The Ellsworth City Council met in special session at 4:00 p.m. Thursday June 8th, 2023 at City Hall with Mayor Yager presiding and the following council present: King, Gelder and Funk by conference call. Norem arrived at 4:07 pm. City attorney Montag was also present by conference call. Absent: Sogard.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Motion by King, seconded by Gelder to approve the agenda. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried.

**ADDITIONAL AMBULANCE REPAIRS:** Per the request of Chief Evans, a special council meeting was requested to discuss additional repairs being performed on the Ellsworth ambulance.

On Friday May 12th, 2023 on return from a call, the ambulance broke down outside of Ellsworth and required a tow back to town. Chief Evans contacted Central Iowa Towing, who towed the ambulance back to Evans Autobody to be looked at. On Monday May 15th, 2023, City Hall was notified of the breakdown and that Jewell Fire and EMS’s second ambulance was already in the Ellsworth station to provide coverage. The City requested at that time to continue to be notified of any changes that occurred. Since Evans Autobody had already replaced the fuel filters on May 4th, 2023 due to the ambulance having similar issues occurring during a call on May 3rd, when they inspected the ambulance on May 15th, 2023 and found debris in the fuel filters and in the fuel tank, the tank was removed and cleaned and new fuel filters were installed. On Friday May 19th, 2023, the City Clerk received a call from the service department at Karl Ford in Story City requesting a sales tax-exempt number and a billing address to send invoices for the ambulance servicing. Without prior knowledge of any authorized repairs assigned to anyone the Clerk reached out to the Mayor for clarification. After discussing budget restraints, communication issues, and the already substantial repair costs from the ambulance, it was relayed to the dealership that the City would at that time, be authorizing a diagnostic test only be performed on the ambulance. It was agreed upon that once that test was completed on Wednesday May 24th, 2023 by a diesel technician, the City Clerk would be contacted with a diagnosis and the City could then decide on how to proceed further with the repair. When the City received no further communication regarding the ambulance, the City Clerk reached out to the service department on Tuesday May 30th, 2023 to inquire about the results of the diagnostic, at which time she was told a partial repair had already been authorized by Chief Evans and completed, but an additional repair still needed to be performed. Due to the increasing cost of the ambulance repairs, the amended budget was unable to account for the additional expenditures, therefore further conversation was required on how to complete the repair. On Thursday June 1st, 2023, discussion between council members, the Mayor and Fire Chief Evans took place via phone and text and it was determined that there were additional maintenance questions and financial concerns that needed to be addressed prior to authorizing the final repair.

Motion by Funk, seconded by King to authorize up to $8,000.00 in repairs for the Ellsworth Ambulance. Roll call votes 3-0, with Gelder abstaining.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Yager adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

/s/ Amy L. Zeman, City Clerk

/s/ Dolorus Yager, Mayor