

# CITY OF ELY

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## ELY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

August 8, 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.** Pastor Joshua Beck offered an invocation. Mayor Robertson 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 Fire Chief Pat Stork
- City Engineer B.J. Almberg
- City Building Official Don Hendrickson
- City Police Chief Scott Henriod
- City Attorney Shain Manuele
- City Municipal Court Judge Mike Coster (Zoom)
- 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, Eugene Harper, H. Wines, Billy Gorn, Patricia, and Phil Herring.

### ELY CITY COUNCIL ATTENDANCE LIST

DATE: August 8, 2024

Print name below

Janet VanCamp  
Kerri Pinter  
George Chachas  
Paula Casan  
Mel VanCamp  
Levi Garcia  
WASH  
Dennis Perez

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**2. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Kerri Pintar  
1417 Mill Street**

**New Business Items #3 and #4: Performance Evaluations for Clerk Lee and Fire Chief Stork. This process should be designed to recognize your employees for a job well done and offer constructive criticism when warranted...that is NOT what happened at your last meeting and I am still angry and appalled at the treatment Public Works Director Cracraft was subjected to 2 weeks ago.**

**In that, why didn't our new "rent an attorney" step in and admonish Councilman Alworth for his actions during that agenda item? And you too, Mr. Mayor, you could have shut Councilman Alworth down when he decided to start pointing fingers at Councilwomen Williams-Harper & Elliott? That was an epic failure on both your parts, so shame on you!!! For everyone's sake, I certainly hope tonight this council can come together and not put on a display of ignorance, in-fighting, personal agendas, etc. and focus on the intended purpose of these agenda items.**

**Last year you neglected the opportunity to recognize Clerk Lee with a raise for her contributions to keeping the city running because she didn't ask for one; I'm sure tonight will be no different but that does not excuse you from your responsibility to recognize her with a much-deserved merit increase, and 2 years' worth at this point.**

**Furthermore, it goes without saying how fortunate this community is to have Chief Stork at the helm as he is an integral part of keeping our Fire/EMS services running smoothly. While his remaining time with us is likely short, we should be grateful he serves the citizens of this community and recognize him**

**appropriately. That said, Clerk Lee and Chief Stork should both be awarded the 3% budgeted COLA increase.**

**New Business Item #8: Review of Bids for Ely Cemetery Tree Project. I took the opportunity to review the bids and you should too. There are differences in each bid which certainly warrant further consideration. Arbor Pros lists two qualified arborists so will 1 or 2 arborists be on site? LG Tree Services will be using the Levi as the point of contact although Lisa Ortega is the arborist with the majority (26) years of the experience mentioned. Given she doesn't live here, will she be on-site daily to oversee this project?**

**The specificity with which Arbor Pros detailed in this bid is much appreciated so you know exactly what their intentions are and they will already be here doing another project for W.P. County so why not use them? Arbor Pros included tree-pruning but LG Tree Services listed tree-pruning as negotiable so it's not included in their bid? It's minimal but needs to be factored in to the final dollar amount when comparing apples to apples.**

**The scope of this project is too vague between the details of these 2 bids, more like apples to oranges, and if we have learned anything over the past 2 years with JCR, the cheapest bid is NOT necessarily the best bid. I would urge this council to table the matter until the scope can be narrowed.**

**George Chachas stated on your agenda. Item 7-2 you're to consider the possible acceptance of the CDBG project on the Parker/Stevens Avenue sewer main upgrade, but before you accept the project, I want to know what the timeframe is for repaving of the streets that were dug up to accommodate the project. Those that are being affected want some consideration that the city gave to those affected by the Murry Street project and equal protection under the law. We don't want any half-baked projects. On your agenda. Item 5B-5 you're to consider a code Enforcement officer/assistant Planner position in the City of Ely Building Department and that needs to be**

denied. If the present employee can't handle the load that would have been evidence in a proper interview held in a public meeting. You, Mayor, circumvented the established procedure that was in place for decades. The City does not need any more public employees in the public building department. On your agenda item 8B-6 the present salary range is adequate for attorneys serving the City and this item needs to be denied. On your agenda item 8B-3 there should be no action on the annual performance evaluation of City Clerk Jennifer Lee. Her management experience is poor at best. She failed to address any City code violations by some members of the Regional Planning Commission, as well as some of the City Council Members. She fails to ensure the proper enforcement of minimum ADA compliance on new projects throughout the City; fails to address and enforce the requirement of curb and gutter on new projects, some of which go back for years; fails to collect proper utility fees from RVs and or squatters throughout the City; and continues to fail in enforcing fence heights, standards as required by City Code. She has yet to correct encroachment of a fence on the City sidewalk right of way, impeding those that are handicapped and forcing them onto a City street and vehicle traffic. She fails to provide public information as requested and allowed under the Nevada Open Meeting Law. Graffiti and vandalism are at an all-time high and there needs to be some change. What you have is not working. On your agenda item 8B-4 there should be no action.

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

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

**4. CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

➤ **CITY CLERK**

City Clerk Lee stated I contacted the Rural Community Assistance Corporation regarding providing some free rate studies and asset management plans, and they are going to commence that in September.

➤ **CITY TREASURER**

Councilman Alworth asked on the accounts payable for this this period can you clarify what the charges to High Desert RTO for \$6,997.00 and Underground Service Ale for \$300.00 are?

City Treasurer Trask stated I will have to get back to you tomorrow on those.

Councilman Alworth stated also in my box, was what I requested, having you break down the community supports expenses. I got that today and had to get a little assistance from the Mayor. First of all, it doesn't balance. I couldn't figure out what the correlation with the yellow box was with the green boxes. After I've done the math on it, your figures are out of balance by \$7,140. So, I'd like to see instead of the green box using a light-colored box and put the amount difference between the committed and amounts paid that way a guy doesn't have to do the math himself; let the computer do it, but thanks for the excellent try on it.

➤ **CITY ENGINEER**

**City Council/Utility Board Report (8/8/24)**

- **Parker/Stevens CDBG sewer project is complete and finalized to close out project.**
- **Working on Marley CBDG EA/SHPO.**
- **Working on the Wastewater CATEX.**
- **Working on City Slurry project.**
- **Bell Ave CDBG project pre construction meeting is complete.**
  - **Contractor can begin when materials arrive.**
- **Met with tribe about utility easements for all city utilities on their Pioche highway tribal lands.**
  - **Tribe is working through the BIA to get them completed.**

➤ **CITY PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

Councilman Alworth stated at the last meeting I requested City Public Works Director Cracraft to have the animal control officer give us a breakdown on his call outs with how much are in the County and the City. That was included this time and for example July 18th Through the 30th there were four calls to McGill for a total of eight hours and two calls in the City. If Mike could do a year to date starting from July 18<sup>th</sup> forward, then when we go into negotiations next year, we'll have some numbers to say how much we're doing in overtime for the month. For the fiscal year ending June of this last year there was an unbelievable \$11,000 in overtime for animal control, and I believe a lot of it's out in the County. I appreciate that Mike, and a year-to-date type thing would be really beneficial.

**5. NNRV FOUNDATION REPORT**

Mayor Robertson stated I will disclose I am a part-time employee of the Foundation.

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NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK



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**Monthly Operations Report for July 2024**

1. Locomotive Status – No change
  - 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 – Updated
  - a. Passenger equipment in service: #07, #08, Flatcar #23, Baggage/RPO #20, Outfit Car #06.
  - b. Passenger car #09 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 2,262 passengers, this was a decrease of 14% compared to the previous year.
  - b. This year to date we have carried 6,921 passengers, this was a decrease of 18% compared to the previous year.
  - c. Since operations began in 1987, we have carried 367,358 passengers.  
In speaking with other museums visitation is down throughout the region.
6. Economic Impact – The average non-gaming & gaming daily expenditure per overnight visitor \$170. Economic impact for July 2024 was 2,262 x 80% x 170 = \$307,632.

**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
- Tnp 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

Economic impact year to date was  $6,921 \times 80\% \times 170 = \$ 941,256$

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 513,600
- c. We have 135,100 page likes.
- d. 199,300 people follow our page.

8. We have two new members of the Nevada Northern Railway family, R2D2 and Kennecat



We thought we would get another kitten to give DJ (Dirt Junior) some company. Well it turned out, the litter had two orange and white kittens. One of the kittens looked like Dirt and the other looked like DJ. So we got them both. Our long term plan is to have them live in the machine shop and engine house.

## 6. REPORTS

### ➤ COUNCILMAN ALWORTH

Councilman Alworth stated I'd like to apologize to my two council ladies on both sides of me for my remarks last meeting. I know she's got a doctorate degree in education and when I was talking about dealing with PTOs on pumps, trucks, and so forth that might not have fallen in her bailiwick of higher education. For Samantha all I knew she did was hire people and after the meeting she set me straight and she's got a bachelor's degree in psychology and says I've been sitting here for the last few years trying to figure you out. Well nice try, but my wife of fifty-one years hasn't done it yet, so I apologize. I mentioned Terrill is a Chef, he's a darn good chef, and that's what he wants to do in his career. So, I apologize I hurt your feel bads and I am sorry.

## 7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION OF THE ELY CITY COUNCIL AS RECOMMENDED BY THE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES BOARD.

1. Councilman Carson – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval of Waterworth Terms of Service Agreement for Utility Rate Management software at a \$7,480 annual cost.

Councilman Carson stated the Municipal Utility Board wanted to table this item this morning. Councilman Alworth did show up with a lot of valid points and I think it's worth discussing and looking at. I don't know if we're going to have a demonstration today. B.J. actually sat through the demonstration before and you might want to talk further about it with him.

Mayor Robertson stated they had asked about a presentation this evening, but my recommendation was if it was tabled at the Municipal Utilities Board meeting, and that's where it started, the Municipal Utilities Board should hear that first and come with a recommendation prior to the Council hearing it.

Councilman Carson moved to table the Waterworth Terms of Service Agreement for Utility Rate Management software at a \$7,480 annual cost. Councilwoman Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Board Members – City Engineer Almberg – Discussion/For Possible Action - Acceptance of the following Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project: Parker/Stevens Avenue Sewer Main Upgrade, PWP# WP-2024-141.

Mayor Robertson stated I would like to disclose I am an employee of the company that performed this work, and I will not be voting on this item.

City Engineer Almberg stated this project is complete. It was a success. They actually went through the project very quickly with minimum impact on the neighborhood and the neighbors down there. All the paperwork is in, and we have got everything taken care of. We just need to have the final project accepted as finalized and complete. To answer the question that was brought up in public comment; paving was not a part of that project and not the contractors' responsibility. Those roads were basically just cold mix and so the City Street Crew has budgeted to cold mix over the top and I don't know exactly what date that will happen. The project came in within the budget and there are no change orders on this project. I recommend finalizing and accepting this project as complete.

Mayor Robertson stated when I talked to City Public Works Director Cracraft his intent is to have the roads repaired prior to winter.

Councilman Carson moved to accept the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project: Parker/Stevens Avenue Sewer Main Upgrade, PWP# WP-2024-141. Councilwoman Williams-Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Board Members – City Clerk Lee – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval of Nevada State Public Works' request for a one-year extension through August 16, 2025, of their sewer Will Serve for the East Ely Railroad Freight Barn.

Councilman Carson moved to approve the Nevada State Public Works' request for a one-year extension through August 16, 2025, of their sewer Will Serve for the East Ely Railroad Freight Barn. Councilwoman Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **8. 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.

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 8A-1 Bills.

Moved by: Councilwoman Williams-Harper Second by: Councilwoman Elliott Vote: Unanimous.

1. Discussion/For Possible Action – Bills.
  - July 24, 2024

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Mayor Robertson – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval for mayor and city council members to attend the Nevada League of Cities & Municipalities’ 2024 Annual Conference October 10-12, 2024.

Councilwoman Elliott moved to approve for the Mayor and two city council members to attend the Nevada League of Cities & Municipalities’ 2024 Annual Conference October 10-12, 2024. Councilwoman Williams-Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Mayor Robertson – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval to reschedule the October 10, 2024, City Council meeting to October 17, 2024, so City officials attending the Nevada League of Cities Conference October 10-12, 2024, will not miss October’s first meeting.

Councilwoman Elliott moved to approve cancelling the October 10, 2024, City Council meeting and having only one meeting in October to be held on October 24, 2024, so City officials attending the Nevada League of Cities Conference October 10-12, 2024, will not miss a meeting in October. Councilman Carson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Mayor Robertson – Discussion/For Possible Action – Annual Performance Evaluation of City Clerk Jennifer Lee 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.”

City Clerk Lee stated for the record over the past five years I have brought consistency to my responsibilities and implemented responsive processes that strengthen the City of Ely financially, address citizen concerns, and meet community needs. Meeting deadlines such as working with NNRYP President Mark Bassett on the CRISI Grant sometimes necessitate late weeknights and weekends. However, I feel personal satisfaction from assisting our community in a job well done. Since being sworn in as city clerk on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019, I have applied for and administered over \$15.6 million in grants for the City of Ely, not the Nevada Cultural Center grants. This has recently included our applications for the Morley Water Sewer Improvement Project through CDBG which required a house-to-house survey by Administrative Assistant Cobb and I; the Security Camera Installation Project through Department of Justice; the Campton Street Improvement Project through NDOT; and the Central Ely Sewer Upgrade Project through EPA to name a few. In addition to grants, my normal duties include reviewing of all business licensing; approval of utility shut offs; noticing of intent to liens; submission and tracking of all City insurance claims; taking the lead or assisting in special projects, such as the City's wireless area network; participation on all city cooperating agency projects; initiating positive change, such as the armory lease amendment with the Nevada Department of Administration; management of agenda preparation; public records request oversight; and addressing nuisance issues. Since 2019 there has been seventy one percent compliance on two hundred and sixty complaints with multiple public health abatements, including resolving two eleven-year-old nuisance complaints on Campton Street and Morley Avenue. My duties also include negotiations; responses to NDEP; being the City's point of contact; attending required training for the City; providing research feedback to elected officials; staff questions; administration of all City election obligations per the White Pine County Cooperative Agreement; and listening to and processing citizen issues. On May 2, 2024, I achieved my Master of Business Administration degree from Utah State's Huntsman school of Business.

Councilman Alworth stated I didn't bring the list, but it's all dealing with nuisance abatement which is one of the biggest issues we have had. When I first got in office, we streamlined the process, as you're aware of, because we were trying to get it down to sending the letters out in late winter so they would start working on it the spring and it was a good push. It worked for a while, but everything seemed to fizzle out. You know there's some problems over on High Street. They send the letters, and I mentioned we

need to send certified mail, so the people have a record, and our attorney has proof they got the notice. My question is what can we do in her opinion, to make this work better? I know there's an agenda item on here and that may be the overall answer. Some people just don't give a darn. When your neighbor next to you has trash overflowing, flies, and mice ruining their barbecues, they come to the City to get something done. That was the biggest issue, and I would take any recommendations or suggestions she has or would like to put forth. It's not her fault, it just falls under her bailiwick, and I know Patti, City Public Works Director, and her are working on them, but it's every day. It's not really an issue, just some thoughts. Thank you.

City Clerk Lee stated for the record my office publishes a general notice of cleanup the first week in April and people have thirty days to comply with that. If we get complaints during that time, we wait. When we receive written complaints, they are filed and investigated to make sure they're valid and then per Ely Municipal Code 4-1-10, I may elect to send informal notices. I did that this year, and our compliance rate is actually up from sixty-six percent cumulative last year to seventy-five percent since May. Onerous cases are then sent certified notices, if not compliant. Working with the Fire and Public Works Department noncompliant situations rising to the level of fire hazards or compromising public health, are brought to the Council for abatement. We have two scheduled in September as their last day was today, and Patti checked those properties and there's been no movement. City Attorney Manuele has also confirmed that under our current code, the Municipal Court or the Council has the authority to level civil penalties as well, which could be added to an abatement lien. Administrative Assistant Cobb does excellent nuisance complaint tracking, but I always determine whether further action is warranted; that's my decision. For the record the Ordinance is working. Again, Since May 2024, the City's had seventy-five percent compliance, but sometimes the property owners aren't. Our records demonstrate this year that more property owners are responsive to non-certified letters. Certified return letters cost around \$8.00 each so I opted to try that just based on past experience with the complaint process. Property owners who comply start with a clean slate and property owners who never cleaned up their property the previous year, are sent a certified letter to start with. If people have weed issues they're not brought in front of the Council. It needs to be serious, to put it on a council agenda. Many weed problems are on property owned by absentee landowners which hire someone as soon as they're noticed to clean it up. Some property owners are elderly, have health issues and/or limited income to address it. I give extensions to people in this situation, if requested. I work with people who communicate after receiving their notice. Again, serious public health safety issues are dealt with as I have done in the past and outlined earlier.

Councilman Alworth stated thank you.

Councilwoman Williams-Harper asked do you think the civil penalties in some situations might help and because it is a long process is there anywhere there could be some time shaved off some of those?

City Clerk Lee stated I guess I approached it from the standpoint if people are kind of unaware of the problem, because they're busy, they're elderly, they're absent, or whatever. Most people have a desire to keep their property up and when they get a letter they take care of it. Then you've got that number of people that don't care, and so a certified letter doesn't make any difference to them. It does give us proof, so if it's a fire hazard, public safety issue, or a public health issue like household trash building up, then we have proof and we can keep going with the abatement process.

City Attorney Manuele stated civil penalties would likely be a fine of some sort, and we could do that, but given the difficulty of the few that she's indicating aren't being cleaned up, it probably wouldn't make a difference.

Mayor Robertson stated the fine would just end up being something that we're adding on the lien.

Councilman Alworth stated again, you know these aren't just messy yards. They're vacant properties that have got dead trees, brush, and mice infested that should probably be addressed.



Councilwoman Elliott stated like the one meeting with the lady who brought the bag of roaches; it's things like that that, when those come to our attention, we need to take care of.

Mayor Robertson stated I would just like to add that Clerk Lee has been the clerk for the duration of my tenure as mayor here, and I could not do this without her and her staff. My biggest complaint with Clerk Lee over the years has been the amount of time she ends up spending down here at City Hall, knowing that we're paying her for 40 hours, and sometimes she was down here over the weekend, even with completing that extra education that Clerk Lee has, and everything else. I've noticed that has gone down, which has been great, and I'm sure Patti has been a big part of that as well in making sure stuff gets done. Clerk Lee is always responsive and courteous, and I really appreciate her professionalism and her attention to detail. I could not fault her for that if I wanted to. It's a professional job done, and always done on time and I'd like to thank you for all that.

Councilman Carson stated before Jennifer Lee took this job, I spent a lot of late nights down at City Hall, trying to figure out what was going on down here, and how to correct it. Since she has taken over, everything is running very smooth, in my opinion, and it's nice as a councilman not to have to deal with day-to-day business and know that we have a chain of command, and she will get it handled. She does a wonderful job and has a great staff. Thank you.

Councilwoman Williams-Harper stated you're still new as a councilmember for a while and Jennifer really breaks down some things I don't understand, or some very complex things and I never feel small when you do it. I think you're the teacher that you probably don't think about. I appreciate that a lot because I've learned an awful lot. You always have time, always friendly, and your demeanor is always I'll get it done or we'll do it. My question is last year Jennifer didn't ask for and wouldn't let us give her a raise, and I know I had an issue with that. I want to know where we are now, because she didn't get a raise last year, and now she has a master's degree? It's a big deal the time it took, and I want to be sure we treat her well, because when you treat people well, they stay, and they continue to do all the things that she keeps doing for us, and I appreciate that.

Mayor Robertson stated my understanding is a 3% raise has been budgeted for all city officials, including the Clerk's position, but as always, pay is up to the Council's discretion.

Councilwoman Williams-Harper stated we don't really have anything for a level of another degree?

Mayor Robertson stated City official positions aren't broken down that way. It's just a range, and the Council's discretion.

City Clerk Lee stated I'd be quite happy with 3%.

Councilwoman Elliott stated I would like to chime in really quick. I talked with the Treasurer, and there is money to give more than 3%, and my recommendation would be 6% to make whole from last year. You do a tremendous amount of work and there's no monetary value in you holding the City together, but that would be my recommendation.

City Clerk Lee stated I would feel more comfortable with the 3%, because that's what was budgeted for everyone and that's what everyone else gets if they have a good evaluation.

Councilwoman Elliott stated I would like to make a motion for a 6% raise, and I know that she is not wanting that, but I think it is overdue from last year, and very well deserved for this year. Councilman Carson seconded the motion.

Councilman Alworth stated last year I said the same thing many times. I went into Jennifer's office all red faced, all steamed up, blowing out my ears going to check

something out and she makes me chill, and she's chilled me through a lot of things. She's done a great job on informing me on the stuff I have sort of went rampant on and she kept me calm, which is a pretty tough task to do. I agree she deserves it because anybody that has got a master's in business administration, you got to be about half nuts. So, congratulations on that. I think your salary is \$74,000 now?

City Clerk Lee stated it is \$73,500.00.

Councilman Alworth stated she is the lowest paid appointed official we have. What is her maximum pay?

Mayor Robertson stated the salary range for the city clerk is \$60,000 to \$90,000.

Councilman Alworth stated I personally think in her position, and I'll be right up front, so we don't have to keep dealing with this; \$80,000.

Councilwoman Williams-Harper stated you took the words out of my mouth Jim.

Councilwoman Elliott moved to amend her motion to endorse for a job well done regarding the annual Performance Evaluation of City Clerk Lee to include increasing her annual salary to \$80,000.00. Councilman Carson seconded the amended motion.

City Clerk Lee stated I really would like to get a 3%.

Councilwoman Elliott stated you are being so humble.

City Clerk Lee stated I'm not being humble, I'm being honest. It's just a better situation for all the appointed officials to get the same. I really wish that motion would be amended.

Councilman Alworth stated I think it's fair.

The motion carried unanimously.

4. Mayor Robertson – Discussion/For Possible Action – Annual Performance Evaluation of Fire Chief Pat Stork 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.”

Councilman Carson stated I will make my annual disclosure. Pat Stork and I have been very good friends for many, many years, but I can still vote in the best interest of the City.

Councilman Alworth stated I would like to make the same disclosure in that Pat, and I have been friends for years, but I can still vote in the best interest of the City.

City Fire Chief Stork stated let me start off with, it's good that we're finally fully staffed again. It was quite a task to get that done and it definitely made things a lot easier to run and cut way back on overtime. Burnout on the guys is less and it has definitely improved morale by not having to work so many shifts. So far this year we've run on a little over eight hundred calls; that's about eight times what we used to run in a year when I first started this job way back when. Our training program is finally coming around and doing good, and we've got great participation right now with County Fire Departments. It is probably the best I have seen in twenty plus years. We have great dedication right now from all of our Volunteers in training and covering the calls. We're still down on numbers due to the fact that not a lot of people want to volunteer. However, the ones we got are very dedicated and well trained. The new engine that we were able to get has been ordered. I'd really like to thank the William Pennington Foundation, White Pine County, William Bee Ririe Hospital, KGHM, Kinross, and of course all the volunteers who put money forth to make this purchase happen for the City. It saved a lot of money on the City's end by doing that. You guys have on the agenda to increase the attorney's salary,

and you looked at Jennifer Lee's salary, she's pretty humble not wanting a raise. She is currently at \$73,500 and in 2011 the city clerk was making \$70,000 and that was thirteen years ago. This is how far we are behind things and when replacement time comes it's going to be something you guys have to really start looking at is changing wages and moving things up. Like I said, longevity and trying to keep people is a hard thing. This fall I'm going to be starting twenty-seven years; thirty-seven with the Volunteers and twenty-seven here. I think you guys made a good decision tonight by bumping Jennifer Lee up to where she needs to be.

Mayor Robertson stated I'd like to just note that occasionally I sit in on Chief Stork's staff meetings and trainings and I'm always just taken back at the amount of training and expertise it takes to run this kind of department. They're talking about everything from structure fires to medical procedures. I had to avert my eyes during one of the training sessions because it was a little graphic, as they were tearing somebody open. These guys are doing this kind of stuff out on the side of the highway, in the back of ambulances, and people's lives literally depend on this kind of training and knowledge. I'm always appreciative of the leadership Chief Stork exhibits in that and making sure that the staff is trained. I think we have one of the more, if not the most, professional rural departments in the State of Nevada and anytime I go around the State and talk to other mayors I think that holds true, and I appreciate the work he does and the diligence he shows in that. So, thank you, Chief.

Councilman Alworth stated I've known Pat for many, many years and my thirty-six years as a firefighter, and twenty-six as an EMT, we spent a lot of time together. He's knowledgeable, knows how to run the equipment, and is by far the best trained person in the City of Ely and White Pine County. He's got his career staff now that if Pat's gone they can handle the job. Pat's a hands-on man. There was a big fire in McGill a while back. Did the chief have to go? No. According to his job description, the role of the fire chief is managerial in nature. He does not have to go, but he trains, and he coordinates all the functions of that. With that being said he's exactly right in that he's the highest paid chief we've ever had. We can go back to my time with Ed Spear probably making \$35,000 a year. He is the fire chief for the City of Ely and a lot of his long hours and extra time is outside the City of Ely. I know he's working on something with Nye County with the tribes, he's out to that prison, he's out north, and he's down south. If he's gone and his crew is gone the City residents here are in jeopardy. Again Ms. Pintar, I'll correct you, this is not a cost-of-living allowance, this is for work performance. His performance is unbelievable. He's maxed out and how many more times are we going to keep Maxing this out. You know, it's a City of Ely position, but he's doing stuff for the County, the State, and all those calls out to the prison. This is something I've been mulling around because we're not getting any cooperation with the Duckwater tribe for getting reimbursed. I believe we've got roughly \$200,000 in this year's budget from the County for fire protection for the County. They have given us \$200,000 for a fire engine and that engine will sit in that station when it gets there unless somebody jumps on it and goes. I would really like to look at the possibility of when our men go out on these calls outside the City limits, they're paid a contract, and they become contract employees. We have got to get with the State and say, we're going out to the prison with three ambulances and you're going to get charged. You have got a rate for your ambulances and your career guys and we're going to charge them. Then that money can come back, and it does not affect the City coffer, but it still goes into their pay scale. With that \$200,000 the County gives us we're running out in McGill. but who's paying the wages? The city of Ely is. You can say there's \$200,000, but how does it get allocated back? I believe the Houston Fire department guys are contract; the city doesn't pay them. Their men are on a contract to roll. I think we need to look at this, and I'm not saying I'm against giving more money all the time, but we need to work differently at this. If you send two career guys to McGill, we're going to charge the County for their time and so forth. We're not charging for the engines, because they paid money for that and the same with the ambulances, but for the salaries and the same thing going out to that cotton picking prison. Chief Stork stated at our last meeting that we've got to cut this off. We're not going to turn them down, but they have got to be paying some of our employee wages. We're bleeding ourselves dry, paying out for other services for other entities. If the Treasurer is still listening and Chief next year, who's ever going to be negotiating with the County, or even

before, we have to start something that if you're going to use us, you're going to pay for our services. Thanks for your service, Chief.

Councilman Carson stated Chief Stork has been shorthanded for a long, long time, and very busy. These call volumes are just through the roof, and he manages to keep it together all the time. Honestly, when we put this thing together with the County, I was scared to death that we were going to fail just because of manpower and White Pine County being so big, and our resources are not that large, but Pat keeps it together. He's done a great job, and I couldn't pick a better guy for the job. Thank you for everything you do for the community.

Councilman Alworth stated I'd like to reinforce what Kurt says. The reason we got stressed out is we always had four firemen, for I don't know sixty years and when we got thrown out into the wolves of the County we had to go up to six and we couldn't recruit anybody. You can't even get volunteers; we had forty-five and now you have got twenty-six. It comes down to what we're doing outside the city limits of Ely. If you want to stay in the city limits, you can do that with four guys.

Councilwoman Williams-Harper stated I just want to say I've had several community members say how grateful they are, and I think you know I am personally grateful for what you do. You do a lot of stressful things with a smile on your face, and you can only do that when you know your job, you know what your limitations are, and you know how far you can stretch things and still be able to do what you do. You know fire and emergencies as much as we know they happen. We all think we're invincible, and when something happens here you are, and we appreciate that. Thank you very much.

Councilwoman Elliott ditto to everybody. I mean, there's no value on you saving people's lives. It's a hard job, and so kudos to you in keeping it together and being short staffed through all of this.

Mayor Robertson asked as far as the running of the department and your staff are there any changes or things you're looking to have happen in the next year?

City Fire Chief Stork stated a lot of big changes. I've got one guy that I've been trying to have do more of the inspections, because right now, I'm having to go with Don and do ninety percent of all the business inspections. I'm spreading a lot of stuff out. We have got a lot of things to do with keeping compliant with EMS, the State, Medicare, Medicaid, and all the different things that we've been working through trying to get all fixed and back running again. It's ongoing and it's tough because this is the youngest staff this fire department has ever had for experience wise. Jim knows from back in the day you had a lot of volunteers and a lot of people with a lot of experience. Now we have a few volunteers, but the ones we have are super dedicated and show up to a lot of stuff and I couldn't make this function without the staff and Volunteers.

Mayor Robertson stated I know we've been doing a lot of equipment replacement and facility upgrades; Is there anything else?

City Fire Chief Stork stated that is ongoing. Today there was a guy out to look at our solar system, from one of the grants that Jennifer Lee has been working on. He believes all the stuff out back is still good so they're thinking that maybe replacing the inverter panels and some wiring, and we might be able to get that system up and running again. Back when it was running, it was saving us pretty decent money on electrical bills, because the overflow went back into the grid, I guess, with Mount Wheeler, where we got credit on it. I'm trying to teach some of these guys some of the stuff to do so we're not having to farm it out all the time. I mean the amount of money we saved last year just on stuff that I fixed myself is a ton of money versus if we had to take that truck to Salt Lake or have a mechanic come out and do all the work to it. We definitely have a lot of stuff to still keep doing at the station with all the buildings getting to be twenty to twenty-five years old. The parking lot is another thing coming up. It's just ongoing maintenance with everything and trying to piece it together. We are caught up with our hose replacement. We finally got our ISO rating down to a four, which is the lowest it's ever been in the City. The lowest we've ever been prior to that is a five. They say, when

dispatch gets all their dispatch upgraded and everything done that they're planning on doing that should drop us down to a three, which is huge on insurance ratings. I'm the highest paid fire chief in the history of the City however, I'm the lowest paid in the State of Nevada, and I mean lowest by quite a bit. I think these things need to be revisited a bit.

Mayor Robertson stated unrelated to the performance of each of our city officials, I think it's important that we continually look at salaries, so that when it comes time to replace somebody it's not a shock to the system. If we're already paying a competitive wage, then we're not having to figure out how we suddenly have to pay a competitive wage when someone retires.

Councilman Carson stated to me it's not really fair to Pat if we had to replace him, we'd have to bump this up quite a bit, and the only person we're hurting is him, and he's been here twenty-seven years.

Councilwoman Elliott asked I have a question for the attorney. If he's maxed out, do we have the ability to approve a raise, even if he's maxed out on the scale, or would we have to amend the scale to give him a raise?

Mayor Robertson stated correct me if I'm wrong, but what the Council could do is decide if they want to give him a raise or not, it says right here the salary ranges may be evaluated and changed from time to time by resolution, so it would just be resolution at the next meeting.

Councilwoman Williams-Harper asked Pat, are you coming to us with a request or a certain amount?

City Fire Chief Stork stated my request is we need to adjust the salary scale, and then I'm interested to see what your thoughts are. It definitely needs to be more than where it's at. Almost every one of my career staff made more money than me last year, when it was all said and done. Most of the weekends I spend out on calls. You know we had the one I was out with Kerri's brother-in-law and was gone for seven hours on a weekend there, on Saturday, the following day, we had a car accident, and I got another six hours in, so to compensate for all these extra hours I put in.

Councilwoman Elliott moved to endorse for a job well done regarding the annual Performance Evaluation of City Fire Chief Stork to include a raise to be determined after the salary scale is evaluated at the next City Council meeting. Councilman Carson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Councilman Carson – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval to establish a Code Enforcement Officer/Assistant Planner position in the City of Ely Building Department.

Councilman Carson stated I thought we'd put this on the agenda and at least get the ball rolling and see what this is going to look like. Keep in mind I think this person probably spend the majority of the time out in the County, so we'll probably need to approach the County as well and see if they are interested in a position like this, too.

Mayor Robertson stated this is a germane conversation now because we will be renegotiating the Interlocal Agreement with the County for the Building Official, and I think the County's been having some of the same issues we've been having as far as code enforcement and someone kind of dedicated to sit on some of these issues.

Councilwoman Elliott stated even during City Clerk Lee's review there were a lot of things that are code enforcement. I think we do need a second person, because I don't think you can keep going around the County and the City every single day trying to man that whole job and do inspections. I think it's definitely overdue, and we do need the County's help with this.

Councilman Alworth stated I agree, the thing is, I looked at his Building Department report and that's the most I've seen out in the County for my four, almost five years here and since you haven't been here during the winter you're going to find that will probably

drop seventy to eighty percent because nobody builds then. It's a lot of windshield time doing the jobs for the County and that's what takes up a lot of your time. With my experience here, you need to have somebody that knows what he's planning.

City Building Official Hendrickson stated as far as the planning goes, we have a Regional Planning Commission that is without a secretary right now. My office manager has been filling that role for the County and a planner could take over that role. When we get into subdivision agreements or master plans, which we are extremely behind the times on here, that's a role that this person could fill. My time is spread very thin. It's not a matter of not being able to take the workload, it's a matter of I'm spread thin throughout a very large county. Having that individual back in the office that can take over that workload to address those issues with planning and zoning would be a lot more efficient. They would hear issues like variances, zoning changes, and subdivision agreements when it comes to planning out future expansion of City or County owned properties for development.

Councilwoman Williams-Harper asked what kind of certifications would this person need and what kind of a salary are we looking at?

City Building Official Hendrickson stated certifications is something that can be acquired and I will be frank, what I'm looking for most in in this individual is their personality with how they are going to handle the public, because as a code enforcement officer you're not the most liked person. It's got to be somebody with a demeanor that's able to handle that kind of situation. That's the first task, and the second task is getting somebody who's going to be competent with a lot of different programs that we work with from Word all the way up to Cloud Permit, which is a planning resource for computer systems. It's a very trainable position and as far as salary I have looked at comparable salaries throughout the area and I would like to start the position at \$24.00 an hour to kind of cover the two.

City Treasurer-HR Director Trask stated the code enforcer position would become a Union position. At this time, we do not base it on performance; It's going to be based off of the steps and the years that they have right now under the current contract with the Union. It is allowed that they get a certain percentage each time that they do get a new certification. This position would have to go in the Union contract, which they are aware that we are looking into it.

Mayor Robertson stated I think it is important that we kind of keep moving in that direction, not just because we like rules and being persnickety, but because it does pay dividends in people's ability to buy, keep, and insure property. The vote tonight would be to start the process based on the information that's been provided and still depends upon some conversations with the County.

Councilman Carson moved to approve establishing a Code Enforcement Officer/Assistant Planner position in the City of Ely Building Department. Councilwoman Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Councilwoman Elliott – Councilwoman Williams-Harper -Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval of Resolution 2024-09, A Resolution to Amend City Attorney Official Salary.

Councilwoman Williams-Harper stated we really have already said it, and sort of agreed as a council, we need to make sure that we are in the ballpark, and that we are competitive. I would like to suggest that we approve \$80,000 to \$160,000 depending on experience.

Mayor Robertson stated I was interested to find that a lot of the cities our size are doing contract services. I think for the long range it's better to have somebody in the office just based on how remote we are. The ones that are located along I 80 are all serviced by one firm, and they just kind of bounce down the freeway one to the next and as our current contract attorney can attest, it's a long drive out here. This makes it competitive in case

we get someone who's interested in the position and wants to get paid on par with what they'd be making in other cities or in other locations around the State.

Councilwoman Williams-Harper moved to approve Resolution 2024-09, A Resolution to Amend city Attorney Official Salary. Councilwoman Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Councilwoman Williams-Harper – Discussion/For Possible Action – Discussion regarding installation of vehicle weight restriction signs at the following locations: 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Aultman Street; 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Avenue O; 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Aultman Street; 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Avenue O; and Avenue G and Great Basin Boulevard, with possible approval to install said signs.

Councilwoman Williams-Harper stated I know this is really the Sheriff's ball of wax and in his jurisdiction. My understanding is in the next year we're repaving Avenue G, and I just want to make sure that these heavy trucks aren't destroying our residential streets. I know that the sheriff has already done some things, so I'm looking forward to hearing from him if this is reasonable or if he has a better suggestion.

Sherriff Henriod stated I've received the same complaint letter I believe that the City did from a gentleman that lives down on Avenue G concerned about multiple vehicles from J and M Trucking using it as a route to get to deliveries. Jennifer also sent me a request to go ahead and look into this, which I did. I had the opportunity to go over to J and M and visit with the new owners and management there; they were very cordial people. I explained to them the complaint that I had received and why I was there speaking to them. They have made multiple deliveries in that area, and they had a concrete job they were doing so I think they ran three or four trucks down there to provide concrete for that residence that needed it. They assured me that they do encourage their drivers to use Avenue O to Great Basin to make their deliveries. They've been making a lot of deliveries out to the new Golden Gate gas station that's being built out on 93, and so I see them regularly go down Great Basin to Aultman, and then go over to make their deliveries. I think looking at the totality of the circumstances the signs are not merited, I really don't. I think if we start putting signs up around the City, we're going to be restricting people's access to make deliveries such as if Bath Lumber is delivering a load of materials for a new home construction, how are they going to get to that new home construction without maybe going down one of the roadways that is posted? We're landlocking people and that is a concern, because then all of a sudden, the streets are posted but we're allowing them to use that as a delivery street, and so do we have to look the other way, I don't like doing that. I think the City has addressed some of the big issues that have occurred over our generations in our past, and that, of course, was Mill Street, because once upon a time there was no bypass and all the big trucks would come right down Mill Street, and it was horrible because of the width of that street. Finally, the State put in that bypass, and we eliminated all that heavy trucking coming up and down that street. To this day that street is still marked for no heavy loaded vehicles, and we agree with that because of the narrow avenues and the parking issues that are there. To start putting up signs around the city of Ely and restricting our local businesses from making deliveries, boy, we could go down and make a list of all the other trucks that aren't going to be allowed to use those City streets, and I just don't think that's applicable. They do sometimes use Avenue N if they're pulling doubles because they can't make that turn onto avenue O, so they do have to go down to Avenue N and have a better swinging radius. I think that's the appropriate solution is that we have a conversation with them, express our concern with them, and go from there. If the behavior keeps going, then I think it needs to be addressed again.

Mayor Robertson asked City Clerk Lee would you mind just mentioning how we generally deal with this, because it's a complaint we get maybe every year or so.

City Clerk Lee stated both City Public Works Director Cracraft and I have reached out in the past to J and M, or if we have another, and it works. Sometimes when the baton is passed people get into new bad habits.

Item died due to lack of motion.

8. Council Members – City Clerk Lee – Discussion/For Possible Action – Review of bids received for removal of eleven (11) large, complex trees and pruning for corrective health at the Ely Cemetery, funded by the Nevada Division of Forestry Sub-Grant Number IRA23 24-010 with possible award.



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Ely Cemetery Tree Maintenance Nevada Division of Forestry Sub-grant Number: IRA23 24-010 Bid Tabulation.

Bidder	Arbor Pros, LLC	LG Tree Service, LLC
Bid to remove/grind stumps of eleven (11) trees	11 Trees – \$69,850 Stump grinding - \$10,835 Total- \$80,685	11 Trees with stump grinding – \$80,000  Total - \$80,000
Pruning of a number of trees to be determined for corrective health	Pruning - \$1,250	Pruning – "Willing to negotiate the price of pruning."
Bidder has bid bond/certified check/cashier's check/cash equaling 5% of bid.	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Certified Arborist	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Bidder has City of Ely Business License	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process: <input type="checkbox"/>
Plan provided for productive use of wood chips at White Pine County Golf Course or other public use.	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Plan for cord wood donation for charitable purposes or public use.	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>

Present for the Bid Opening on August 5, 2024, at 3:01 p.m.: City Clerk Lee, City Treasurer Trask, City Public Works Director Cracraft, and City Administrative Assistant Cobb

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City Clerk Lee stated we've got \$135,000, and part of that grant is for a tree survey. Honestly, when this bid invitation was released, we didn't anticipate much being left over towards pruning and including the pruning basically created problems as you can see. City Attorney Manuele has advised that component could be removed as they both gave prices just to remove the eleven trees and to grind the stumps and to compare those two figures. The council could also release a new bid invitation. If you go with the figures as they are right now the lowest bid is LG Tree service, LLC.

Councilwoman Elliott stated and that was for \$80,000?

City Clerk Lee stated yes, but it didn't include pruning. I need to point out if you look at that \$1,250 figure and the line item for Arbor Pros, LLC it says a number of trees. It's such a low amount that I'm sure they'll be negotiating how many trees they are willing to prune for \$1,250, so either party ends up in a negotiating situation.

Mayor Robertson stated in discussing the options with the City Clerk and her conversations with the City Attorney, my recommendation was that we just award the eleven trees, as I'm uncomfortable awarding a bid on an indeterminate amount of things and I don't think that's really feasible or responsible. We can put out another bid invitation, however the City Public Works Director and the City Clerk would like to do that when we have a determinate number of things for them to look at.

City Clerk Lee stated just to clarify, we would have released the invitation as an entire package, but the NDF alerted us that they've got free tree inventory software coming for the rural areas, but they don't have it yet. That would allow whoever's hired to just use that, then it's in our system and it's our record, and we're not relying on something they use. That was the reason for the delay.



Mayor Robertson asked did they have an estimated time of when that would be out?

City Clerk Lee stated a few months to six months or so.

Councilwoman Elliott moved to award LG Tree Service, LLC the bid for removal of eleven (11) large, complex trees at the Ely Cemetery. Councilman Carson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Alworth stated I forgot one thing in my report. Is it possible to send a letter to the people building Golden Gate Petroleum to come to the meeting and give us an update on where they're at?

## 9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kerri Pintar  
1417 Mill Street

**New Business Item #5: Code Enforcement Officer/Assistant Planner.** It would appear in Don's monthly report that between the city and the county there were 43 building permits alone issued for the month of July. The workload in his department is impossible for one inspector and one secretary to comply with on a daily basis. Absolutely we need to be exploring the possibility of adding staff to the Building Department; however, adding staff means adding to the budget.

Councilman Alworth seemed hyper focused on the budget, especially the Public Works department after his questioning of Director Cracraft at the last meeting, and likely this was NOT a planned position so will you be reaching out to the County for cost sharing or is this to be solely funded by the city? Where will those monies be coming from? *Can this employee work on the GIS during off season building?*

**Municipal Utilities Board Item #7.1: Utility Rate Management Software.** I understand Councilman Alworth was in rare form this morning at the Utility Board meeting with regards to this issue. It is my understanding that this software will help track aging utilities and assign a replacement value of where we should focus our attention when monies are available for upgrades.

First and foremost, Councilman Alworth you highjacked this meeting from the audience to offer your "rant" outside of public comment period regarding Treasurer Trask and the possibility of entering into a contract for this software. Why? And why didn't Chairman O'Flaherty or our "rent an attorney" shut you down?

This is exactly what you berated Public Works Director Cracraft for at the last meeting when one of his employees stood to offer comments outside of public comment during a city council meeting. This is a double standard and not acceptable.

Mr. Mayor, Councilman Alworth's dislike for Treasurer Trask was put on full display last year during her evaluation before this council on July 13<sup>th</sup> and again today. I'm embarrassed to say I can already see the writing on the wall for her evaluation before this council at your next scheduled meeting.

Councilman Alworth your self-serving personal agenda/vendetta is unnecessary and you should resign from being present for Treasurer Trask's evaluation if you can't offer anything positive to the process. As an outsider looking in, I observe and liken the actions of our outgoing council to that of our outgoing commissioners...light a match and burn the house down. Shame on you!!! Please reconsider and focus on spending the remaining time you have left in office on positive outcomes you can achieve which will benefit the citizens of the City of Ely.


Levi Garcia with LG Tree Service, LLC stated I just want to personally thank all of you for your service and what you do for our community. I really respect you guys, especially after watching some of you get bashed up here. Thank you very much and please keep doing what you're doing. Thank you all.

Kevin Jenkins, Owner of J and M Trucking, stated I just want to let you guys know, when I purchased the company, Tony made me aware about the restrictions on the roads. I've had it for a year now and I believe this is the only complaint that I have received. We will not send trucks down those roads unless needed. I want you guys to know that and if you see any of our trucks do anything we want to know about it. We have a clean record where I came from, and I want to keep it that way.

George Chachas stated you guys keep making rules and then you don't enforce them, or you enforce them selectively. I'm still getting vandalism at my property at 622 with a broken window, and my neighbor had his vehicle vandalized with two broken windshields. Where does it end. Mr. Chachas stated ongoing concerns regarding the ingress and egress at the new Golden Gate Petroleum gas station; who paid for the asphalt paving at 901 Avenue H and 1100 Avenue L; code violations not being addressed by the Planning Commission, some Council Members, and some 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; and alleged damage received at his property on 710, 729, 733, and 745 Great Basin Boulevard during the NDOT project.

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

Councilwoman Elliott moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Ely City Council at **6:44p.m.** Councilwoman Williams-Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

  
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