The Ellsworth City Council met in regular session at 7:01 p.m. at City Hall on December 9, 2024, with Mayor Pro Tem William Funk presiding, and the following council present: Sogard, Laube, Olsen, Phipps.

November Receipts November Disbursements

General Fund 31298.79 36957.38

Road Use Fund 6056.80 3454.36

Employee Benefit Fund 1831.39 3276.73

Emergency Fund

Local Option Sales Tax Fund 5289.07

Tax Increment Finance Area 1

Tax Increment Finance Area 2

Tax Increment Finance 1 Amend

Bingo Fund 4040.18 902.58

Debt Service Fund 979.72

Capital Project-Storm Water

Capital Project-Water Tower

Water Fund 19952.80 15159.13

Water Sinking Fund

Sewer Fund 5589.78 10378.50

Electric Fund 36479.32 61266.17

Electric Sinking Fund

Storm Water Fund 3662.32 65.71

Storm Water Sinking 24950.00

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

1. Motion to approve November 26 minutes
2. Motion to approve November and December payment of claims

**PUBLIC FORUM: None Present**

**ONE TIME PAY INCREASE:** After discussion on current staff compared to December of 2023, motion made by Sogard and second by Laube to approve one time pay increases as follows:

N. Vanlangen - $250.00

H. Eckers - $250.00

L. Knickerbocker - $250.00

D. Turpen - $250.00

K. Morton - $250.00

K. Hunter - $100.00

A. Watts - $50.00

T. Painton - $50.00

Roll Call votes 5-0. Motion Carried

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH:** Mayor Yager phoned in to update council on Trinity Church being designated as a warming shelter should there be a weather related closing on I35 and the need arise for emergency shelter for travelers. Trinity Lutheran Church is also adding a NARCAN box outside of the church this coming Saturday.

**BINGO DONATION TO SH TRAP TEAM:** Motion by Sogard and second by Laube to have SH Trap team help out at Bingo for a period of six months with a donation of $250 per week. Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried.

**BINGO SCHOLARSHIPS TO SH STUDENTS:** Motion by Laube and second by Phipps to award three $500 scholarships to South Hamilton students this coming year following the same process as last year. Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried.

**OPEN GYM TIME AT COMMUNITY CENTER:** City Clerk Eckers had prepared a liability release for the Council to look over. After discussion, the Council requested City Clerk Eckers run the liability waiver through the City Attorney prior to approval. The Council discussed fee schedule for community members wanting to attend the open gym hours, a punch pass available at City Hall seems to be the most efficient way to handle the fiscal side of the proposal. Sunday afternoon has been discussed with several councilmembers agreeing to volunteer to staff the open gym time as well as a timeline of weekly ending the last Sunday in February. Looking to finalize details and call for a vote to approve at the next council meeting.

**ECA:** Marcy Olson, President of the ECA, updated council on her attendance to the most recent Fire Department meeting with collaboration in future events for the community being the goal. The group is working hard to finalize details for the Holiday event on Saturday December 14th at the Ellsworth Fire Department.

**FIRE/EMS:**

**LIBRARY:**

**CITY HALL UPDATES:** City Clerk Eckers updated the Council on status of training, end of year reporting that has been completed, and plans for upcoming Budget process.

**PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES:** Staff not present

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Pro Tem Funk called for adjournment at 7:58 p.m.

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Dolorus Yager, Mayor Heidi Eckers, City Clerk