The Ellsworth City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall on August 12, 2024 With Mayor Yager presiding, and the following council present: King, Gelder, Sogard, Laube, with Funk arriving at 7:03 p.m.

July Receipts July Disbursements

General Fund 40414.32 30656.98

Road Use Fund 5780.24 1322.59

Employee Benefit Fund 2368.89 3680.78

Emergency Fund 880.86 7112.00

Local Option Sales Tax Fund 6120.48

Tax Increment Finance Area 1

Tax Increment Finance Area 2 1290.62

Tax Increment Finance 1 Amend 36.28

Bingo Fund 4970.98 11457.92

Debt Service Fund 1360.54 13764.00

Capital Project-Storm Water

Capital Project-Water Tower

Water Fund 25153.21 17135.29

Water Sinking Fund

Sewer Fund 7213.90 8589.78

Electric Fund 61157.96 69176.02

Electric Sinking Fund

Storm Water Fund 4360.18 57.75

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**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Motion by King, seconded by Gelder to approve the agenda. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion by Laube, seconded by King to approve the following items listed on the consent agenda:

1. Motion to approve July 23rd council minutes
2. Motion to approve July payment of claims

Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried and claims hereby made portion of these minutes.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Marv Norem came to the city as he was in charge of watching over his grandson’s property while he was on vacation. He stated that he looked all over the property to ensure all faucets were turned off that the time his grandson had left. He watched over the property while he was gone. Norem stated that the night before his grandson got back he noticed that a water spicket had been turned on in the back and the garden was full of water. He was asking for forgiveness of the bill. The council has decided to wait on a decision until hearing about reads from Nick to make any decisions. This has happened once before and the situation had been handled with an agreement. Mayor Yager will be in touch With EJS for further assistance as well.

**BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE FOR 415 Elmo Ave:** The city has requested a new building permit for 415 Elmo Ave as it had expired in 2022. Huebners were present to discuss the building and progress made over the past 2 years. Many accomplishments have been made. The city requested they fill out a new permit at this time as their old one had expired. They filled out a new permit and paid the permit fee of $150.00. Requirements state that the home be move in ready by 8/12/2025 as is stated in the city ordinance. Glen Heubner had asked if they be prorated for sewage as they have a septic system and do not use sewage. Mayor Yager will have further conversation with Nick to see the processes as it was not discussed with the city at the start of construction.

**LIBRARY:** The library board was in attendance to ask for a resolution to be made. They asked for Their $9300.00 back that they didn’t use last year. They would like to use these funds for building maintenance and other projects they had planned for their 5 year strategic plan. Mayor Yager stated she would get more information on doing a resolution and get back to them about it. The Library board had also asked about the city paying for repairs needed for the Library building. Mayor Yager asked for quotes on items needed to be fixed.

**FIRE/EMS:** Fire Chief Evans was in attendance as well as Noel Thompson from Ellsworth Loading. They were here to discuss a rental agreement between the Ellsworth Fire Department and Ellsworth Loading for rental of the Ellsworth Loading building. Rent would be paid by our insurance company. Ellsworth Fire Department would be responsible for utilities. The City will be forwarding the agreement on the City Attorney for further review. Motioned by Funk, seconded by King. Roll call votes 3-0, 2 to abstain. Motion carried.

Fire chief Evans updated the council on repairs for equipment. Some repairs have been done to equipment with more repairs still needing to be completed. Evans will keep the city updated on what is being repaired and where Fire equipment will be going. Sogard has asked for further clarification on where repairs can be taken as to not cause a conflict of interest but still have items done in a timely and convenient manor. Mayor Yager will get a final statement form the auditor with regulations on money being spent.

**CHURCH:** Trinity Lutheran Church ahs requested the street at the church ber blocked off for their Rally Sunday. Mayor Yager Will discuss with Chief Turpen and Nick to close the street for the event.

**NUISANCE AND ABATEMENT:** Chief Turpen and Officer Morton have been serving nuisances in the community. Many nuisances have been taken care of as some are still left unmaintained. Mayor Yager will be in touch with the city Attorney to move forward with Nuisances that have been left unmaintained. Motioned by Gelder, seconded by king. Roll call votes 5-0. Motion Carries.

**DNR UPDATE:** Nick and Allen have met with Schlotfeldt Engineering for the Lagoon study. Nick will be in further communication with Schlotfeldt.

**LEAD AND COPPER SURVEY UPDATE:** Allen, Nick, and Lee will be working on the spreadsheet to ensure this will be completed by 10/12/2024.

**CITY HALL UPDATES:** Mayor Yager has been at City Hall for residents Monday through Friday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The schedule will be changing next week due to schedule conflicts. City Hall Will be open Monday Thursday and Friday 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Signage will be posted to city hall door.

**DISC GOLF COURSE:** Councilman Laube has been in contact with friends for plans on a disc golf course in the park. Laube asked for approval for going forward with the plans. Motioned by King, seconded by Gelder. Roll call votes 4-0 1 to obstain. Motin Carried.

**SIGNATURE CARDS AT AVAILABANK:** Mayor Yager to be added to all city signature cards, Mayor Pro Tem King to be added to all city Signature cards. Steve Holt, Greg Cambell, Amy Zeman to removed from all city signature cards.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Yager adjourned the meeting at 9:26 p.m.