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SOUP SUPPER (Free Will Donation)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

5:00 PM TO 7:00PM

ELLSWORTH COMMUNITY CENTER

1726 DESOTA ST

Chile or Chicken Noodle Soup

Cinnamon Roll or Dinner Roll

Dine-in, Pick-Up or Delivery

Call ahead for Pick-up or Delivery by Nov 7th.

Linda Clark - 836-2186 leave message

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 Trinity Lutheran Church 9:00 Daylight Saving Time Ends	4	5 V O T E Election Day	6	7 Library board meet 5:30	8 Ellsworth Comm Ass'n Soup Supper 5PM-7PM Comm Center	9 First Quarter Bingo Community Center 5:00
10 Trinity Lutheran Church 9:00	11 City Council 7:00 Veterans Day Remembrance Day (Canada)	12 Community Association 6:00 Community Center	13	14	15 Full Moon	16 Bingo Community Center 5:00
17 Trinity	18 Firemen Meeting 7:00	19	20	21	22 Last Quarter	23 Bingo Community Center 5:00
24 Trinity Lutheran Church 9:00	25	26 City Council 5:00 Community Association 6:00 Community Center	27	28  Thanksgiving Day	29	30 Bingo Community Center 5:00

Notices:

NEWSLETTER MATERIAL DUE: by the 25th of the month for the next month's edition. Send by email to ellsworthca@netins.net or Ellsworth Community Association, PO Box 272, Ellsworth, Ia 50075. Subscribe/ unsubscribe by email: send your request to ellsworthca@netins.net.

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Ellsworth Meals: Contact Linda Clark 515-297-3012 if you wish to have the noon meal delivered. Delivery Monday thru Friday, no holidays. Each meal \$5.00

Community Coffee - Tuesdays 9:30-?. Trinity Lutheran Church, Ellsworth. Everyone welcome.

Lord's Cupboard: Bethesda Lutheran Church, Jewell, 1st Monday 1:00-2:00, 5:00-6:30, other Mondays 5:00-6:30.

Birthdays This Month

Don Adix	1st	Betsy Hill	17th
Sylvia Vust	1st	Kaden Angove	18th
Bob Maass	3rd	Eldyn Hill	18th
Kathy Irvin	4th	Ryan Hill	20th
Tony Lindseth	5th	Phylis Olson	21st
Janelle Hill	8th	Chandler George	24th
Nadelyn VanLangen	15th	Steve Flygstad	25th
Phoebe Eckers	15th	Noel Thompson	28th
Doug Hocking	16th	Diane Edkers	30th
		Keagan Swenson	30th

REMEMBERING THE PAST: M. H. Brinton, Legislator

The early pioneer chose the land of Ellsworth for its railroad, groves of timber, the soil, as well as the flowing stream and good prairie nearby. These appealed most to the early settler. He needed the railroad for transportation; timber for building, fencing, fuel and protection from the elements; easy access to water for himself and his livestock and prairie land which could easily be turned into farmland.



However, sloughs were plentiful in both the town of Ellsworth and the countryside around the town. The pioneer farmers realized that unless something could be done to eliminate these slough, crops could not be raised.

M. H. Brinton, one of the local citizens who in 1893 was elected legislator from the 63rd district serving two terms was responsible for sponsoring a Bill for Drainage of the Swamps of the Prairie Land.

M. H. Brinton, Ellsworth Businessman & Legislator

SEPTEMBER 25TH CITY COUNCIL

The Ellsworth City Council met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall on September 25, 2024, with Mayor Yager presiding, and the following council present: Sogard, Laube, and King as a phone in

AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion by Sogard, seconded by Laube to approve the agenda. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Sogard, seconded by Funk to approve the following items listed on the consent agenda:

- a. Motion to approve September 9th council minutes

Motion by Laube, seconded by Sogard. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried and claims hereby made portion of these minutes.

Public Forum: None Present.

Inside Farmer's Market: Jessica Lowe will be contacting Ellsworth Library to discuss rental rate for the back room to host an indoor farmer's market in November. Second option for location would be the Ellsworth community center.

Rotoform Transformer: James Marsh, owner of Rotoform Molding was present to discuss payment of commercial transformer at 1435 Industrial Park Road, Ellsworth. Motion made by Sogard to pay Midland invoice pending discussion with county Auditor regarding retroactive or potential for use of TIF funds. Second – Laube. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried.

Rotoform – Payment Plan: City Clerk will communicate with owner of Rotoform Molding, James Marsh, to set up payment plan for transformer costs.

Fowl Permit Renewals: City Clerk will mail forms with reminder to past list of residents on file with fowl in their within city limits property.

Library Funds Transfer: Mayor Dolorus Yager proposed returning \$9,375.99 of unused allocated funds from fiscal year 2023/2024 to the Ellsworth Library per the Library's 5 year plan. Motion made by King and seconded by Sogard to approve the Mayor's proposal. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried.

Wellmark Employee Insurance Annual Renewal: Motion made by Laube and seconded by Sogard to renew employee insurance package through Wellmark at an increase for 2025 of 1.8%. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried.

Fire Department Rental Agreement: Mayor Dolorus Yager approved the proposed rental agreement from Ellsworth Loading for use by the Ellsworth Fire Department at \$1200 per month plus utilities to be paid by Ellsworth Fire Department.

Fire Department Tow Bill – Reimbursement to Evans Autobody: Mayor Dolores Yager approved reimbursement to Evans Autobody for towing of Ellsworth Ambulance, minus any taxes charged totaling \$439.33.

FIRE/EMS: Not Present

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Speed Limit Signage: Police Chief Dave Turpen looked into the 25 MPH and 35 MPH speed limit signage along R61 within the city limits of Ellsworth. Signs are legible and in the correct locations, suggested moving the south-facing 35MPH sign further north and adding a second 25MPH sign to replace it for additional clarity to vehicles/operators.

Industrial Electric Rates: Not discussed and moved to next month's meeting when all council will be present.

Resolution for Utility Deposit Policy: Motion made by Sogard and seconded by Laube to adopt resolution No. 09-25-2024. Resolution states: "a.) collect \$300 deposit and receipt the funds into the Electric Fund b.) apply deposit paid to the entire remaining balance of the utility account after the current occupant has notified the City of their final read date. c.) If there is a credit balance due after the final bill to the customer, the City will refund the credit balance to the customer from the Electric Fund. D.) If there is an outstanding balance due to the City, the City will proceed with collecting the outstanding balance from the customer." Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried to adopt Resolution No. 09-25-2024.

Bingo Tables and Chairs: Motion by King and seconded by Laube to offer the old community center tables and chairs being stored in the city shed to the public at \$10 per table and \$2 per chair. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried. City clerk will create order form and receipt to be available during Saturday evening Bingo at the Ellsworth Community Center and available at City Hall for members of the public who are interested in purchasing tables or chairs.

City Hall Updates: City Clerk updated the council on upcoming trainings including on the Utility Billing/Accounting/Check Writing software through Banyon Data, accredited clerk training through Municipal Professionals Institute and IMFOA conference and classes. City Hall will be closed on September 30, October 2-4, and October 17-18 for the city clerk to attend these sessions.

Public Works Updates: Public Works Supervisor Nick Vanlangen updated the council on the progress of the ammonia treatment for the lagoons. Nick will be getting an updated schedule from the company as well as an updated estimate on expenses prior to next council meeting. Nick updated the council on the progress for the Ellsworth Truck Wash new truck bay project at 1011 Hwy 175.

Comments: Sogard discussed the hours that the city burn site was open. Public Works supervisor Nick Vanlangen confirmed the burn site is unavailable on Sundays, Mondays, and holidays. Laube discussed public input on the need for stop lights at the on/off ramps for Interstate 35. Sogard will further investigate with DOT.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Dolorus Yager called for adjournment at 6:03 pm.

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FOR SALE: Older Community Center Tables and Chairs. Tables-\$10:00. Chairs-\$2.00

Order form and receipt available at City Hall

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REMINDER: Ellsworth Halloween Trick or Treat, October 31, 6PM-8PM

Supper at Fire Station 5:30PM-6:00PM

REMEMBER: Clocks fall back on November 3

OCTOBER 14TH CITY COUNCIL

The Ellsworth City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall on October 14, 2024, with Mayor Yager presiding, and the following council present: Sogard, King, and Funk.

	September Disbursements	September Receipts
General Fund	17,660.87	78,973.48
Road Use Fund	700.92	8,070.21
Employee Benefit Fund	195.83	
Emergency Fund		
Local Option Sales Tax Fund		5,610.40
Tax Increment Finance Area 1		
Tax Increment Finance Area 2		
Tax Increment Finance 1 Amend		
Bingo Fund	2,268.36	3,983.01
Debt Service Fund		
Capital Project-Storm Water		
Capital Project-Water Tower	10,974.50	
Water Fund	24,310.20	24,235.45
Water Sinking Fund		
Sewer Fund	15,551.87	5,991.38
Electric Fund	123,877.81	55,328.91
Electric Sinking Fund		
Storm Water Fund	53.58	2,999.43
Storm Water Sinking		
	\$195,593.94	\$185,192.24

Agenda Approval: Motion by Funk, seconded by King to approve the agenda. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Funk, seconded by Sogard to approve the following items listed on the consent agenda:

- Motion to approve September 24th council minutes
- Approve September Paid Claims
- Motion to approve Payment of Claims

Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried and claims hereby made a portion of these minutes.

Public Forum: No public comments.

Council Vacancy Interviews: Curtis Jensen, Danny Anderson, Brian Phipps, Andrew Holden, Irene Postma, Brian Zimmerman present and interviewed by City Council for Council seat vacated after Steven Gelder resigned.

Halloween DeWitt Street Closure: Discussion about trick-or-treat downtown October 31st during event at Ellsworth Fire Department and trunk-or-treat at Trinity Lutheran Church. Motion made by King to approve closure of the 1500 block of DeWitt Street from 6pm to 8pm. Second by Sogard. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion Carries.

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ECA: ECA members Linda Clark, Marcy Olson, Ashley Plattes and Kayla Knippel present to discuss upcoming fundraising event and request to use Community Center. Request made by association for a second key to the Community Center. Motion by Sogard to give second key fob to ECA President Marcy Olson allowing access to Community Center Building. Second by King, Roll Call Votes 3-0, Motion Carries. Motion by King to grant access to Community Center building for fundraising event on November 8th and to waive the \$75 rental fee. Second by Sogard, Roll Call Votes 3-0, Motion Carries.

Park Board: Linda Clark was present to represent the Park Board and give updates from their first meeting. Council requested the Board return with a list of priorities and an estimated timeline for proposed projects.

Resolution To Remove PO System: Mayor Yager proposed Resolution #1014-24 to remove current PO System. Motion made by Funk to remove current PO system, second by Sogard, Roll Call Votes 3-0, Motion Carries, Resolution #1014-24 Passed.

Resolution To Remove Second Monthly Council Meeting: Council discussion. Motion made by Funk to remove second monthly council meeting, second by Sogard, Roll Call Votes 0-3, Motion Failed.

City Managing Tree Trimming: Strike, add to next Council Meeting Agenda.

Rotoform: Council discussion about current policy regarding boring and transformer policy in industrial park. City Clerk to follow up on potential TIF funding.

Fire/EMS: Jayson Evans not present

City Hall Updates: City Clerk presented Council with an estimate from Z&Z Glass to replace leaking façade window and rear windows on City Hall building. Motion made by Sogard to move forward with replacement of façade window and rear windows at an estimated cost of \$7,955.66. Second by King, Roll Call Votes 3-0, Motion Carries.

Public Works Updates:

A. Copper and Lead Pipe Survey Update – Lee Knickerbocker present to update council, and presented door to door flyer for disbursement. Public Works requested an extension on survey completion through the DNR.

B. Watertown – Nick Vanlangen not present to give an update. The city clerk alerted the council to scheduled meeting on October 24th with Ames Alliance to pursue funding resources for the project.

Council Appointments: After council discussion about vacancy candidates, a motion made by King to appoint Brian Phipps as council replacement for Steve Gelder. Seconded by Sogard, Roll Call Votes 3-0, Motion Carries.

Board Appointments: Mayor Yager will wait to make appointments until the next council meeting.

Resignation: Motion made by Funk to accept the resignation of Councilman Kalib King, second by Sogard, Roll Call Votes 2-0 with Funk abstaining. Motion Carries.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Yager called meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM.

Dolorus Yager, Mayor

Heidi Eckers, City Clerk

OCTOBER 22nd CITY COUNCIL

The Ellsworth City Council met in regular session at 4:59 p.m. at City Hall on October 22, 2024, with Mayor Yager presiding, and the following council present: Sogard, Laube, Funk, and Phipps. Also, in attendance EJS police Chief Turpen.

OATH OF OFFICE: Newly Appointed Councilman Brian Phipps took his Oath of Office, witnessed by Council, Mayor and attested by City Clerk.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion by Funk, seconded by Laube to approve the agenda. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM: None Present.

1720 DEWITT STREET: Police Chief Turpen gave update on abandoned vehicles case at 1729 DeWitt Street. Vehicles per court order on 10/22/24 to be removed and moved by November 12, 2024.

FIRE/EMS: City Clerk Eckers presented communication received from Fire Chief Jayson Evans about current priorities and projects for the Ellsworth Fire Department. First is the relocation of the weather siren. Council discussed suggestion of erecting a pole at the SW end of the current/new fire station building with controls being located inside the building. Estimates for installation of both pole and wiring by licensed businesses/technicians need to be acquired prior to approval. Second priority is what will be done with the old fire station building. Council discussed options of both repair and removal and replacement. Suggest three estimates for either option be gathered and presented before a decision can be made. The EFD has requested monthly financial reports from City Hall. The Council and City Clerk Eckers agreed this can be done moving forward. Council also discussed repairs needed on truck #85. Update on what repairs are needed will be gathered and presented at the next Council meeting. Public Works Supervisor Nick Vanlangen will manually set off the town siren for the opening and closing of Beggar's Night on October 31st at 6pm and 8pm.

COUNCIL SEAT VACANCY: Council discussed both options to appoint and option to hold a special election to fill the vacancy after last meetings' resignation of Kalib King. Motion made by Funk to pursue appointment with applications open until November 26th Council meeting. Seconded by Sogard. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

CITY HALL UPDATES: City Clerk Eckers updated the Council on training sessions in the past two weeks, progress on training in the accounting software, utility billing, as well as updates to the building. City Clerk also updated the Council on businesses participating in the downtown Halloween Trick-Or-Treat on October 31st in conjunction with ECA's event at the Fire Station and Trunk-Or-Treat event at Trinity Lutheran Church.

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES:

- A.** Public Works employees not present. Update from City Clerk Eckers on Lead/Copper Survey status. Public Works employees dispersed door to door surveys in the past several days and the public is encouraged to participate and return to City Hall.
- B.** Water Tower Update: A meeting is scheduled with the Ames Alliance, City Clerk Eckers, and Public Works Supervisor Vanlangen later this week to discuss available grant opportunities for the project and next steps needed to move forward with the project.

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BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Mayor Yager appointed Councilman William Funk as Mayor Pro Tem. New Committee and Board Appointments Include:

Personnel Committee: Mayor Yager, Councilman Funk, and Councilman Phipps

Finance Committee: Mayor Yager and City Clerk Eckers

Utilities Committee: Mayor Yager and Public Works' Employee Lee Knickerbocker

Buildings and Grounds Committee: Public Works' Supervisor and Employee Nick Vanlangen and Lee Knickerbocker

Sanitary Board: Dale Graham with alternates of Councilwoman Sogard and Mayor Yager

Police Board: Mayor Yager and Councilman Laube

Crimestoppers: Police Chief Turpen

Library Board: Linda Graves, Beth Grove, John Lovell, Wayne Newman, Linda Bottorff

Planning & Zoning Board: Roger Volkman, Brian Zimmerman, Linda Grove, Paula Newman, Jim Maxwell

Board of Adjustments: Marsha Anderson, Dale Graham, Steve Holt, Linda Clark with Brian Phipps resigning due to new Council position. Appointment to fill vacancy will be made by Mayor Yager at the next Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Dolorus Yager called for adjournment at 5:54 pm.

Dolorus Yager, Mayor

Heidi Eckers, City Clerk



November 2024 - Library News,

Karlie Hunter, Library Director

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- After School Snack & Activity | 4:00-5:00pm on Thursday, November 7
- Board Meeting (open to public) | 5:30-6:30pm on Thursday, November 7
- After School Snack & Activity | 4:00-5:00pm on Thursday, November 14
- WIP Group (Work in Progress) | 5:00-7:00pm on Monday, November 18
 - Calling all quilters, knitters, crocheters, embroiderers, painters, etc! This is a time to work on our projects together. For anyone who wants to join but doesn't have a project, we will also have adult coloring pages and brush lettering kits.
- After School Snack & Activity | 4:00-5:00pm on Thursday, November 21
- Young(ish) Adult Book Club | 6:00-7:00pm on Monday, November 25
 - Come pick up a book to join this new book club for adults age 18-30(ish)! This month, we will be discussing the book First Lie Wins by Ashley Elston.
- Early Out Snack & Activity | 2:00-3:00pm on Tuesday, November 26
- Library Closed Thursday, November 28 through Saturday, November 30

More details about any of these programs can be found at ellsworth.lib.id.us/events.

NEW BOOKS:

Adult Fiction:

- Call Me Hunter by Jim Shockey
- Counting Miracles by Nicholas Sparks
- Tell Me Everything by Elizabeth Strout

Adult Nonfiction:

- How to Know a Person by David Brooks
- Unfuck Your Brain by Dr. Faith G. Harper

Biography:

- The Small and the Mighty by Sharon McMahon
- Framed by John Grisham

Junior Reader:

- A Duet for Home by Karina Yan Glaser
- Lines of Courage by Jennifer A. Nielsen
- Wildoak by C. C. Harrington

Beginning Reader Fiction:

- Lone Wolf Goes to School by Kiah Thomas

Early Reader Fiction:

- Animal Countdown by Laura Vaccaro Seeger
- Big and Little by Harriet Evans
- Trucky Roads by Lulu Miller