractors.

Public Works Director Cracraft stated how this came about was during the Ward Fire we were asked if they could pull water from the Ward tank for the helicopter. We were only charging two cents per gallon and Mr. Sanborn from the Forest Service stated we were too cheap and paid us five cents per gallon. I would like to make it five cents across the board for everyone.

Chairman O’Flaherty asked how many gallons did we actually utilize on the fire?

Public Works Director Cracraft stated 'm not positive. I saw the bill, but something went haywire with it, and they are redoing it because it got erased. It was quite a bit, because they were using that Helotech and it could hold 2,000 gallons a load.

Chairman O’Flaherty asked how many places can they draw water from for a fire?

Public Works Director Cracraft stated they can draw from any hydrant.

Chairman O’Flaherty stated any hydrant, but you were drawing from the upper storage water tank?

Public Works Director Cracraft stated it was closer and there is a hydrant right inside that yard.

Chairman O’Flaherty stated sounds like that was a good spot for them and maybe that's something we may want to look at in the future, is that's provided on all the water tanks, or selected water tanks.

Member Ross moved to approve recommending the approval of Resolution 2026-09 to Establish water per gallon fee effective September 10, 2026, for all contractors. Member Stagg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

➤ CITY CLERK

City Clerk Lee stated our office is currently working on forty-eight Notice of Intent to Lien letters, which is done biannually. Those will go out on Friday. We have a pretty good response with people coming in and paying before the lien actually gets put on; they have thirty days.

➤ **CITY ENGINEER**

City Engineer Almberg stated City Engineer Almberg stated the driller that is drilling the County Golf Course irrigation well is expected to show up next week to get his permit and start drilling on Wednesday. This is a big deal to the City because that's our biggest user in the summer and it's going to take that demand off of our system. The Mine is purchasing the pump and the motor associated with that drill and that hole, so that's a big benefit to the community, and the Golf Course as a whole.

Chairman O'Flaherty asked is this project just the drilling of the well and setting the pump, or is it the interconnection also to the existing lines?

City Engineer Almberg stated this is just drilling and setting the pump. The County will have to actually hook it up to the Golf Course.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

George Chachas stated the sound system sucks; you need to bring a speaker closer. I can't hear BJ half the time and that's not fair, read the Open Meeting Law. I've not received any information as requested from you, regarding the following concerns dating back to May 23rd, 2024, and I'm resubmitting them today. I asked if you collected in full plus penalties for all utilities that were delinquent for the Historical Railroad when they owned the White Pine Mobile Home Park on Avenue M. Did you put a lien on the property and shut their water off after ninety days of non-payment for utilities? Have they paid? If so, how much did they pay, and when was it paid? Did you collect the past due utilities and rent from the Garnet Mercantile Association when they owned the property known as the Art Bank? Did they pay penalties and interest for the past due utilities and for rent? Did you shut off the water after ninety days of non-payment? Did the City put a lien on the property like has been done to others? Have they paid? If so, how much did they pay, and when was it paid? Mr. Chairman, there's some steel plates in front of my property at 622 High Street. I asked Mike to have them removed and he told me it's your responsibility. I can't get onto my property. I need those steel plates removed, and the dirt put back along the property line, which helps divert water from coming down and affecting my property. So, when you get a chance, please remove them, or I'll, find somebody who can. Mr. Chachas stated ongoing concerns regarding the drainage from the Bath property causing erosion on his property located at 622 High Street; 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 whether or not Mr. Ramsey at 582 Highway 93, as well as Tim Vidrine have connected to City water and sewer per NRS.

City Clerk Lee stated the next meeting will be on October 8, 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 **8:18 a.m.**



Attest



Chairman

