



CITY OF ELY

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ELY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

May 29, 2024, 5:00 p.m. – Ely Volunteer Fire Hall – 499 Mill Street – Ely, Nevada

1. Mayor Robertson called the regular meeting of the Ely City Council to order at 5:00 P.M., led in the Pledge of Allegiance, and asked for Roll Call.

Members present:

- Mayor Nathan Robertson
- Councilman Terrill Trask
- Councilwoman Samantha Elliott
- Councilman Jim Alworth
- Councilwoman Jerri Lynn Williams-Harper

Members absent:

- Councilman Kurt Carson

City Officials and staff present in the building or via video conference:

- City Clerk Jennifer Lee
- City Treasurer – HR Director Janette Trask
- City Public Works Director Mike Cracraft
- City Attorney Leo Cahoon
- City Fire Chief Pat Stork

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:

ELY CITY COUNCIL ATTENDANCE LIST

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Print name below

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Becky Murdock
George Chachas

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

George Chachas stated the meeting packet I received today was not complete. Jennifer said it was available on the internet and by email; that is not compliant with the Nevada Open Meeting law. You should be paying the County less for police protection; they're down officers. The

Victim Impact fund should compensate veterans for the impacts of crime on them, like I've suffered.

3. THE MAYOR WILL RECESS THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING AT 5:00 P.M. ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS.

1. Council Members – City Treasurer Trask – Public Hearing – Discussion Only – Adoption of the Tentative Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, as FINAL. Budget to be submitted to the Department of Taxation pursuant to NRS 354.598.

There were no comments from the public.

4. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS PERTAINING TO THE PUBLIC HEARING.

1. Council Members – City Treasurer Trask – Discussion/For Possible Action – Adoption of the Tentative Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, as FINAL. Budget to be submitted to the Department of Taxation pursuant to NRS 354.598.

City Treasurer Trask stated what I have handed out today are the changes from Council decisions including adjustment of the Capital Projects, the added pumper truck, and the 20% share of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project. City Treasurer Trask reviewed the Fiscal Year 2025 budget on file at City Hall.

Councilman Alworth stated on page 7 under consolidated revenue we need to keep the SB254 separate, if you look back at the minutes when Mr. Kalt with POOL PACT presented; It needs to be used as a reserve.

Mayor Robertson asked if we don't get \$215,000, \$200,000, and \$215,000 then nothing goes into those capital funds.

City Treasurer Trask stated right.

Councilman Alworth stated those revenue funds should not comingle; they should be separate funds.

City Treasurer Trask stated I keep track of it separately.

Councilman Alworth asked why can't we have them separated?

City Treasurer Trask stated because we didn't create it.

Councilman Trask stated we as a Council would have to pass a resolution like we did for the others.

Councilman Alworth asked when does the increase of salaries/wages go into effect?

City Treasurer Trask stated July 1, 2024, hourly employees' goes into effect and exempt employees goes into effect after their personnel session.

Councilman Alworth stated I think the agreement with White Pine County for Police Protection needs to be looked at. They are down officers and I question how much detective work is done by the department. This needs to be renegotiated as whoever sat on the negotiation committee had blinders on and did not look ahead. I hope there was an out clause in there so we can renegotiate because there wasn't on the previous eight-year contract.

Mayor Robertson asked is this a three-year agreement?

City Treasurer Trask stated yes.

Councilman Alworth stated We don't know what taxation told the Treasurer; she didn't provide a report. On page twenty-two it shows \$200,000.00 for redevelopment.

City Treasurer Trask stated this was set up by the Council and I have put it in the budget to have it available as a revolving loan.

Mayor Robertson asked do enterprise funds pay for their own compensated absences?

City Treasurer Trask stated yes, but Alan said the Compensated Absences Fund can be used for any of them.

Councilman Alworth stated we are just grabbing numbers in the dark. We can do an augmentation, correct?

City Treasurer Trask stated no, we cannot do an augmentation unless it is unbudgeted revenue.

Councilman Alworth asked why do we have to have the \$50,000.00 added?

Mayor Robertson stated we don't have to.

Councilman Alworth stated that is what I am talking about, then take it out.

Councilman Trask stated we have to have some faith in the person that's doing their job to budget something in it. They have to have money, and she explained that to us multiple times. If there's no budget in these funds, we can't use them.

Councilman Alworth stated we already have \$130,000.00 or so in stabilization money, right?

City Treasurer Trask stated yes.

Councilman Alworth asked why did the money on page twenty-eight not get put into the General Fund like you comingled the Capital Funds into this?

City Treasurer Trask stated because they are separate in what they do. This one is specifically for the SCCRT from the CTX funds that if it tanks we can use these funds. The other one is more of a General Fund that can be used for anything.

Councilman Alworth asked on page thirty-five is there any thought to pay off those loans?

City Treasurer Trask stated I would say at this point with our cash flow possibly going out for capital projects and the NDOT project, we won't do that this year.

Councilwoman Elliott moved to adopt the Tentative Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, as presented, as FINAL. Councilman Trask seconded the motion. The motion carried with 3 to 1, with Councilman Alworth voting Nay.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Alworth stated the City needs to get NDOT to repaint lines on Great Basin Boulevard and Aultman Street; they are so faded out it's a safety hazard not only for local residents, but people driving through town because you don't know where you're at.

George Chachas stated ongoing concerns regarding the damaged railroad arm on East Aultman; the drainage issue behind NAPA near his property preventing him from getting in to do maintenance; who paid for the excavation and paving at 901 Avenue H and 1100 Avenue L; the drainage from the Bath property; those that have been permitted in the City to park RVs and if

they are paying utilities; code violations on Great Basin Boulevard not being addressed; and the egress and ingress at the Golden Gate convenience store he alleges is against code.

6. ADJOURNMENT: THE MEETING MAY BE ADJOURNED BY APPROPRIATE MOTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

Councilwoman Elliott moved to adjourn the special meeting of the Ely City Council at **5:50 p.m.** Councilwoman Williams-Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



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