	December Receipts	December Disbursements
General Fund	8757.24	35856.33
Road Use Fund	5637.15	23325.67
Employee Benefit Fund	253.56	1516.94
Emergency Fund	0.00	7112.00
Local Option Sales Tax Fund	10895.30	0.00
Tax Increment Finance Area 1	0.00	0.00
Tax Increment Finance 1 Amend	0.00	0.00
Bingo Fund	3699.31	2155.39
Debt Service Fund	128.37	11349.00
Capital Project-Strm Water	0.00	0.00
Capital Project-Water Tower	0.00	0.00
Water Fund	23605.31	12976.13
Water Sinking Fund	0.00	10937.50
Sewer Fund	5328.73	8752.02
Electric Fund	42489.72	66161.05
Electric Sinking Fund	0.00	0.00
Storm Water Fund	3122.44	0.00
Storm Water Sinking	0.00	0.00
	$103,917.13	$168,793.03

The Ellsworth City Council met in regular session at 6:13 p.m. at City Hall on January 12, 2026, with Mayor Anksorus presiding, and the following council members present: Phipps, Olson, Sogard, Jensen, and Funk. Also in attendance were Ashley Platte, Jim Leiding with Bolton and Menk, David Speed with Midland Power, Steve Holt with Holt Plumbing and Heating, and city staff Lee Knickerbocker and Public Works Supervisor Nick Vanlangen.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion by Sogard, seconded by Olson to approve the agenda. Roll call votes 5-0. 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 December 30, 2025 council minutes.

b. Motion to approve January 12, 2026 payment of claims.

Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried, and claims hereby made a portion of these minutes.

PUBLIC FORUM: None Present

HOLT PLUMBING AND HEATING INVOICES: Clerk Eckers was presented with invoices dating back to 2019 by Holt Plumbing and Heating at the time of the expected invoice for the recent furnace replacement at the Ellsworth Library. At the December 30 Council meeting, the furnace invoice was approved for payment. Steve Holt, the owner, was present to answer the Council's questions about why there were invoices dating back to 2019. Public works supervisor Vanlangen confirmed that the work on the invoices had been completed for the city. Council discussed adopting a policy that, in the future, vendor invoices for work done for the city must be received within 90 days of the work's completion. Motion by Funk and second by Phipps to pay the remainder of the invoices in the amount of $4748.17. Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried.

BOLTEN AND MENK – WATER TOWER UPDATE: Jim Leiding, Engineer with Bolten and Menk, was present to answer the Council's questions about the variability of the previous bids when compared to other Iowa water tower projects. The Council revisited the history of the new water tower project, which began in 2022. There were questions concerning the need for the 350,000-gallon tank versus the DNR-recommended 200,000-gallon tank.

BOLTEN AND MENK – ENGINEERING SERVICES AMENDMENT: After discussion about the documents presented to Council, motion by Funk and seconded by Phipps to approve the engineering services amendment and contract for

services and to move forward with bid letting on a 300,000-gallon elevated storage tank with an alternative of 200,000. Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried.

WHKS ENGINEERING MAIN STREET SCOPE QUOTE: After discussion with Supervisor Vanlangen about whether it would be possible to begin the Main Street project prior to the new water tower, Council recommended to Clerk Eckers adding the cost of the scope to the FY27 budget. Agenda item tabled.

MIDAS LMI SURVEY UPDATE: Clerk Eckers handed out survey packets to Councilman Funk and Jensen. Mayor Anksorus gave an update on the survey work he has completed and included some talking points. Clerk Eckers reminded the Council of the end of January deadline for completion.

COUNCIL/CITY COMMITTEE DISCUSSION: Mayor Anksorus presented the Council with a list of two-person committees he would like to see implemented by the February 9th Council session. This includes: Police Board, Personnel Committee, Streets/Alleys/Sidewalks, Electric Utility Committee, Parks and Rec Committee, which includes Bingo, and Water/Sewer Committee. The hope is that these two-person committees can meet outside of Council sessions to discuss concerns, projects, direction, and budget, thereby making Council sessions more efficient.

PLANNING AND ZONING RESIGNATION: Clerk Eckers presented the Council with a letter of resignation by Beth Grove from the Planning and Zoning Board. Mayor Anksorus will appoint a replacement in the next Council session.

PUBLIC WORKS: Supervisor Vanlangen discussed with the Council the need for some updates and repairs to the community center. Volunteers from the ECA will help with painting, and Councilman Phipps will repair the railing on the stairs leading down from the double doors on the West side of the building. Work to be completed by January 24, and the South High Pride Volleyball Tournament.

CITY HALL UPDATES: David Speed with Midland Power was present to discuss a possible rider to the electric utility ordinance implementing a PCA charge, which would fluctuate with the changes in cost of service per kilowatt-hour to the city from the supplier. This possible increase in cost would not include the electric heat rates. The Council was presented with an example of the new ordinance rider and the data used to formulate the rate equation, provided by Power System. Clerk Eckers will send links to the Council individually with their new city-hosted email addresses, which will be posted on the city website. Clerk Eckers presented the Council with the Annual Bingo Finance Report for 2025, which brought in a gross of $193,164.50 with prizes totaling $143,439.00. Clerk Eckers presented the Council with a monthly Treasurer's Report. Clerk Eckers updated the Council on the weekly goal-setting session with all staff and Mayor Anksorus at City Hall, which started the first of the year.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Anksorus called for adjournment. Motion by Olson and seconded by Jensen to adjourn. Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

/s/ Barry Anksorus, Mayor
/s/ Heidi Eckers, City Clerk

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