

The Ellsworth City Council met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall on June 9th, 2025 with Mayor Yager presiding, and the following council members present: Sogard, Funk and Olson. With Phipps arriving at 6:11pm. Also in attendance were Andrew Holden, Katie Sterk with Bolten and Menk, Ron Cook, and EJS Officer Kaleb Morton. Staff present: Public Works Supervisor Vanlangen.

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

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

- a. Motion to approve May 27th, 2025 council minutes.
- b. Motion to approve annual tobacco license renewal for Love's Travel Stop

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

PUBLIC FORUM: None Present

BOLTEN AND MENK - WATERTOWER: Katie Sterk with Bolten and Menk was present to update the council on the new water tower project. She shared plans and specs and the opinion of probable, which has been updated to an estimated \$3,407,115. Bid letting to begin June 11, 2025, with a deadline of July 11, bids submitted to Clerk Eckers at Ellsworth City Hall. A public hearing on the water tower project will be July 14 at the regular council session. The bid will be awarded at the July 22nd regular council session.

RESOLUTION 6-9-2025 ORDERING BIDS, APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND FORM OF CONTRACT AND NOTICE TO BIDDER, FIXING AMOUNT OF BIDDER'S CHECK, AND ORDERING CLERK TO PUBLISH NOTICE AND FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATE OF COSTS FOR THE 350,000-GAL ELEVATED WATER STORAGE TANK PROJECT: Motion by Funk and seconded by Phipps to adoption Resolution 6-9—2025. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS: Mayor Yager appointed Marcy Olson to the EJS Police Board.

FY 26 PER CAPITA RATE INCREASE, HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT: Due to EJS advertising for a second officer position, the sheriff department will maintain the current \$14 per capita rate for Ellsworth, Jewell, and Stanhope for FY 26.

DEVELOPERS AGREEMENT PARCEL 40872436226006: Tabled until Public Works, Council, and City Clerk can meet with Wayne Shlotfeldt to discuss the implications of proposed adjustments to the sewer easement.

ECA: Councilwoman Olson mentioned the ECA is looking for volunteers in several capacities for the Ice Cream Social event on August 2nd. Contact Marcy Olson, Ashley Platte, or Linda Clark if anyone in the community is willing to help. Olson also updated the Council on progress with the ballfield concession roof project, which is almost complete. Thompson Construction agreed to donate a rolling concession window/door for the project valued at \$1500.

LIBRARY: none present

FIRE/EMS: none present

NUISANCE AND PUBLIC COMPLAINTS: Officer Morton was present to update the Council on nuisance notices served recently in Ellsworth. Ron Cook was present to request an extension from the Council to continue work to fix his pickup truck, which is needed to haul scrap metal and items from his backyard away. Council would like to remind the public of the upcoming ECA-sponsored Dump Your Junk event on June 21st. Large items can be hauled out to the road or brought to the large dumpsters in the parking area of IAS and ECA will be covering disposal fees and collection with the partnership of The Trashman of Webster City. Mr Cook was granted an extension until June 30 to remove debris from the backyard and to utilize the dump your junk event. Officer Morton also mentioned a junk vehicle notice and garbage/weeds notice that was presented to 324 Lakin. The owners were not present to request an extension, and a citation will be issued.

PUBLIC WORKS: Supervisor Vanlangen presented the council with quotes for two different RO filter options through Consolidated Solutions. Motion by Funk and seconded by Olson to approve the purchase of the required 66 replacement RO filters at \$440 each. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

CITY HALL: Clerk Eckers updated the Council on a CD maturing on June 11. The three-month CD utilizing Local Option funds has yielded \$5,224.34 in interest. Clerk Eckers will renew the CD and roll in the accrued interest.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Yager adjourned the meeting at 7:32 pm.

/s/ Dolorus Yager, Mayor
/s/ Heidi Eckers, City Clerk