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**ELY CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING**

**July 9, 2020 5:00 p.m.**

**July 9, 2020 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 **5:03 P.M.**, led in the Pledge of Allegiance, Reverend James Woffinden offered the Invocation and Mayor Robertson asked for Roll Call.

Members present:

- Mayor Nathan Robertson
- Councilman Ernie Flangas
- Councilman Kurt Carson
- Councilman Ed Spear
- Councilman Jim Alworth
- Councilwoman Michelle Beecher

City Officials and Staff present:

- City Clerk Jennifer Lee
- City Attorney Caroline Townsend
- City Treasurer Janette Trask
- City Building Official Brad Christensen
- Public Works Supervisor Mike Cracraft
- City Fire Chief Ross Rivera
- Police Chief Scott Henriod

Also in attendance: Members of the public in attendance at the Volunteer Fire Hall signed in (appears below) and the following persons attended via video conference: Marietta Henry, Donna Bath, Caroline McIntosh, and Diane Arvizo of NRHA.

City Council ATTENDANCE LIST

DATE: 7-9-20

<u>Print name below</u>	<u>Print name below</u>
<u>Hendy VanCamp</u>	_____
<u>J. Sanchez</u>	_____
<u>Kyle Henriod</u>	_____
<u>George Chachas</u>	_____
<u>Mark Forseth</u>	_____
<u>Rev. James Woffinden</u>	_____

**2.PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Caroline McIntosh stated I'm associated with the White Pine Boys and Girls Club and I'd appreciate your consideration of the letter that Councilman Alworth has regarding the additional expenses that the Boys and Girls Club will have to enhance for the pandemic. The Club will have to sanitize; it will require more personnel. Prior to the pandemic, 170 children participated every day in the program. With the new

regulations, it will require a sizable investment in sanitizing and masks, which are much more expensive for children. The Boys and Girls Club is a 501C3 non-profit. This is for the COVID money.

Melody Van Camp stated last year in May, our City Attorney Chuck Odgers and myself traveled to Las Vegas meeting with Mike Williams and the S & S attorney; an agreement to end the long-going lawsuit was hammered out. The City would lease to Mike Williams 129 miles of ground for \$50,000 a year, with cost of living increases. The City would retain utility right-of-way. Williams would buy our share or half the track for \$500,000, with the stipulation that if the track is removed it would be replaced within three years. The City would receive a percentage of commerce on the track and of the approximately \$479,000 maintenance bill owed to Mr. Williams, half of that would be forgiven and no more attorneys' fees. The agreement was voted on and accepted by the City Council in June 2019 and a good faith settlement was presented to Judge Dobrescu. What was left? The City would then draw up the new contract and we would be done with the lawsuit, attorney's fees and for the first time in twenty years, on this so-called thirty year contract, the City would finally see some revenue on this line. This was an agreement between Mike Williams and the City of Ely. Mr. Williams would have to deal with the Foundation on its own. The Foundation wanted nothing to do with finding an end to this expensive lawsuit. Last year the Council scrapped our decision and joined the Foundation to further this lawsuit and where did this decision get you both? Certainly no revenue, more attorneys' fees and don't forget the \$479,000 maintenance bill you still owe. Last week I obtained a copy of the decision from Judge Dobrescu on the lawsuit stating that the 45G tax credits could not be used as revenue. Will there be an appeal on this issue to the tune of more years wrapped up in this lawsuit and don't forget more money? I hope you both do not cave into the big dreams of Mark Bassett and the Foundation and turn over the City's asset, aka, the north line, to that bunch of thieves, the Foundation. Over the years, the Foundation held secret meetings that did not include two representatives from the City of Ely, with lots of wheeling and dealing. I'm sure the secret gatherings are still going on. Please think before you hand over our asset. The north line belongs to the City and we have no clue how the Foundation wormed their way into the north line.

White Pine Horse Races Chairwoman Marietta Henry stated I've been working diligently with our board and Dr. David Byun; he's our chief health officer for Ely and we have come up with a set of guidelines for the horse races. I sent the guidelines to Jennifer Lee this afternoon and she was going to read them all to you and give you a copy for your files. In addition to what Dr. Byun and I came up with, we are going to use the same procedures that Evanston, Wyoming used last weekend, which is to make sure we take temperatures of all the participants and the guests as they come in every day. They will be issued a specific colored wrist band, based on that day, and the temperature Dr. Byun has said is 100.4; if anyone is above that temperature, they will be asked nicely to leave. Today I received a phone call from Brian McIntosh; he is our State Gaming Control Board representative and represents Ely and Elko, as far as the horse races, to the State Gaming Commission. The chairman of the Gaming Control Board is Sandra Douglas Morgan and she was concerned about a correspondence that stated a few individuals who tested positive were not in quarantine; I know that has been addressed. I know the City, the County and the Sheriff are all working together to come up with a good solution to this problem. Our guidelines have been presented to the Gaming Control Board and we are going to follow the rules according to the Governor of the State of Nevada. We're doing everything in our power to make sure we have a successful meet.

George Chachas stated on your Street Department report, you're to consider doing a regrind of the section of Avenue D between the Prospector and Wheeler Machinery, along with a soil stabilization to prep for a future chip overlay; that project needs to be done under a general improvement district. None of that section is paved, has curb and gutter or meets ADA compliance. The traffic is too heavy for just a chip overlay. It appears you've got a sweetheart project. You need to adhere to adopted City standards. Mr. Mayor, on the special event licenses you approved, did they have a State business license and State sales tax number? Road closures are made with all Council approval. Are you re-writing the ordinance on your own? When did we change the procedure? A business license was issued to someone with a Home Occupation. How was that Home Occupation approved? Do they have a State business licenses? What is the total debt to date of the historical railroad? What is the total amount paid to date for legal fees involving the S & S lawsuit? There may be millions in lost revenue. In regards to the rumored embezzlement of tens of thousands of dollars from the Railroad, is it true? Has the City or the Railroad filed a claim with POOL PACT? If so, what was collected and when was it collected? On June 11, 2020, I reported that the City paid approximately \$16,000 for curb and gutter alongside the Van Camp junkyard; when did the Council put that on an agenda? When was it approved and by who? I've reported numerous

lights out in the downtown area around the Convention Center; they've been out for over a year. The parking lot at the Convention Center does not meet minimum ADA requirements.

City Clerk Lee read the Public Health guidelines for the Horse Races appearing below received from Marietta Henry.

Jul 09 22 03:54p Marietta Henry 7752892065 p.1

Marietta, thanks for reaching out to me. Your strive to make the horse racing event safe for everyone is admirable. As we discussed, below is a draft of the guidelines for the event.

Guidelines for the White Pine Horse Races

**Goals:**

1. Provide a safe event in the midst of a pandemic.
2. Provide reassurance to the participants.
3. Prevent community spread of COVID-19 in an area of low healthcare capacity.

**Preamble:**

Whereas White Pine Horse Races is hosting a mass gathering public event, promoting current best practices to staff and participants is crucial for its success. Preventing an outbreak originating from the venue will instill public confidence for future events.

**General Principles of Best Practices:**

1. Washing hands
  - a. Hand washing station scattered throughout the venue is recommended.
    - i. May be portable sink with water and soap.
    - ii. May be hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
  - b. Staff working with the public will be at highest risk. Having hand sanitizer available in their work station will be important.
2. Keeping distance, minimum 6 feet.
  - a. We discussed marking the floors for line-up areas.
  - b. Spread out the vendors.
  - c. Betting stations with every other service window open.
  - d. Limit and/or spread out seating. Benches may be marked for a visual cue on distancing for the attendees.
3. Wearing mask or face covering- for the courtesy of others.

a. Whereas this is a high profile event, encouraging the public to follow the Governor's Directives is recommended. Directive 024 requires Nevadans wear mask in public. The Directive also lists exceptions, which is why I do not expect enforcement, but rather encouragement.

b. All staff should be wearing a mask.

c. You may provide masks to attendees, but I would still encourage people to bring their own from home.

Best practices under the circumstance also include:

1. Keeping enclosed areas ventilated, including jockey's lounge.
2. Checking the temperature of staff upon entrance. Turn away those with a temperature of 100.4 F and above.
3. Staff member who feel ill should stay at home.

Tips:

1. Use mass media to advise the public in advance of modifications and practices to be expected at the event. Inform the public that,

- a. Use of mask will be required unless exempt by the Directive.
- b. Social distancing will be encouraged and promoted with marked floors and benches.
- c. Encourage those who are ill or exposed to COVID-19 to stay at home.

- Examples of mass media include local paper, event website, radio, social media, promotion devices.

2. Signage

a. I would encourage posting a sign at the entrance with general information and ground rules to demonstrate that White Pine Horse Race is committed to the safety of all attendees. These may include,

- i. General Principles and Practices listed above
- ii. Directing location of hand-washing stations
- iii. Encouraging those who are ill or exposed to COVID-19 to stay at home. (*We love your business but we also love everyone else's*)

If I think of anything else, I'll let you know. Everything is a work in progress and I don't know how things will develop until then. Please feel free to reach me for any questions.

David Byun, D.O.

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**NOTE:**

In addition to the above, we will be taking temperatures of all participants and visitors. Each individual, after having received a normal test result will wear a colored wrist band designated for that particular day. This will make it easy to determine that someone has been tested and has approval to be at the Fairgrounds.

Marietta Henry

Board Chairman, White Pine Horse Races

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

Councilman Carson stated I want to remove no. 4 under New Business.

Councilwoman Beecher moved to approve the agenda minus Item 10B-4. Councilman Flangas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**6. REPORTS  
MAYOR**

The City of Ely is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Mayor Robertson stated on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, each Member of the Council was contacted on what the situation was and what would be happening, as well as Dr. Byun’s recommendation that we amend some of the festivities we have. No orders or mandates were made by either myself, the Commission or Dr. Byun. The County Health Officer made a recommendation and the organizations acted accordingly in cooperation for the benefit of our community, which I think is admirable. I did thank the County Commission and staff for assisting and making last minute changes to our festivities. I know the Tour and Rec. department and Main Street did as well. I think we did an admirable job in the community doing our best to keep people safe.

I attended the Emergency Management meeting this morning. Our local problems with contact tracing were discussed and the County’s working on a solution with the State; we were told by the State person in attendance that these are problems they’re having all over the State. People are being combative, aggressive and abusive to the people on the phone when contacted for contact tracing; we did have one local contact tracing person quit over it, which precipitated some of the events over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The County Health Officer didn’t feel that he had the structure to adequately respond to the needs of the pandemic. As the volume of tests has gone up, the lag time for results has increased. Some of the pending tests in our community are from as long ago as July 3<sup>rd</sup>. We have around forty pending tests out, so Dr. Byun is making decisions based on tests that are over a week old. The hospital is doing the best it can to keep those tests churning out and coming back; they’re looking at getting faster result methods, but none of those are currently in operation yet.

Regarding our CARES act funding, I’ve been in contact with the Lieutenant Governor, as well as Senator Cortez-Masto’s office. I feel we should continue to put a plan together on how to spend that, as well as discussing options with the County to alleviate our highest local impacts. As of right now, we have not received these funds.

The National Guard will be doing another Drive-Thru testing on the 21<sup>st</sup> of this month from noon to 6:00 p.m. and I would like to encourage as many people as possible to make use of this.

I’d like to address the citizen complaint process. As stated in a previous report I made, the City would not be proactively sending letters out or sending out law enforcement to each business to educate regarding the State’s emergency health directive 024, otherwise known as the mask mandate. I did, however, say that we would be responding to complaints received regarding the matter using the same process that we do for all complaints received. The process currently put into place operates as follows: A complaint is filed to make sure the City is not acting on here say; City staff verifies the validity of each complaint received; Should the complaint prove to be valid, then the City sends out a letter notifying the business or property owner of the situation; and the letter will outline a prescribed timeline in which to have the situation remedied and notify the recipient of any possible repercussions if they fail to remedy the situation. The time period is usually set by statute. I have been asked on occasion, ‘couldn’t someone at the City have just given me a call instead of sending a letter’; in discussing that suggestion with City staff, there are some very salient points for not doing that. A phone conversation can be misconstrued. There is no record of a phone conversation that can be reviewed and a here say situation can be just as detrimental to the complaint recipient as it could to the City. With a written paper, what was communicated or not communicated is in black and white; there are dates and language that can be referred to. As the form letter we sent out clearly shows, no one’s business license was threatened. The language of “can”, “may” and “please” were used, hardly threatening words. The intended aim of proceeding in the fashion we did was to encourage compliance to control the spread of the pandemic, thereby keeping our business and local economy open. We have to recognize the fact that there are many State departments that have jurisdiction over our local businesses; that being a fact, education and encouragement is the best bet in protecting our families and livelihoods. If the Council wishes to amend the process the City has in place, that is their right and prerogative to do so as the lawmaking body of this City. It is my job as the mayor as stated in NRS 266.190 to make sure the processes adopted by the City Council are being followed.

Councilman Carson stated I got phone calls all day from some unhappy customers and feel that this Council got run over on that decision. You didn’t get our input or ask for our input. Those letters were just mailed out – in my opinion, prematurely – and I’m upset about it.

Mayor Robertson stated this is the process the City uses for all complaints; they come in, the City staff reviews them and sends letters out. They don't come to me or the Council. If the Council wants to amend the process, they're going to have to amend the process for everybody.

Councilwoman Beecher stated I think the next meeting should certainly include a review of the process.

Councilman Carson stated it's going to take awhile for these businesses to get masks and a plan. I think everybody's doing the best they can. I would feel better if we help people out. The \$1,000 fine for a small business owner puts me through the roof; they can't afford that.

Mayor Robertson stated if you'll review the letters we send out for other complaints we receive, it's a lot more lenient.

Councilwoman Beecher stated the issue I have is when you put in 4-4-1 in the City Code, the first word that comes up is "nuisance". We're trying to promote people having businesses.

Councilman Carson stated a lot of these businesses were doing their best to stay in compliance with what the Governor issued.

Councilman Alworth stated I had several talks with the Clerk and the Attorney. I read the one rebuttal letter that came back; he felt he was in compliance. The other business owner called me and he brought up a valid point: "I was following the law." I agree with Michelle that this is an extraordinary time and we need to put it on the agenda to talk about because I feel we shot from the hip too quick.

Councilman Spear stated in these emergency situations, we need a consensus of this Council, so it doesn't all get put on a staff member or the mayor.

Mayor Robertson stated I agree with you Councilman Spear. No one is being asked to question a person's medical history, either in the directive or by the City. I will ask the Clerk to comment on how the mandate has been going with people coming into City offices.

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

##### **➤ FIRE CHIEF**

Councilman Alworth stated your report is a great start, but the format I sent out will give us more detail for City/County negotiations.

City Fire Chief Rivera stated we did a campaign with the businesses on Great Basin Boulevard and had over a hundred bottles of water donated. I attended the COVID meeting and PPE is really hard to receive right now, but we got a shipment and feel comfortable with what we have.

Councilman Carson stated I hear you're going to retire.

City Fire Chief Rivera stated yes.

Councilman Carson stated I want to thank you for all your years of service.

##### **➤ POLICE CHIEF**

Mayor Robertson asked did you have a chance to follow up on that complaint in the canyon?

Police Chief Henroid stated as you turn down Mill from Murry Summit, there's no signs about the truck traffic, so it's my recommendation that you approach DOT and get some signage up there.

##### **➤ CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney Townsend stated my last day will be August 20<sup>th</sup>.

##### **➤ CITY CLERK**

City Clerk Lee stated I got a text from City Engineer Almberg; he stated that as of yesterday morning, six contractors had picked up packets for the Murry Street Sewer project that will be awarded at the next City Council meeting; he also wrote we are expecting delivery of the Terrace pump and motor in the next week or so. As far as implementation that Mayor Robertson wanted me to report on, at City Hall we've had wonderful compliance. City Treasurer Trask suggested having disposable masks by the front door; most people are prepared, but some aren't. We've posted a sign on the door people need a mask and if they don't read it, one of the utility clerks ask them to put on a mask.

➤ **CITY TREASURER**

City Treasurer Trask stated we are putting our year end financial statements together and the auditors are slated to come the first part of September.

➤ **CITY PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR**

Councilman Alworth stated on the Animal Control report, let's put a dollar amount in for fines.

Public Works Supervisor Cracraft stated on the street lights, we've been stripping the cobra heads and putting LED bulbs in. Of the seven that have been out, we've done six: One by the old bar Tracks, one in the parking lot behind the Jailhouse, one between Mr. G's and the Jailhouse, one behind the Jailhouse in the parking lot, Mr. Nardi's and one on the corner.

**Mayor Robertson handed the gavel to Mayor Pro Tem Beecher for NNRy's report.**

**5. NNRy FOUNDATION REPORT**

NNRY President Bassett reviewed Nevada Northern Railway's June 2020 report and CARES Act funding request appearing below.

**NEVADA NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
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**Monthly Operations Report for June 2020**

1. COVID-19 – Update: Ridership is down. We are beginning to see an uptick in ticket sales. We lowered the capacity on all trains to 50%. We have purchased small bottles of hand sanitizers that we are handing out to all of our visitors and passengers. We are requiring all passengers and visitors wear masks on the train and inside buildings. We have also hired a person to help with the cleaning of the train and buildings.
2. Locomotive Status – No change
  - a. Locomotives in service: #40, #93, #105, #109, #204, #310, Wrecking Crane A & Rotary B.
  - b. Locomotives out of service needing moderate repairs: #45
  - c. Locomotives waiting funding for restoration: Steptoe Valley Smelting and Mining #309, Kennecott 801 and Rotary Snowplow B (for boiler overhaul.)
  - d. Locomotives out of service needing heavy repairs #802, #81, #80 and the military locomotives.
  - e. Work continues on Locomotive 81. We have completed the installation of tubes on the boiler. The boiler is water tight.
3. Rolling Stock Status – No change
  - a. Passenger equipment in service: #07, #08, #09, Flatcar #23, Coach #5, Baggage Car/RPO #20, Outfit Car #06.
  - b. Passenger equipment out of service: #10, #2 and #05 needing heavy repairs.
  - c. Caboosees in service: #3, #6 and #22 are operational.



**Award Winning Destination**

Best Tour in Rural Nevada – 2017  
Nevada State Treasure – 2013 & 2012  
Best Preservation Effort in the West • Attraction of the Year – 2012  
Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence – 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014  
Best Museum in Rural Nevada – 2017, 2016, 2014, 2013, 2010, 2009, 2008  
Best Museum - Special Recognition – 2010 • Favorite Nevada Attraction – 2008  
Best Event in Rural Nevada – The Polar Express – 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014 & 2013  
Best Place to Take the Kids in Rural Nevada 2019, 2018, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007



- d. Cabooses out service: #5
- 4. Track Status – No change
  - a. Keystone Branch is open
  - b. Adverse Branch is open.
- 5. Ridership and Ticket Sales – Updated
  - a. In June, we carried 1,173 passengers. That is a decrease of 42% or 846 passengers.
  - b. Year to date our ridership is at 1,955 passengers. That is a decrease of 61% or 3,086 passengers.
  - c. Since operation began in 1987, we have carried 306,485 passengers.
- 6. Social Media: Our reach on social media continues to expand. We have 103,391 people who like our page. We are aggressively posting and doing home grown videos.
- 7. We painted all of our passenger cars the same color, Pullman Green.



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July 9, 2020

Nathan Robertson  
Mayor, City of Ely  
501 Mill Street  
Ely NV. 89301

Dear Mayor Robertson,

The Nevada Northern Railway Foundation is requesting financial support from the City of Ely's CARES Act funding. The railroad is the major tourist attraction for the City of Ely. Additionally the railroad is joint owned between the City of Ely and the Foundation. The finances of the railroad have been hard hit by the Covid-19 pandemic.

For example we had a sold out train for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks train, but in keeping with Covid-19 guidelines, we had reduced our capacity by 50%. That meant that our revenue on a sold out train was 50% less. We will be limiting our ridership on all of our trains by 50% with a corresponding 50% reduction in revenue for the remainder of the year.

Additionally to reducing capacity of our trains we have been diligently cleaning the trains, public areas and restrooms. Furthermore we have hired a cleaning person to clean our areas. Additionally we are providing a bottle of hand sanitizer to all of our visitors too. I want to increase our cleaning of the train cars by using electrostatic sprayers. This is the same equipment that is used by Amtrak and the airlines.

To date the Foundation has spent over \$4,000 in Covid-19 related expenses. I expect that we will be spending at least another \$8,000-\$10,000 by the end of our season. Any assistance that the City of Ely can provide from their CARES Act funding will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark S. Bassett".

Mark S. Bassett  
President

**Mayor Pro Tem Beecher handed the gavel back to Mayor Robertson.**

## 6. REPORTS CITY COUNCIL

Councilman Alworth stated Caroline McIntosh made mention I received a letter; it was sent to me, but I didn't get it in time. Once I get it, I'll follow up on that.

Councilman Spear stated on June 20<sup>th</sup>, and we're fighting this COVID-19, I went by the Renaissance Village and it was packed with people. I contacted the Mayor via email and asked what was going on there. There was a wedding up there. That wedding had no event license or liquor license. I have since that time contacted Clerk Lee and Attorney Townsend and I think we need to revisit special events. I'm close friends with the president of the Great Basin Service Club and they felt they were being told not to have the parade; then social media beat them up. On their July 14<sup>th</sup> agenda they have an item to stop doing parades in White Pine County. They do a great job for us and have to buy an insurance policy for the two parades; that's \$1,000.00 and they're out \$500.00. They collect no revenue, there are misconceptions that they charge people a registration fee and this year they didn't ask for donations because of the COVID issue.

Councilman Carson stated I had a conversation with Carl of the Water Department and he's having a tough time keeping the water levels up in the tanks. At the Utility Board meeting this morning I asked the mine if they had an emergency plan in case 7 went down because we wouldn't be able to provide all the water that's necessary for the town; they pump well 6 and 7 up here and provide us 3,000 GPM. 6 has cavitated, so we're down to about 1,500 GPM and barely keeping up. They did say they have a backup pump, but it would take five days to replace the pump and we would be out of water. I would like to let the mine know of our problems. They

are fixing the Terrace Well which will give us an additional 500 GPM, but we haven't hit the real hot weather yet either.

Councilman Flangas stated as far as Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA), they have not given up their permits in Steptoe Valley yet.

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

1. Councilwoman Beecher – City Fire Chief Rivera – Public Hearing – Discussion Only – Approval of Resolution 2020-2, a Resolution to amend the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Billing Rate Schedule pursuant to City Code 1-11-10.

George Chachas stated on the first paragraph of Resolution 2020-2, the last Whereas states “This resolution shall be accounted for in the General Fund and used to support fire/ambulance operations and other General Fund fiscal needs.” I have a problem with that. On the second charge, “BLS Emergent \$750.00 to \$1,050.00”, a 40% increase. The next one: \$750.00 to \$1,025.00, a 36% increase. Go down to the next one, Emergent Level 1: \$750.00 to \$1,150.00, 53% increase. Emergent Level 2: \$750.00 to \$1,325.00, 76% increase. On the mileage, 58% increase. I'd like some clarification on the Standby event, going from \$0 to \$75.00 an hour.

**8. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS PERTAINING TO THE PUBLIC HEARING.**

1. Councilwoman Beecher – City Fire Chief Rivera – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval of Resolution 2020-2, a Resolution to amend the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Billing Rate Schedule pursuant to City Code 1-11-10.

Councilman Alworth moved to approve Resolution 2020-2, removing the mileage and Standby Time increases. Councilman Spear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Mayor Robertson – Discussion/For Possible Action – Recommendation to draft a ten-year lease proposal for the building, owned by Robinson Nevada Mining Company, located at #1Murry Springs Circle, allowing Robinson Nevada Mining Company access to all monitoring points.

Councilman Carson stated maybe a ten-year lease for the building.

Councilman Alworth stated get the verbiage of who is going to pay the insurance if it burns down. I move we have the City Clerk appoint a committee to discuss this and suggest the City Treasurer, Mike Cracraft and Kurt Carson. Councilwoman Beecher seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Councilman Carson – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval to send letter to Robinson Nevada Mining Company requesting they present an Escrow Agreement modifications proposal at the July 23, 2020 Ely City Council meeting.

Councilman Carson stated I move we send the mine a letter and this next meeting they can present what they think of our data. Councilman Alworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Councilman Alworth – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval of new format to be used by the Water, Sewer and Landfill departments for future monthly reports.

Councilman Alworth moved to approve new monthly report format. Councilwoman Beecher seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

**A. CONSENT AGENDA** (These items may be approved in one motion by the Council as its first action of business under For Discussion/Possible Action items.) Approval of the Consent Agenda approves each of these items. Council Members may remove any item from the Consent Agenda by notifying the Mayor or Mayor pro tem.

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

Moved by: Councilman Flangas Second by: Councilman Alworth Vote: Unanimous

2. Discussion/For Possible Action – Bills.

- [June 24, 2020](#)
- [June 30, 2020](#)
- [July 1, 2020](#)

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Mayor Robertson – Nevada Rural Housing Authority (NRHA) Director of Homeownership Programs Diane Arvizo – [Discussion/For Possible Action](#) – Approval of Resolution 2020-9 providing for the transfer of the City of Ely’s 2020 private activity bond volume cap to the Nevada Rural Housing Authority.

Diane Arvizo gave a presentation on NRHA’s contributions in the City of Ely.

Councilman Carson moved to approve Resolution 2020-9. Councilman Alworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Mayor Robertson – [Discussion/For Possible Action](#) - First Reading of Ordinance 735, Bill 2020-07, with approval to move to the second reading. Ordinance 735 amends Title 9, Chapter 5 entitled IMPROVEMENTS, amending City’s curb and sidewalk policies.

Councilman Alworth moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 735. Councilman Spear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Mayor Robertson – Discussion/For Possible Action – Review of eligible expenditures under the CARES Act and direction for the use of \$729,204.00 distributed to the City.

Councilwoman Beecher moved to table this item. Councilman Alworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Councilman Carson – [Discussion/For Possible Action](#) – Approval of FY21 Collective Bargaining Agreement between City of Ely Fire Department and Operating Engineers, Local 3.

Councilman Carson moved to approve. Councilwoman Beecher seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Councilman Alworth – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval for White Pine Main Street Committee to use Survey Monkey to gather ideas for Broadbent Park; no time or financial commitment is required and the results will be reported back to the City of Ely.

Councilman Alworth moved to grant approval for White Pine Main Street Committee to use Survey Monkey to gather ideas for Broadbent Park. Councilman Flangas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Councilman Alworth – Discussion/For Possible Action – Formulation of plan to deal with slum and blight in the City of Ely.

Councilman Alworth moved to table this item. Councilman Spear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Councilman Alworth – [Discussion/For Possible Action](#) – Approval of new format to be used by the non-enterprise fund departments for future monthly reports.

Councilman Alworth moved to approve the new monthly report format for non-enterprise fund departments. Councilman Spear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Carson moved to request proposals for a City website design. Councilwoman Beecher seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**11. PUBLIC COMMENT**

George Chachas stated ongoing concerns regarding the City of Ely Building Inspector; the billing on his property located at 490 High Street; the 490' of Murry Street project pipe; Councilman Flangas encroaching on City right-of-way and the newspaper failing to print his ads.

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

Councilwoman Beecher moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Ely City Council at **7:42 p.m.** Councilman Alworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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*Mayor*

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*Attest*

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