The Ellsworth City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall on November 11, 2024, with Mayor Yager presiding, and the following council present: Sogard, Laube, Funk, Phipps.

 October Receipts October Disbursements

General Fund 5750.38 23052.72

Road Use Fund 5690.30 1612.86

Employee Benefit Fund 851.57

Emergency Fund

Local Option Sales Tax Fund 6165.30

Tax Increment Finance Area 1

Tax Increment Finance Area 2

Tax Increment Finance 1 Amend

Bingo Fund 3398.25 1341.70

Debt Service Fund

Capital Project-Storm Water

Capital Project-Water Tower 1723.00

Water Fund 31199.25

Water Sinking Fund

Sewer Fund 8840.80 7414.84

Electric Fund 66137.91 57223.44

Electric Sinking Fund

Storm Water Fund 3953.40 45.10

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

1. Motion to approve October 22 minutes
2. Motion to approve October and November payment of claims
3. Motion to approve annual cemetery contributions
4. Motion to approve annual urban renewal report
5. Motion to approve annual itron meter reading subscription renewal
6. Motion to approve annual GASB77 letters

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

**PUBLIC FORUM: None Present**

**ECA:**  Linda Clark, Marcy Olson, Ashley Platte, and Kayla Knippel were present from the ECA. Request was made for Bingo to donate the cost of a newly purchased microwave in the Community Center kitchen. Motion made by Funk and 2nd by Laube. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried. ECA members updated council on results from recent free-will donation fundraising supper, turnout for Halloween event and the upcoming collaborative event with the Ellsworth Fire Department for Christmas on December 14, 2024.

**IPAIT PRESENTATION:**  Caleb Walter with IPAIT was present to discuss municipal investing options. The council will discuss and be presented with a doable figure as a Resolution for the next council meeting.

**COMMUNITY CENTER BASKETBALL USE –** Travis Anderson present to request gym usage for Thursday in the evening and Sundays in the afternoon for a local 5th grade tournament basketball team practice. Team would offer to set up and tear down tables and chairs to not disrupt Saturday Bingo event. Council discussed. Motion made by Sogard to allow Travis Anderson’s team to rent the Ellsworth Gym from November through February for a $100 fee with $150 damage deposit upon contract signing, to include Thursday evenings for a 3-hour span and Sunday afternoons for a 3-hour span. 2nd by Laube. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

**FIRE/EMS:** Jaysen Evans was present to give the council updates on the old fire station building. He is still acquiring quotes for removal of building, pad and approach. Request was made to order new LED bolsters and lighting for inside the current fire station building as well as replacing one of the furnaces that is no longer in working condition. City clerk will speak with PW Supervisor Vanlangen to acquire quotes through current vendors of the city prior to approval from council. City clerk will put together sealed bidding process for the EFD 69 Pumper truck by next council meeting. Discussion about an emergency credit card for the EFD led to Motion by Sogard to approve an emergency credit card be secured for the EFD, with a limit of $1200 and a max of $500 per month unless approved through city hall. 2nd by Funk. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

**LIBRARY:** Email from Library director Karlie Hunter requesting adding a “donation” widget to the library’s website was discussed by council. No vote required.

**CITY HALL UPDATES:** Annual reports have begun. City Clerk has a training through IMFOA for Budget Process next week.

**PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES:** Staff not present

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Dolorus Yager called for adjournment at 9:02 p.m.

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Dolorus Yager, Mayor Heidi Eckers, City Clerk