The Ellsworth City Council met in emergency special session at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday January 30th, 2024 at City Hall with Mayor Yager presiding and the following council present: Laube, Gelder, King, Sogard and Funk.

**LIBRARY MATTERS:** The council discussed ongoing matters concerning the library budget, including the purchase of new hot spots, current requests, and past and current allocations. Library Director Schmitz submitted her resignation on Wednesday January 24th, 2024. Her last official day will be Monday February 5th, 2024. The Library Board will be looking to fill the position and further discussion will take place at the Library Board meeting scheduled for Thursday February 1st, 2024. The council also discussed having a councilmember available to attend the Library meetings as a way to keep communication open and be able to answer questions that may arise.

**ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENTS:** During the week of January 19th through January 26th, 2024, several complaints and concerns were received regarding different ordinances throughout City limits. The City had previously enforced a livestock/fowl permitting process due to problems arising from non-compliance and were informed that several residents had still not completed their annual renewals. After speaking in length about proper procedure and enforcement, there was a motion by Funk, seconded by Laube to have the Clerk issue one final letter to be served by local law enforcement. Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried. The council also discussed complications that arose from Semi’s going off the authorized truck routes in Ellsworth. The City Clerk had spoken with Police Chief Turpen to clarify in what scenarios an exception was to be made and updated the council. New Truck Route signs had already been ordered and posted by Public Works employees and local law enforcement will continue to monitor the routes. The council and City employees will continue to work on updating and improving ordinances throughout the upcoming months in order to get a new version of The Ellsworth Code of Ordinances available online for easier access.

**RECYCLING UPDATE:** After receiving several inquiries, the City Clerk reached out to The Trashman LLC. regarding an update to when the community would be receiving the new recycling carts. Due to the frigid temperatures and large amounts of snow, they had been unable to deliver as planned, but will now begin delivering on Saturday February 3rd, 2024.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Yager adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

