

	January Receipts	January Disbursements
General Fund	13983.26	24990.09
Road Use Fund	6699.41	2390.67
Employee Benefit Fund	86.72	918.78
Emergency Fund	0.00	0
Local Option Sales Tax Fund	6525.05	0.00
Tax Increment Finance Area 1	0.00	0.00
Tax Increment Finance 1 Amend	816.53	0.00
Bingo Fund	2989.31	2231.97
Debt Service Fund	53.32	11349.00
Capital Project-Strm Water	0.00	0.00
Capital Project-Water Tower	0.00	19855.00
Water Fund	25116.41	18509.83
Water Sinking Fund	0.00	0.00
Sewer Fund	8248.77	8173.92
Electric Fund	58654.33	65989.59
Electric Sinking Fund	0.00	0.00
Storm Water Fund	4500.91	0.00
Storm Water Sinking	0.00	5473.00
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	\$127674.02	\$159881.85

The Ellsworth City Council met in regular session at 6:01 p.m. at City Hall on February 9, 2026, with Mayor Anksorus presiding, and the following council members present: Phipps, Olson, Sogard, Jensen. Also in attendance were Ashley Platte ECA President, Library board members Linda Bottorff, Beth Grove and Library director Roxann Boyce, as well as Fire Chief Jayson Evans .

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

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

- a. Motion to approve January 27, 2026 council minutes.
- b. Motion to approve February 9, 2026 payment of claims.

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

PUBLIC FORUM: None Present

LIBRARY – FY27 BUDGET: Board members Bottorff and Grove, along with Library Director Boyce presented the Ellsworth Library proposed FY 27 Budget with total expenses totaling \$45,850.

FIRE/EMS – FY27 BUDGET: Jayson Evans, Ellsworth Fire Chief, presented the proposed FY27 budgets for the fire departments and EMS departments. The fire department had an increase of 8% compared to expenditure in FY26 and the EMS department an increase of 5% over FY 26.

ECA: Ashley Platte, ECA Board President, represented the community group. A. BYOB trivia night insurance, the group is unable to pursue Dram shop coverage or licensing for alcohol to be present at the upcoming trivia night. B. Motion to approve community center use for a benefit dinner for a community family in need on March 6th by Jensen and seconded by Olson, roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried. C. Motion to approve ECA use of the community center on May 9th for a Mother’s Day brunch from 9am to noon by Sogard and seconded by Olson. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried. D. Motion to grant access/use of the community center on June 26th as a part of Ellsworth Extravaganza to the ECA to host a trivia night and kids movie night by Phipps and second by Olson, roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried. E. Motion by Jensen and second by Phipps to allow ECA usage of the park shelter house as a part of the Ellsworth Extravaganza on June 28th to host a community brunch in correspondence with the community church service in the park. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

ELLSWORTH HISTORY MUSEUM DONATION FY27 – DIGITIZING NEWSPAPERS GRANT: Motion by Sogard and seconded by Olson to grant a \$1500 donation from Bingo to the Ellsworth History Museum to assist in the expenses of digitizing the most recent 13 years of the South Hamilton Record News to be hosted on the museum website and the Hamilton County websites. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried

MIDAS LMI SURVEY UPDATE: February 20 deadline for Council members to complete their community survey work.

RESOLUTION 02-09-2026 – SOLID WASTE COMMISSION APPOINTMENT: Motion by Sogard and seconded by Olson to approve Resolution 02-09-2026 to appoint Brian Zimmerman to the Hamilton County Solid Waste Commission. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 02-09-2026 (2) – SUBMISSION OF VENDOR INVOICES: Motion by Jenson and seconded by Olson to approve Resolution 02-09-2026 (2), Vendor Invoices must be turned in prior to 90 days from completion of work for the city. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 02-09-2026(3) COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: Motion by Sogard and seconded by Olson to approve the following committee and board appointments: **Police Board** Marcy Olson and Mayor Barry Anksorus, **Parks and Recreation Board** Marcy Olson and Ladana Sogard, **Water Utility Committee** Ladana Sogard and Brian Phipps, **Electric Utility Committee** William Funk and Curtis Jensen, **Personnel Committee** William Funk, Brian Phipps, and Mayor Barry Anksorus **Streets/Sidewalks Committee** Brian Phipps and Curtis Jensen.

CONSIDERATION OF FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 621 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO 621 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF ELLSWORTH, IOWA, 2026, PERTAINING TO THE ELECTRIC UTILITY”: Motion by Olson and seconded by Jensen to accept the first reading of Ordinance No. 621. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF MOTION TO WAIVE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS OF ORDINANCE NO. 621 – DISSUSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO WAIVE THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS OF ORDINANCE NO. 621 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF ELLSWORTH, IOWA, 2026, PERTAINING TO THE ELECTRIC UTILITY”: Motion by Sogard and seconded by Phipps to accept waiving of second and third readings of Ordinance No. 621. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF FINAL PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 621 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE FINAL PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 621 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF ELLSWORTH, IOWA, 2026, PERTAINING TO THE ELECTRIC UTILITY”: Motion by Olson and seconded by Jensen to adopt Ordinance No. 621. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS: Public Works Supervisor Nick Vanlangen was present to update council on progress with RO filters in the water plant concerning warranty issues and replacement, he also updated the council on projects Public Works employees were doing around town, presented the Council with a quote for cleaning the inside of the existing water tower, and mentioned several quotes he was looking into for public improvement projects including a potential asphalt pad installation for additional parking a the park shelter house.

CITY HALL: Clerk Eckers presented the Council with the current monthly treasurer’s report, quotes for additional tables and chair racks at the community center, quotes for new replacement chairs and racks at the park shelter house, Clerk Eckers presented the Council with a letter from the Hamilton County Sheriff Department with a year in review, a potential or proposed letter draft for nuisance abatement concerning dead or diseased trees posing risk to public and private property. The Council will revisit the nuisance abatement trees issue at the next session on February 24th. Clerk Eckers also updated the Council on a recent insurance audit she and Supervisor Vanlangen conducted for the city's current equipment and property.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Anksorus called for adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

/s/ Barry Anksorus, Mayor

/s/ Heidi Eckers, City Clerk

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