

The Ellsworth City Council met in regular session at 6:02 p.m. at City Hall on February 24, 2026, with Mayor Anksorus presiding, and the following council members present: Funk, Olson, Sogard. Councilman Jensen arriving at 6:03 pm and Councilman Phipps arriving at 6:06 pm. Also in attendance were Ashley Platte, Brittany Williams, and city staff Lee Knickerbocker and Brian Zimmerman.

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

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

- a. Motion to approve February 9, 2026 council minutes.
- b. Motion to approve February 24, 2026 payment of claims.

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

PUBLIC FORUM: None Present

ECA: No Items

FIRE/EMS: Motion by Sogard and second by Olson to approve the FY 27 Fire Department Budget of \$68,750 and the FY EMS Budget of \$21,350. Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried.

LIBRARY: Motion by Sogard and second by Jensen to approve the FY 27 Library Budget of \$45,850. Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried.

MIDAS LMI SURVEY SUBMISSION: Mayor Anksorus and Council members have submitted all but the final three surveys to the City Clerk. The rest will be attempted this week. MIDAS staff will be stopping by City Hall later this week to pick up surveys.

PUBLIC WORKS: FY27 Budget discussion.

CITY HALL UPDATES: A. 2025 Audit struck from agenda B. Nuisance trees: Clerk Eckers presented the Council with examples from Jewell on how the neighboring city dealt with nuisance, dead, and potentially dangerous ash trees. Clerk Eckers will reach out to Robb’s tree service for an updated per-tree removal rate and will prepare a Resolution by the next council meeting. C. Main Street Scope: Motion by Funk and seconded by Sogard to approve the WHKS Engineering Scope of Work quote for the Main Street project in the amount of \$9400 to be budgeted for in FY27. Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried. D. Setting Property Tax Levy Hearing: Motion by Funk and second by Olson to set FY27 Property Tax Levy Hearing for 6 pm on April 13 before the regular Council Session. Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried. E. FY 27 Budget Discussion.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Sogard and second by Olson to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 pm. Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried.

/s/ Barry Anksorus, Mayor

/s/ Heidi Eckers, City Clerk

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