

CITY OF ELY

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ELY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

July 11, 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 Kurt Carson
- Councilwoman Samantha Elliott
- Councilman Jim Alworth
- Councilwoman Jerri Lynn Williams-Harper

Members absent:

- Councilman Terrill Trask

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

- City Clerk Jennifer Lee
- City Treasurer – HR Director Janette Trask (Zoom)
- City Public Works Director Mike Cracraft
- City Fire Chief Pat Stork
- City Engineer B.J. Almberg
- City Building Official Don Hendrickson
- City Municipal Court Judge Mike Coster
- City 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: Geri Wopschall, and Eugene Harper.

ELY CITY COUNCIL ATTENDANCE LIST

DATE: July 11, 2024

Print name below

Sandy Morenc
Benjamin Moreno
Josh Lieberman
Mel VanCamp
Paula Coates
George Chachas
Dean Reynolds
Jessica Hendrickson
M Coster
Pat Robinson

Print name below

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

George Chachas stated on agenda item 4 the City Clerk issued business licenses to out of town contractors ranging from \$12.88 to \$40.59 at the most and local contractors are charged considerably more. Does the City have a problem with local contractors? The City needs to clean up its act. You need employees that know what they're doing. This is ridiculous. The Council needs to encourage local business, not kill it. Some of the special event licenses that you considered needed a regular business license as they're not nonprofit, and they don't belong to a religious organization or any public service clubs. You have got to stop giving the out-of-towners the break that the locals don't get. Did they pay any landfill fees or any other utility fees? We all pay, or nobody pays. You need to keep that in mind

3. Mayor – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval of Agenda, including removal of agenda items.

Councilwoman Elliott moved to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Carson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

➤ CITY FIRE CHIEF

City Fire Chief Stork stated I have one issue to report on that I have discussed already with the Mayor. We are having issues with running ambulances out to the prison. A couple of Sundays ago our dispatch received calls and they make it sound like the world's falling apart out there. We had ten personnel tied up and three ambulances out there. Once we got on scene all three of these inmates had minor injuries. I've told my guys from this point on, we are not sending more than two ambulances out there. They've got an infirmary and nurses out there to take care of minor injuries and should be self-sufficient. They can pick which two inmates they want to transport. We'll take them and when we drop one off, we'll turn around and go back for others. I don't feel we should be leaving our citizens of the City and the rest of the county without a 911 service available. I wanted to make sure we've got support from the Council. We're going to try to get with the Warden and let him know where we're at. It is draining our resources. That's the stance I am taking on my own as a department head, and if they need a third ambulance, we'll try and get them one out of McGill, and if they can't staff one, then they'll just have to wait until we drop off one of their inmates and go back for the other one.

Councilman Alworth asked for runs to Duckwater, which is in Nye County; do you guys roll on them all the time or does Lund help out?

City Fire Chief Stork stated once in a while Lund helps out, but very seldom. We went today and transported. It's a three-hour call and so that is a little over three hours that we are out of service. We have got a meeting hopefully this month with the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe to enter into some sort of an agreement. I'd rather see them try to contract with Medx, because it's just like I said, it drains our resources. Twice last month we went all the way to Currant Summit and started up to Duckwater and got cancelled. The next one was 11:30 at night, we got all the way down the other side of Currant Summit, and they cancelled us and said they were going to transport themselves. So, in the meantime, we got a crew, an ambulance, all the fuel, and we are out of service for that time. I don't know how they became our liability as Eureka's close by too. We've got some stuff in the works to try and talk with them, to get some things figured out on that.

➤ CITY CLERK

City Clerk Lee stated on the New Business Report, just to bring to everyone's attention, it's through June of this year, which is the end of our fiscal year and that's why those out-of-town businesses are such small amounts. They were basically two- or three-weeks' worth of license and so that's prorated. Last Wednesday GOED notified me that Nevada's Grant matching program is accepting applications. I verified our eligibility same day and will be applying for funds as part of our cost share for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade. Marshall Smith, POOL-PACT's Risk Manager, stopped by my office yesterday to present new resources for safety committees required by NRS and to discuss the POOL's Enterprise Excellence Program. Administrative Assistant Cobb

and I prepared the Nevada Department of Forestry (NDF) grant bid invitations for publication next Friday, and that will be on the Council's agenda to award on August 8th.

➤ **CITY PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

Councilman Alworth asked on the Animal Control report is it possible to add the callouts on there with the time and location whether it is in the City or County? I think that would be good information when we go into negotiations for that agreement. I see the Treasurer reported on our tire recycling collected \$49,000 over what the budget is. So, when do you determine to ship the tires out because we have got to pay for that recycling.

City Public Works Director Cracraft stated we try to do it like three to four times a year, it depends on the size of mountain that we get out there.

Councilman Alworth stated I think the recycling is great, you know it's the tire recycling that's an expense. It cost us \$16,300 for tires, and we still got a mountain of tires. If we were to say, Poof ship all the tires, do you think we would break even, or is it going to be costing more to ship the tires.

City Public Works Director Cracraft stated that's something we can look into it.

Councilman Alworth stated go back, maybe two years, see how it rolls forward. Of course, the price of scrap steel is high right now. One time there was consideration when Councilman Carson mentioned to start checking into our own tire chipper for the future because it is amazing how many tires are out there. On the summer employees we advertised for four, but only got two?

City Public Works Director Cracraft stated we had four, but when you tell some of them there is a test involved, they don't want to be a part of that.

Councilman Alworth stated you know, when we started this whole thing years ago, it was to try to get the kids into the workforce. I know in the fire department Josh ended up being a firefighter at the Houston Fire Department from the experience he got here.

City Public Works Director Cracraft stated we used to get about ten kids and have to turn some away and now this year we had only four apply. We are still accepting applications and so if you know of anyone looking, send them our way.

Councilman Carson asked what is the age limit?

City Public Works Director Cracraft stated seventeen.

Councilwoman Williams-Harper stated if you can remind me in May, I can put the word out to some of our young people and help them prepare.

Councilman Alworth stated thank you fore adding the Duck Pond and Golf Course water usage on your report.

➤ **CITY ENGINEER**

City Council Report (7/11/24)

- Parker/Stevens CDBG sewer project is complete. Finalize paperwork to close out project.
- Finalizing revisions to Aultman project based on NDOT review comments.
- Working on Marley CBDG EA/SHPO.
- Working on the Wastewater CATEX.
- Working on City Slurry project.
- Bell Ave CDBG project is working through the contract paperwork to get the project started.

5. NNRY FOUNDATION REPORT

NEVADA NORTHERN RAILWAY NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK



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A Nevada 501 (c) 3 Non-Profit Corporation
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Monthly Operations Report for June 2024

1. Locomotive Status – Updated
 - a. Locomotives in service: #93, #109, 204, 310, 801, Wrecking Crane A & Rotary B.
 - b. Locomotive 81 is out-of-service with running gear and boiler issues. The staff and volunteers have done incredible work on Locomotive 81. The Federal Railroad Administration was here and passed all of the boiler repairs.
 - c. Locomotive 40 is out of service for her heavy repairs. We have started on her repairs; she will be out of service until 2025.
 - d. Locomotives out of service needing moderate repairs: #201 and #802
 - e. Locomotives waiting funding for restoration: Steptoe Valley Smelting and Mining #309 and Rotary Snowplow B (for boiler overhaul.)
 - f. Locomotives out of service needing heavy repairs #80 and the military locomotives.
3. Rolling Stock Status – No change
 - a. Passenger equipment in service: #08, #09, Flatcar #23, Baggage/RPO #20, Outfit Car #06.
 - b. Passenger car #07 is out of service with truck issues. Coach 5 in for painting.
 - c. Passenger equipment out of service: #10, #2 and #05 needing heavy repairs.
 - d. Caboose in service: #3 and #22 are operational.
 - e. Caboose out service: #5 and #6. Caboose #6 needs a 50-year waiver.
4. Track Status – No change
 - a. Keystone Branch is open.
 - b. Adverse Branch is open.
 - c. Museum Branch is open.
5. Ridership and Ticket Sales – Updated
 - a. In June, we carried 2,007 passengers, this was a decrease of 12% compared to the previous year.
 - b. This year to date we have carried 4659 passengers, this was a decrease of 19% compared to the previous year.
 - c. Since operations began in 1987, we have carried 367,358 passengers.
6. Economic Impact – The average non-gaming & gaming daily expenditure per overnight visitor \$170.
Economic impact for June 2024 was $2,007 \times 80\% \times 170 = \$272,952$.
Economic impact year to date was $4659 \times 80\% \times 170 = \$633,624$

Award Winning Destination

Best Adrenaline Rush in Rural Nevada – 2020
Best Historic Railroad of the West – 2023, 2022
Best Museum in Rural Nevada – 2022, 2020, 2017, 2016, 2014, 2013, 2010, 2009, 2008
Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence – 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014
Best Place to Take the Kids in Rural Nevada - 2020, 2019, 2018, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007

These numbers only reflect the economic impact of our train passengers and does not include visitors who did not ride the train.

7. Social Media: Our reach on social media continues to expand:
 - a. Our Facebook reach last month was 6,893,708
 - c. We have 135,000 page likes.
 - d. 199,400 people follow our page.
8. The shop crew were able to manufacture new staybolts for Locomotive 81 here. The photo on the left is Bill holding one of the new staybolts to show their size. On the right are the new staybolts before installation.



6. GEORGETOWN RANCH QUARTERLY REPORT

Jennifer Lee

From: Betsy Vogler
Sent: Monday, July 1, 2024 11:02 PM
To: Jennifer Lee
Subject: Georgetown quarterly report April 5th, 2024 - June 30th, 2024 J

Jennifer,

Here is the quarterly report for Georgetown Ranch:

Insurance through Stockman's

Submitted paperwork to the BLM

April: burned south field 3 times to clear out old brush, garbage and overgrown dead Kochia to open it up so white top could be more accessible to spray.

4/18: Brought in 20 head of my cattle that were starting to calve.

4/19: Met with Rope Ashworth, with Tri-county weed, to spray hemlock along ditches and white top in the field. Mid May was expected to be prime time to spray

5/21/24- 5/23/24: Tricounty weed spraying for approximately 3 days

6/8 & 6/9: Fence repair far East side behind businesses and housing. Repaired the treated water ditch North of hayfields.

6/16: Spot spraying along ditches for hemlock that was still visible and some white top South end.

6/17/24: Gleason Creek water flow dropping significantly

6/24/24: Brought in 80 more of my bred cows.

6/26/24: Attended County commission meeting spoke during public comment for commission awareness of out of control hemlock and white top at the golf course. They asked me to put it on agenda.

6/26/24: Significant rise in water level from storm washing out a couple culverts.

6/27/24: Contacted Nicole Stephey to put on County Agenda to hopefully get Golf Course to start spraying their noxious weeds.

Plans for next quarter:

Continue spot spraying for noxious weeds and fence repair. Fix culverts that washed out in main ditch from excessive water from 6/26/24

Begin haying fields first part of July and stacking and storing hay at Georgetown.

After haying continue to irrigate fields and begin using hay fields for rotational grazing.

Start repairing all ditches for better irrigation of fields.

Building temporary corrals for working cattle in roughly same area last lessee had his corrals.

If you need anything else or more detail please let me know.

Thank you,

Betsy K Vogler

Councilman Alworth stated I am glad to see she is aggressively going after the weed problem there. I like having this quarterly report.

7. REPORTS

➤ COUNCILMAN ALWORTH

Councilman Alworth stated I don't have anything to report, just an observation. You drive around our fine city and our long-time local businesses keep their landscaping nice by keeping it green and trimmed. The new businesses, and I'm glad to have the businesses here, but they let grass die and there's a weed patch. Apartment complexes get

new owners or RNDC builds them up and then they quit watering the grass and they look like heck. When I talked to the City Clerk, she said, Councilman Alworth, we don't have an ordinance to address commercial properties. I don't know as I didn't look that deep into it. I'll give you a prime example, Loves is a disgrace. Their headquarters is back east someplace so when you send a letter to them, you're not going to get any action. You have got to knock on their door and do something. She contacted the apartment complex down toward Bath lumber and within three days I did see some sprinklers running. We have got to do something. We're talking about beautifying downtown. If we want to clean the City up we have got to get tougher with it and put some bite into our ordinances and not just send a letter.

➤ **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS-HARPER**

Councilwoman Williams-Harper stated our Superintendent is the President of the Superintendents Association for Nevada this year. Also, there is an awful lot of work going into the District. It's time consuming, but it's great. I can't remember a summer when I've had four different, distinct workshops that we're involved in, plus other small things. There's just really a push to make our district stronger and better to make sure that we are really serving our kids where they're at and moving them on. Some of the workshops that we're having, we have people coming from all over Nevada, and we are really shoring up what it is we think our students are needing for the future, so we can be sure we make them future ready. That's a big deal this summer and I'm really proud of that.

➤ **MAYOR ROBERTSON**

Mayor Robertson stated you've got my report for permits and such. I'd also like to thank the Volunteer Fire Department for their participation in the Etcheverry funeral. I thought that was nice for them to do that and the family was very appreciative. I'd also like to thank all of the organizations that put in all the work for the 4th of July. It was a great weekend. Gosh! Those fireworks get better every year, it's impressive. All the work volunteers put in for the parade, events, and people who put together their class reunions made it a really great weekend. So, thanks to all the volunteers for that.

10. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION ONLY OF THE ELY CITY COUNCIL.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Alworth disclosed I am a past member of the Ely Volunteer Fire Department, and some payments benefit the Volunteers, in which I have certain privileges by my association, but I will vote in good faith for the City of Ely. I do have questions about the bills. On the bills dated June 24, 2024, what is the charge for \$5769.84 for the Department of Employment Training for the second quarter.

City Treasurer Trask stated that is our unemployment tax we pay to the State.

Councilman Alworth asked there are two charges from Gust Electric for \$500.00?

City Clerk Lee stated those charges are for the decorative streetlights.

Councilman Alworth stated on the bills dated July 3, 2024, there is a charge with the initials EMRB Assessment, the fee was split four ways for \$129.00?

City Treasurer Trask stated I will have to look that one up and get back to you.

Councilman Alworth asked what is Let's Print for a \$95.00 printing service?

City Treasurer Trask stated it is the local printing company that prints envelopes, letterhead, invoices and other paper products for us.

Councilman Alworth asked what the charge is for from Nevada Division Environmental access codes? That's three big ones totaling \$8,587.00.

City Treasurer Trask stated it is for permit fees.

Councilman Alworth asked do we know for what or where at?

City Treasurer Trask stated I would have to look them up and get back to you.

Councilman Alworth stated and there is a charge to Sanitary Septic for \$500.00. I thought we were done with them, maybe Mike can answer that one.

City Public Works Director Cracraft stated that was to clean out the bypass at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Councilman Alworth stated my last question is the charge for \$349.00 from yourmembership.com Inc. posting?

City Treasurer Trask stated I will have to add that to the list of ones to look up and get back to you on.

Councilman Alworth stated seems like somebody in this room signed a check for all of these questions and should know what they signed for. Just do a better job, ladies and gentlemen, people signing on both sides, the council side and the staff side.

Mayor Robertson disclosed my husband is a member of the Volunteer Fire Department and is not treated any differently than any of the others so I will not be abstaining, and I also don't vote.

MOTION: Move to approve the Consent Agenda item 10A-1 Minutes and 10A-2 Bills.

Moved by: Councilman Carson Second by: Councilwoman Williams-Harper Vote: Motion passed with 3 ayes and 1 nay from Councilman Alworth.

1. Discussion/For Possible Action – Minutes
 - June 13, 2024
 - June 27, 2024
2. Discussion/For Possible Action – Bills.
 - June 24, 2024
 - July 3, 2024

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Robertson – Discussion/For Possible Action – Annual Performance Evaluation of Municipal Court Judge Mike Coster to include, but not limited to consideration of character, alleged misconduct, professional competence, or physical or mental health. Possible action includes, but is not limited to, termination, suspension, demotion, reprimand, reduction or increase in pay, promotion, endorsement, engagement, retention, or “no action.”

Municipal Court Judge Coster stated thank you for this annual opportunity to get reviewed and to invite feedback. Hopefully not all of the words that are in the agenda item, but nonetheless, the feedback. It was really a good year. The clerks have done a great job. I always sincerely say that Linea Pringle and Lisa Hall make things operate really well in our court and you may encounter them occasionally. We were audited this year, not just the City audit, but also the every four years the Nevada Supreme Court does more of an operational audit. They do look at cash control and stuff like that, but they also look at if I am following the sentence, regarding minimums and maximums; are we keeping records long enough; are we keeping records too long; and many other things. There's a new audit director, and from the training that I just attended, which I'll mention in a minute, the several courts that have been audited this year; no one has received a draft report yet. We got an email, saying they were given a several week special assignments by the Supreme Court that has held them up on all their work, so they don't have the report yet. It was a significantly intrusive audit, and that comes from a CPA. They brought three people plus two trainees, so our people were displaced out of their desk for much of the day. It was supposed to be two weeks, but it ran the better part of three weeks. We were supposed to get a draft report within two weeks and we're now in week seven and a half. We still don't have a draft report. It's not going well for this new

director, but hopefully, ultimately it goes well for us, and I will be happy to update you on it when it comes. I attended training in Winnemucca two weeks ago. The clerks did not use any of their training money for out of city training, but they're not particularly interested in going out of town and what training they needed this year they were able to do online by contract providers free of charge. I appreciate the efforts of the Mayor in particular, because he contacts me about four times a year, and we usually sit down and catch up on what went by last time, and I appreciate having the opportunity. Fortunately, nothing serious seems to come up but I do appreciate the attention. Jennifer, Janette, Desiree and Patti, who we see regularly, are always right where they're supposed to be right at the right time, quick to return calls, and that keeps us from getting bogged down in certain places. The last thing I would like to say is budget wise we came in under budget overall, but we were over on the public defender budget. The public defender, as you know, goes through the County with the State agency. It's been very unpredictable this year, and somewhat disruptive. The wrinkles are not ironed out of that yet, so I don't know what's going to happen, but it looks like we're going to continue to be over budget on the public defender charges. We've had three appeals in the calendar year 2024, one was resolved satisfactory to the court, and the other two are still pending.

Mayor Robertson stated there weren't any particular issues of interest that anybody submitted that they wanted to talk about. We appreciate the report. Judge Coster runs his court very computing to the vicissitudes of our problems over here. We appreciate all the time and energy you and your staff use to work around some of the issues we've had, and to make sure in the interim that the public's work before that court gets taken care of, because making sure that gets done is no small task. Judge Coster and his staff routinely, consistently do a fantastic job.

City Municipal Judge Coster stated we do a little on the public outreach side. We did have school kids in once early this year for about forty-five minutes. I spoke at the Steptoe Valley graduation this year and we did some STEM project stuff. I'm glad we can contribute in different ways.

Councilman Alworth moved to endorse for a job well done regarding the annual Performance Evaluation of City Municipal Court Judge Coster to include, but not limited to consideration of character, alleged misconduct, professional competence, or physical or mental health. Councilwoman Williams-Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. THE MAYOR WILL RECESS THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING AT 5:30 P.M. ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS.

1. Council Members – Building Official Hendrickson – Public Hearing – Discussion Only – Approval of proposed Petition for Vacation or Abandonment of Road or Easement by Applicants, represented by Petitioner PWD Ely, LLC, requesting that an approximate 180' L X 80' W portion of Avenue E between Blocks 29 & 32 be vacated/abandoned to accommodate a future Commercial Development.

Josh Liebermann with PWD Ely, LLC stated we are asking for this remaining portion of Avenue E to be vacated, to hopefully get the project under construction next spring. We just got back today pack today our results on the second quarterly report for Nevada Department of Environmental Protection (NDEP) on the old dry cleaner facility and we'll have two more quarterly reports. We have three monitoring wells that were required so that's kind of delayed a lot of the construction and getting things moving, but everything is clear, vacated, and secured across all ten parcels that we own. The remaining vacation that we took care of last year has been recorded. I have copies for everyone to help show what we're finishing up here to get the project underway.

George Chachas stated I'm against the abandonment of the portion of Avenue E. between blocks 29 and 32. There's a disregard for public safety in that area being considered for commercial development. To date the Council and the developer have failed to respond to my written concerns, dated July 6, 2023, and October 12, 2023. The pictures of 701

East Aultman, dated June 18, 2023, June 13, 2024, and June 20, 2024, show the property is yet to be fenced off. It's an attractive nuisance as well as a safety hazard while salvaging is being done. The Council is in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS). I want to remind you the City may not, under NRS 268.512 to 268.568 inclusively assist manufacturing, industrial warehousing, or other commercial enterprise, or any organization for research and development, to locate within the city or within ten miles of the city, which would compete substantially with an enterprise or organization, or organization already established in the city or in the county in which the city is located. The City of Ely street and alley abandonment criteria states if the answers to any of these questions is yes, and you have that in your packet, then a roadway must not be abandoned. The City has not done a housing study as required by NRS. The City has lost a substantial area for RVS, and no place for those affected to go. The City Council reduced the hotel/motel requirement from fifty down to forty, down to thirty, and then did away with the requirement which was in place for years. That action caused a local developer that was about to build a hundred room Hampton Inn hotel and casino to cancel and scrap his plans. The City needs development that encourages, stay and play, not gas and go. This request is just a simple land grab, and the City gains nothing. This item needs to be denied.

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

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City Building Official Hendrickson stated I would just like to state as I proposed to the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) on this, there are no issues to be concerned with that I see, and I would actually recommend our Council approve this.

Councilman Carson asked do we have any utilities in that area?

City Building Official Hendrickson stated no, we do not.

Mayor Robertson asked what prompted the change in this? As I recall from vague memories of a year ago, they were just going to leave this as a city right of way, but now they've extended that abandonment to 8th Street?

City Building Official Hendrickson stated I'm not familiar with there being a change. I'm only familiar with what this proposal is.

Josh Liebermann with PWD Ely, LLC stated Initially we were hoping to acquire access through the bank. Due to the frontage that they lost during the widening and relocating it fits into the rear. It came to this point where the bank was like, can we abandon the rest of the road, and that's the process we're in now.

Mayor Robertson stated the road behind the bank is being abandoned to you guys, what are you using that for? Is that going to be another access?

Josh Liebermann with PWD Ely, LLC stated on the drawing, as you can see it will be permanent access to the bank. The bank doesn't want to have ownership of that road just due to the traffic, and so we'll have a permanent easement that will allow the bank to take access off of that road in the future whenever they decide to re-pave their parking lot.

Councilman Alworth asked Mayor can I ask the Moreno's in the audience a question please? Since this blocked you on the south side are you okay with this?

Sandy Moreno stated yes, we've actually gone out and measured, and if anyone's familiar with the road, we would acquire up to the center line of the current road. We believe that would allow us to open up our backyard and change the fencing. That would give us

room to navigate the trailers and the excavator, and all the other items that we have. I have to admit when this was going on last year, and it was approved to close Avenue E at our back property line I did have concern about a dead-end street there. I can just imagine the parties and the trash dumping! No one's going to go in there and plow half a street, you know, there's not even room for him to really turn around at that point, so we had concerns with it being left as a partial street. This would eliminate the concern about people coming in whenever and using it to dump their trash, have their parties, and do their donuts; you know the off-highway vehicles and the guys with no helmets coming in there. I think it would add a little security to the neighborhood.

Councilman Alworth moved to approve the Abandonment of an approximate 180' L X 80' W portion of Avenue E between Blocks 29 & 32 be vacated/abandoned to accommodate a future Commercial Development by Petitioner PWD Ely, LLC. Councilman Carson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

2. Council Members – City Clerk Lee – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval of the Nevada Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Award Agreement for the Morley Avenue Water/Sewer Project in the amount \$671,625, with the City providing a \$223,875 match.

City Clerk Lee stated this agreement is on the agenda because former City Attorney Cahoon recommended that whenever we've got grant agreements that require City match in cash that those go before the Council so, that's 25% of the entire project.

Councilman Alworth asked where is the match coming from?

City Treasurer Trask stated Morley is under capital if it's a water project, it's in the Water Enterprise Fund. If there's a sewer portion to it, it gets put under the sewer.

City Clerk Lee stated yes, it is both.

Councilman Carson moved to approve the Nevada Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Award Agreement for the Morley Avenue Water/Sewer Project in the amount \$671,625, with the City providing a \$223,875 match. Councilwoman Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Council Members – City Clerk Lee - Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval of 36 month-agreement, with 24-month renewals, between Ring Central, Inc and the City of Ely for the provision of digital phone services at a \$493.00 monthly rate.

I spoke with City Attorney Manuele regarding the addition of two more phones which bumps up the total to \$551.00 monthly, that is in your additional documentation. This is a good contract for the City as they're providing the phones for free, but we will own the phones. It eliminates our Verizon plan, because when people call the officials line it will forward automatically to their personal phone without disclosing their number and if they're not able to take the call, they can have it go to voicemail; it's more efficient in that way. The City will enjoy unlimited usage under this plan. Our current phone system is over twenty-six years old, and there's no company support for those phones.

Mayor Robertson stated I think our AT & T bill is quite a bit more than that per month at the moment.

City Clerk Lee stated yes.

Councilwoman Elliott moved to approve the 36 month-agreement, with 24-month renewals, between Ring Central, Inc and the City of Ely for the provision of digital phone services at a \$493.00 monthly rate. Councilwoman Williams-Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Alworth asked to go back to the Treasurer's report and stated on our Community Service Support Funds, it's a nice report with all the detail, but you get down to the bottom, it says, total committed, but not spent \$1.8 million dollars. Can we have numerous lines down below, Treasurer Trask, that show what makes up that 1.8 million not spent. I mean, it's committed so I try to go through here, and I look, and the easiest one to look at is infrastructure. We got \$1,100,000. with nothing spent, that's an easy one. I look around and where's the rest at like the parks and cemetery? It shows what's committed but it would just be nice, so I don't have to go searching through there.

City Treasurer Trask stated I can look at it tomorrow and see. That's why I put the column over there that has the asterisks for the ones that have been paid, and the ones without asterisks haven't been fully paid.

Councilman Alworth stated it would be nice if there were just five lines to look at. Thank you for looking into that.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Paula Carson stated I support one hundred percent our Fire Chief's plan for the prison. I would just like to mention that in the meetings I've been to, my understanding is that the County is going to supply Lund with a new ambulance, and their old ambulance is supposed to go to Duckwater. That was the plan that I heard, so hopefully they have their own ambulance, and they can get some people trained to kick in and help with that.

Administrative Assistant Cobb read the following into the record:



White Pine Chamber of Commerce

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Dear Ely City Council.

The White Pine Chamber of Commerce would like to bring attention to the City of Ely Public Works Department. We would like to submit special acknowledgements of sincere gratitude towards the parks department for their supportive efforts that ensured the entire community was able to successfully engage in and enjoy the Fourth of July Red White and Blue Blowout in Broadbent Park this past Independence Day.

Mike, Dale, and the public works staff went above and beyond in their duties to provide their service to multiple community organizations including the Chamber, in accomplishing an incredibly well attended celebration of Ely and White Pine County. It is incredibly important to highlight the efforts of these few who provided a truly remarkable impact that created a positive impression on all who attended the many events held in Broadbent park last week.

Thank you to the City of Ely Public Works Department, especially Mike and Dale, for going above and beyond, working diligently to solve logistical issues and making themselves available after hours to support the needs of community members, new business owners, and non-profit organizations that benefited from Broadbent Park being fully prepared for the festivities. We look forward to next year!

Sincerely,

The White Pine Chamber of Commerce

Shadrah Robertson - Director

Michael Couch - President

Dr. Jerri Lyn Harper - Vice President

Cora Gatti - Treasurer

Jenna Lopez - Secretary

Tony Enriquez - Past President


Irene Chachas - Member at Large

Jessica Hendrickson stated I wanted to take a minute to formally introduce myself. I am the new Extension County Coordinator for both White Pine and Eureka Counties. My office is located in the library in the back extension area. I welcome you all to stop by and say hello.

George Chachas stated ongoing concerns regarding the egress and ingress on the Golden Gate property; who paid for the asphalt paving at 901 Avenue H and 1100 Avenue L; code violations not being addressed by the Planning Commission, Council Members and Commissioners; the drainage coming off the Bath property onto the west side of his property located at 622 High Street; a list of those permitted to live in RVs in the City and if they are paying for utilities; the sewer problem he took care of at his property located at 681 Parker Avenue and his request for reimbursement; alleged damage received at his property on 710, 729, 733, and 745 Great Basin Boulevard during the NDOT project; the broken railroad safety arm on Aultman Street near the Holiday Inn; the plugged drain behind NAPA near his property; and information in regards to complaints that were made related to the area proposed for development by Pine West.

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

Councilman Alworth moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Ely City Council at **5:57 p.m.** Councilwoman Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



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