



CITY OF ELY

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ELY CITY COUNCIL

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May 21, 2013 10:00 a.m. – Ely Volunteer Fire Hall - 499 Mill Street - Ely, Nevada.

Mayor Hickman called the Special Meeting of the Ely City Council to order at 10:00:37 AM and asked for Roll Call.

Members present:

Mayor Jon Hickman
Councilman Robert Sedlacek
Councilman Dale Derbidge
Councilman Rom DiCianno
Councilman Marty Westland

Members absent:

Councilman Shane Bybee

City Staff present:

City Clerk James Alworth
City Treasurer Janette Trask
City Fire Chief Ross Rivera
Minutes Clerk Jennifer Lee

Also in attendance: Lukas Eggen of the *Ely Times*.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments not exceeding three (3) minutes in length will be accepted from the general public in attendance. If any are made, there may be discussion upon those comments. No vote, decision, or action may be taken upon matters raised under this item until it is formally placed on the agenda. **Comments during Discussion Items will not be accepted from the General public.** “Section 8.04, of the Nevada Open Meeting Law Manual indicates that the Public Body may prohibit comment if the content of the comments is a topic that is not relevant to or within the authority of the Public Body or if the content of the comments is willfully disruptive of the meeting by being irrelevant, repetitious, slanderous, offensive, inflammatory, irrational or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers”.

There was no public comment.

3. THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING AT 10:00 A.M. ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC.

1. Council Members - City Treasurer Trask – Discussion Only – Adoption of the Tentative Budget for FY2013-2014 as final. Budget to be submitted to the Department of Taxation pursuant to NRS 354.598.

There was no public comment.

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

1. Council Members - City Treasurer Trask – Discussion/For Possible Action – Adoption of the Tentative Budget for FY2013-2014 as final. Budget to be submitted to the Department of Taxation pursuant to NRS 354.598.

City Treasurer Trask reviewed the Tentative Budget on file at City Hall and stated the only difference between this and the tentative one sent to the State is the change in engineering, an increase in the percentage we are projecting for the insurance to go up and the estimate for this current year end.

Councilman Derbidge asked how come Judicial went up over \$100,000.00?

City Treasurer Trask stated on Judicial, we budget for the full amount; that was recommended by our auditor because it's up to them what they spend out of those funds.

Councilman Westland asked public safety?

City Treasurer Trask stated that is a combination of the Fire Department stipends, which have now been budgeted in payroll, and the law enforcement.

Councilman Derbidge asked we didn't budget anything in Community Support this year; what did we have in it last year?

City Treasurer Trask stated that one will usually be grants and we don't budget for grants.

Councilman Westland asked am I correct that we stopped paying the Utility Board?

City Treasurer Trask stated we still have two that are being paid; it ends when they term out.

Councilman Derbidge asked animal licenses went down; are we not trying to collect?

City Treasurer Trask stated the licenses run the length of the rabies tags, so they only have to come in every three years.

Councilman Derbidge asked does it cost more to get an unlicensed dog out?

City Treasurer Trask stated yes and they're fined.

Councilman Westland asked we transferred funds from scrap iron at the Landfill to the General Fund; is that under "Miscellaneous"?

City Treasurer Trask stated yes.

Councilman Derbidge asked what else do we lease out besides the Corrals?

City Treasurer Trask stated where *AT & T*, *Verizon* and the TV District have their towers and the Georgetown Ranch. On Form 10 "General Government", the "Executive" went up in benefits because with the election, if new councilmen come on they have the option of insurance. On "Administration" we added \$5,000.00 for appraisals under services. Insurance increased by fifteen percent (15%) of the actual amount spent in this fiscal year.

Councilman Derbidge asked why isn't Kevin Briggs listed in "Schedule of Existing Contracts"?

City Treasurer Trask stated because he's paid as an employee.

Councilman Derbidge stated he's got a contract.

Councilman Derbidge stated we had a disagreement earlier this year on salaries and wages; if it was in the Budget, they automatically got it.

City Treasurer Trask stated at this point, we haven't negotiated anything, so nothing is guaranteed on the wages and benefits.

Councilman Derbidge stated at the time I was told to bring up the salaries in the Budget because once the salaries increase in the Budget, the employees were going to get it.

City Treasurer Trask stated it was part of last year's Budget to give those raises; that's what was agreed upon, not just because it was in there. It was budgeted, agreed to be budgeted and paid to these people. Right now we don't have any contract with the Union yet. We changed it this year to make sure that we bring everything before the Board. There is an increase in there because we figured there might be; we don't have to spend it.

Councilman Derbidge asked on the Cemetery, did you budget anything to fix the drainage from the Gianoli Substation?

City Treasurer Trask stated no. When that happens, it will come out of the Capital Improvement fund. The majority of Street Department expenses are paid for out of Public Transit that we get from the County. Your revenue on "Capital Improvements" is your Ad Valorem from the County; the only transfer that should come into this is revenue made from the Fire Department off of accidents out in the County because the Fire Station payment comes out of this fund. On the "Fire Protections/Street Improvement Fund", Ross has \$22,870.00 for ten Turnouts.

Councilman Derbidge stated in the "Services" on the "Executive", we have budgeted \$600.00 for "Contract Labor".

City Treasurer Trask stated that was for properties that need to be cleaned.

Councilman Derbidge stated in "Finance" under "Services" it says Bank Charges" increased to \$1,700.00; I thought we did away with those.

City Treasurer Trask stated you're right; I am working on getting that transferred over, but it is a bit of a process to notify all of our people that do Direct Payments, on our side and their side. I will still budget a little bit to cover checks and deposit slips, but the majority of that will come down; that will hit the three enterprise funds also.

Councilman Derbidge on the Street and Landfill Departments, it says "Sand Blaster Hood and Paint Gun"; what are they going to paint and sand blast?

City Clerk Alworth stated we're trying to save the beds on the yellow dump trucks by controlling the rust on them.

Councilman Derbidge stated the problem I have with this and I've had somebody complain more than once that the City doesn't own a paint booth. People pay a lot of fees for this; we expect other people to follow the law, but the City would be exempt?

City Clerk Alworth stated we had the NDF sandblast and paint stuff for us several years ago.

Councilman Derbidge stated the sandblasting isn't the problem; instead of buying the paint gun, we should budget money to have NDF paint it. It's not the dollar amount; it's the perception that we're doing something that's illegal. NDF will paint for government entities if the other body/paint shops sign off that they don't want the job.

City Clerk Alworth stated NDF just charges for the paint.

Councilman Westland stated wages, it means we're budgeting what we need Council approval for, for increases.

City Treasurer Trask stated right now, yes because you'll have to do the contracts once we get that negotiated.

Councilman Derbidge stated but then the Non-Contract comes also.

City Treasurer Trask stated yes.

Councilman Westland stated on the Capital Improvement funds, the extra money that they've been collecting, the \$10.00 and \$5.00 for Water and Sewer, how much are in those funds right now?

City Treasurer Trask stated I don't have a total.

Councilman Westland asked have we used any of those?

City Treasurer Trask stated no. Every month when I give you your Financial, there's a separate line where I transferred whatever revenue was generated into that reserve.

Councilman Westland asked how would we budget for the replacement of a project? The State warned us on the Parker Street project to plan for early replacement.

City Treasurer Trask stated you can always do your augmentation.

Councilman DiCianno stated I worked for two and a half years to get donations toward that fire truck.

City Treasurer Trask stated the \$5,000.00 donation that the Shoshone Tribe gave us reduced the amount owed.

Councilman Derbidge moved to adopt the Tentative Budget for FY 2013-2014 as final. Councilman DiCianno seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. REPORTS

CITY COUNCIL

None of the Councilmen had a report.

MAYOR

Mayor Hickman did not have a report.

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There was no public comment.

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

Councilman Derbidge moved to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Ely City Council at 10:50:53 AM. Councilman Sedlacek seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



MAYOR



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