



# CITY OF ELY

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## ELY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES BOARD REGULAR MEETING

September 12, 2024, 8:00 a.m. – Ely Volunteer Fire Hall – 499 Mill Street – Ely, Nevada

1. Vice Chairman Derbidge called the regular meeting of the Municipal Utilities Board to order at 8:00 a.m., led in the Pledge of Allegiance, and asked for Roll Call.

Members present:

Vice Chairman Dale Derbidge  
Member Ken Ross  
Member Sherrie Marquez

Members absent:

Chairman John O’Flaherty

City Officials and staff present:

Councilman Kurt Carson  
City Clerk Jennifer Lee  
City Treasurer/HR Director Janette Trask  
City Public Works Director Mike Cracraft  
City Attorney Shain Manuele (Zoom)  
City Engineer B.J. Almberg  
Administrative Assistant Patti Cobb

Also, in attendance: Members of the public in attendance at the Ely Volunteer Fire Hall signed in (appears below): William Horne

### MUNICIPAL UTILITIES BOARD ATTENDANCE LIST

DATE: September 12, 2024, Regular Meeting

Print name below

*George Chachas*  
*Jane K... ..*

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**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

George Chachas stated on your agenda item 3C-2 you are to consider allowing White Pine Youth Center to connect to a waterline for its temporary housing at 399 First Street and that needs to be denied unless they paid their hookup fees. Years ago, a renter of mine had some family come to visit and City Clerk Alworth at that time made me pay for another water/sewer utility hook up. I don't like discrimination. If they paid their fees I don't have a problem, but if they haven't, they need to pay first. Thank you.

**3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION OF THE UTILITY BOARD.**

**A. CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Move to approve the Consent Agenda item 3A-1 Minutes.

Moved by: Member Ross Second by: Member Marquez Vote: Unanimous

1. Discussion/For Possible Action –Minutes.
  - August 8, 2024

**B. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Board Members – *Robinson Nevada Mining Company (RNMC)* representative – Discussion only – Update to the Utility Board on the *Robinson Nevada Development, Ruth Pit Development* and water mitigation efforts within the City of Ely.

City Clerk Lee read the following into the record:

**Jennifer Lee**

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**From:** Kyle Tate <Kyle.Tate@us.kghm.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 10, 2024 2:42 PM  
**To:** Jennifer Lee  
**Cc:** Frederick Parthey  
**Subject:** Utility Board Meeting 9/12/2024

Good Afternoon Jennifer,

I will not be able to attend this week's utility board meeting. I am providing this email to serve as an update on "Old Business" Item B 1. *Ruth Pit development and water mitigation efforts within the City of Ely.*

Robinson continues to mine from both the Ruth and Liberty pits. The following is a breakdown of freshwater dewatering efforts from the South Block:

Approximately 6,547gpm is being pumped, 489gpm is going into Gleason Creek and the rest is going to the Mill for ore processing. RW-7P is delivering approximately 1,069gpm into the city water system.

Please let me know if there are any questions or concerns.

Thanks,

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**C. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Board Members – City Clerk Lee - Discussion/For Possible Action – Recommendation of approval for Betsy Vogler to sublet a portion of the Georgetown Ranch, pursuant to Section X Subleasing/Assignment of Joint Development and Beneficial Use Lease Agreement between Betsy Vogler and the City of Ely, to Ethan Marshall for 100 head of cattle November 1, 2024, thru April 30, 2025; Mr. Marshall will provide his own feed.

City Clerk Lee stated this item has been reviewed by our former City Attorney and our current City Attorney, and they both advised that per the lease agreement the Council just needs to give permission, and the Utility Board has purview over the Georgetown Ranch lease as well.

Member Ross moved to recommend approval for Betsy Vogler to sublet a portion of the Georgetown Ranch, pursuant to Section X Subleasing/Assignment of Joint Development and Beneficial Use Lease Agreement between Betsy Vogler and the City of Ely, to Ethan Marshall for 100 head of cattle November 1, 2024, thru April 30, 2025. Member Marquez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Board Members — City Engineer Almberg – Discussion/For Possible Action – Recommendation to allow White Pine County Youth Center to connect water line for its Temporary Safe Housing Duplex to existing building’s water line at 399 First Street.

City Engineer Almberg stated this is approval to connect this way. This is just right up here on the other side of the park. There's a new little duplex that's being built by the White Pine Youth Center, which is run by the judges. The purpose of this facility is for people to have a place to stay short-term to diffuse a situation such as domestic violence and give them time to get back on their feet. I think it's something that is very needed for the community and for the judges in what they do. The contractors asked us to connect through this existing building that's already up there. It's just the easiest way to get facilities into the back little corner. It will be maintained by the County under an agreement. I didn't see any issue with trying to make this work. I talked to the City Attorney, and he didn't think from the code side that we had any problems doing it this way. We were just trying to make sure that if we were to proceed this way that the Utility Board was well aware of what we were looking at allowing them to do and make sure that you guys didn't have any concerns about proceeding that way.

Vice Chairman Derbidge asked with it being a County maintained facility has the City ever charged the County for hookup fees in the past?

City Engineer Almberg stated I think they may have charged for some of their larger facilities, but I would have to go back and research that to be sure and give you a proper answer.

City Clerk Lee stated if fees were waived it would have been on an agenda so that is easy enough to research.

Member Marquez moved to recommend approval to allow White Pine County Youth Center to connect water line for its Temporary Safe Housing Duplex to existing building's water line at 399 First Street if previous County will serve fees were waived. Member Ross seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **4. CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

##### **➤ CITY CLERK**

On the City Council agenda there is a second public hearing for CDBG. The projects that the Council is considering submitting for eligibility include a portion of the cost for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade, the White Pine Public Museum Fence Project, the 7th Street Drainage Improvement, Project, the North Street and Fay Avenue Storm Drainage Upgrade Project, and a Parks Water Reclamation Feasibility Study and I just wanted to make the Utilities Board aware of that. The final public hearing on prioritizing the projects will be November 14<sup>th</sup>, and it will be on the Utilities Board agenda for recommendation at that time.

##### **➤ CITY ENGINEER**

#### **City Council/Utility Board Report (9/12/24)**

- **Golf Course Road is a County road and the borings completed by a geotechnical engineer shows existing AC is 5-7 inches thick.**
  - **NDOT may have paved this road in the past for use as a bypass during the removal overpass removal.**
- **Working on Morley CBDG EA/SHPO.**
- **Award of City Slurry project.**
  - **Received three (3) bids. Low bid is \$544,743.60.**
  - **Budget was \$526,000, budget shortfall will be made up by out of Public Transit funds**
- **Bell Ave CBDG construction is ongoing.**
  - **Bell Ave is very tight in space and challenging for construction.**
  - **Project has encountered one water service that was not anticipated.**
- **Reviewed and Coordinated with City on Title VI implementation.**

Vice Chairman Derbidge asked has the bid for the Aultman Street project been put out?

City Engineer AlMBERG stated I believe the bids are due mid-September, and by the time it hits board approval and everything else I'm going to guess it's going to be sometime in possibly November. I wouldn't anticipate work to begin until the spring.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

George Chachas stated I want to remind you that I gave you a memo dated May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, in regard to the proper hookup on my properties on the Bell Avenue project with what was there and what was taken away needs to be replaced. I want equal protection under the law. Out at 582 North Highway 93, an RV park is evidently being put in by Mr. Ramsey. Did he get a will serve for ten units, five units, or whatever the case may be? Did he hook up to City water as mandated by law? The lines run on the front of that property. That property was closed because there was improper septic at the time and the property stood idle for years, I want to know. Mr. Chachas stated ongoing concerns regarding the sewer problem he took care of at his property located at 681 Parker Avenue; the drainage off the Bath property causing erosion on his property located at 622 High Street; and if there have been any RVs permitted in the City of Ely and if so are they paying utilities.

City Clerk Lee stated the next meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2024.

**6. ADJOURNMENT: THE MEETING MAY BE ADJOURNED BY APPROPRIATE MOTION OF THE MUNICIPAL UTILITY BOARD**

Vice Chairman Derbidge adjourned the regular meeting of the Municipal Utilities Board at **8:22 a.m.**

  
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Attest

  
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Chairman

