

ELLSWORTH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION JUNE NEWSLETTER

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May 31 -Ellsworth Community Garage Sales

Map and details to be sent later this week

Wednesday's 5:00-7:00 -

Farmers Market, Dewitt St.

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June 28 & 29 -

Trinity Lutheran Church
150th Anniversary-see page 10

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	Trinity Lutheran Church 9:00 City Park	2 ■ Shavuot	Comm. Assoc 6:00 Comm. Center	Farmers Market DeWitt Street 5:00-7;00	Library board meet	6	Bingo Community Center 5:00
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Notices:

NEWSLETTER MATERIAL DUE: by the 25th of the month for the next month's edition. Send by email to ellsworthca@netins.net or Ellsworth Community Association, PO Box 272, Ellsworth, Ia 50075. Subscribe/unsubscribe by email: send your request to ellsworthca@netins.net.

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Ellsworth Meals: Contact Linda Clark 515-297-3012 if you wish to have the noon meal delivered. Delivery Monday thru Friday, no holidays. Each meal \$5.00

Community Coffee - Tuesdays 9:30-?. Trinity Lutheran Church, Ellsworth. Everyone welcome.

Lord's Cupboard: Bethesda Lutheran Church, Jewell, 1st Monday 1:00-2:00, 5:00-6:30, other Mondays 5:00-6:30.

Birthdays This Month

ADDIVERSARIES

Peyton Heredia	2nd	Butch Sogard	18th
Cherie Hill	9th	Kevin Tuttle	21st
Randy Olson	ıoth	Makayla Henderson	21st
Blaine Tuttle	11th	Dave Hill	22nd
Hayden Hill	12th	Wayne Patterson	24th
Steve Hetland	13th	Cassidy Brown	25th
Maurine Hemphill	13th	Betty Swenson	25th
JenniferTolle	14th	Burnell Hill	26th
Brittany Brim	16th	Evey Henderson	26th
Linda Barquist	17th	Don Swenson	28th

Tia & Thad Brown	ıst
Marifern & Don Hill	11th
Faye & Noel Thompson	12th
Gail & Scott George	12th
Dawn & Dave Hegland	22nd
Betsy & Nathan Hill	27th

Mother's Day Basket Winners

Kari Hamm Kathy Eittreim Kris Groth Marcy Olson

Ellsworth's City Dump Your Junk

Saturday, JUNE 21, 2025 - 8:00-Noon

Bring items to Hwy 175 & DeWitt St

Volunteers will guide you to the correct rolloff container.

All items except: Yard Waste, Animal carcasses, Explosives

Let's clean up our town together

APRIL 22nd CITY COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL MINUTES/CLAIMS CITY OF ELLSWORTH APRIL 22, 2025

The Ellsworth City Council met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall on April 22nd,, 2025 with Mayor Yager presiding, and the following council present: Sogard, Phipps and Olson. With Funk arriving at 6:10pm. Also in attendance were Linda Clark with ECA, Ottie Maxey with Ames Regional Economic Alliance, and Chris Kehoe with The Trashman.

March Receipts March Disbursements

General Fund	12046.59	25453.16
Road Use Fund	5444.79	15714.91
Employee Benefit Fund	220.86	1010.74
Emergency Fund	0.00	
Local Option Sales Tax Fund	5575.16	
Tax Increment Finance Area 1	0.00	
Tax Increment Finance 1 Amen	d 0.00	
Bingo Fund	6378.30	3431.79
Debt Service Fund	118.15	0.00
Capital Project-Strm Water		
Capital Project-Water Tower		1907.00
Water Fund	26058.17	40873.17
Water Sinking Fund		
Sewer Fund	6580.80	9431.61
Electric Fund	65490.28	115.944.05
Electric Sinking Fund		
Storm Water Fund	4612.79	53.11
Storm Water Sinking		5473.00
	\$132525.89	\$219292.54

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

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

- a. Motion to approve April 14th, 2025 council minutes.
- b. Motion to approve March payment of claims.
- c. Motion to approve annual liquor license renewal for Love's Travel Stops

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

PUBLIC FORUM: None Present

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DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION - ON FISH FARM TIF REBATE: Ottie Maxey with Ames Regional Economic Alliance was present to discuss with the council the economic benefit to having the Fish Farm facility purchased and in use. Data for impact on the general fund by offering a TIF incentive to a potential buyer was also discussed. Motion by Sogard and seconded by Phipps for Clerk Eckers to draft a memo containing Ellsworth's interest in offering a 10 year \$67,000 TIF incentive to a potential buyer contingent upon utility impact changes being made by the buyer prior to operation as well as the nature of business to be conducted in the facility. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – MEMBERSHIP TO HAMILTON COUNTY GROWTH PARTNERSHIP: Motion by Sogard to pay first year membership at \$500 level to the Hamilton County Growth Partnership. Seconded by Funk. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT PARCEL 40872436226006: Motion by Phipps to approve proposed developer's agreement drafted by Schlottfeldt Engineering, seconded by Sogard. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

ELLSWORTH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION: Linda Clark, ECA Treasurer and council woman Marcy Olson, ECA President discussed with council some ideas to improve the citywide "Dump Your Junk" event. Chris Kehoe of The Trashman was also present to offer insight on details regarding a weekend-long, potential curbside pickup cleanup event in Ellsworth. The weekend of June 21st was discussed as a doable weekend for The Trashman's schedule and ECA event schedule.

FIRE/EMS: None Present

LIBRARY: None Present

PLANNING AND ZONING APPOINTMENT: Mayor Yager appointed Alyssa Zimmerman of Ellsworth to join the Ellsworth Planning and Zoning Board. Fellow board members include: Beth Grove, Brian Zimmerman, Paula Newman, and Jim Maxwell.

FY 25/26 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Yager opened the FY 25/26 Budget Public hearing. After giving the public opportunity to be heard, Mayor Yager closed the FY 25/26 Budget Public hearing. Motion by Funk and second by Olson to adopt Resolution #04-22-25 and the 25/26 Budget and Certification of taxes. The total tax levy will be 10.199, with revenues and transfers equaling \$2,471,353 and total expenditures and transfers equaling \$2,718,759. Roll call votes 4- 0. Motion carried.

SETTING PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY24/25 BUDGET AMENDMENT: Motion by Funk and second by Olson to set 24/25 Budget amendment hearing for 6pm on May 27th. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – SALE OF BINGO TABLES AND CHAIRS TO KAMRAR LIONS CLUB: Motion by Phipps and second by Sogard to sell the remaining Bingo tables and chairs to the Kamrar Lion's club for \$90. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

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PUBLIC WORKS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – ELECTRIC UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS TO 101 HWY 175: Supervisor Vanlangen discussed with Council the upcoming electric infrastructure project involving expansion of the Ellsworth Car and Truck Wash. A Midland Power quote was also discussed for these improvements. Council discussed the property no longer being in the Urban Renewal District and therefore, no TIF funds could be utilized to pay for the infrastructure expenses. Prior business expansion projects have resulted in a shared cost of boring and the business paying for additional transformers required for their project. Motion by Funk and seconded by Sogard to have the city pay for wire and boring along the city easement and the business as an existing and expanding enterprise, paying for the remaining portion of wire, boring, and for the transformer. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried. Clerk Eckers will draft an invoice including these parameters for payment.

PUBLIC WORKS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – FY 25/26 PURCHASE OF NEW BACKHOE: Discussion between Public Works Supervisor Vanlangen and the Council concerning the need for a new backhoe. Council requested more purchase or lease options prior to making a decision. Agenda item tabled.

CITY HALL UPDATES – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: APPOINTING A MODERATOR FOR UPCOMING TOWN HALL: Councilman William Funk appointed as Moderator for April 27 Town Hall at the Ellsworth Community Center.

CITY HALL UPDATES - DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: CITY HALL MERCHANT PROCESSING: Motion by Sogard and second by Olson to accept proposal by Professional Solutions Financial Services to an in-house credit card processing system for City Hall. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Pro Tem Funk adjourned the meeting at 9:08 pm.

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

Special Session Ellsworth City Council April 28th

The Ellsworth City Council met in special session at 6:01 p.m. April 28, 2025 at City Hall with Mayor Yager presiding and the following council present: Olson, Laube, Sogard. Funk and Phipps Absent.

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

FY 25/26 BUDGET ADOPTION: Mayor Yager opened the FY 25/26 Budget Public hearing. After giving the public opportunity to be heard, Mayor Yager closed the FY 25/26 Budget Public hearing. Motion by Olson and second by Sogard to adopt Resolution #04-22-25 and the 25/26 Budget and Certification of taxes. The total tax levy will be 10.199, with revenues and transfers equaling \$2,471,353 and total expenditures and transfers equaling \$2,718,759. Roll call svotes 3-0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Yager adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

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

MAY 12th CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Ellsworth City Council met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall on MAY 12, 2025 with Mayor Yager presiding, and the following council present: Funk, Sogard, Phipps, and Olson. Members of the public present: Barry Anksorus, Andrew Holden, Cody Robertson, Roger Mason, Ron Cook, Brian Zimmerman, Ashely Platte, Kayla Knippel, Jessica Lowe, Jennita Brennan, Officer Kaleb Morton. Staff present: Nick Vanlangen.

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

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

- a. Motion to approve April 22nd Minutes and April 28th Special Hearing Minutes.
- b. Motion to approve April payment of Claims.
- c. Motion to approve debt payment to Iowa Finance Authority for SRF Loan in the amount of

\$95,675.50 plus service fee of \$3,335.00, due June 1st, 2025.

- d. Motion to approve Kum and Go #133 Class E Liquor License and Kum and Go Retail Permit
- for Tobacco Sales. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried and claims hereby made a portion of these minutes.

PUBLIC FORUM: Kayla Knippel addressed the Council with questions about how City Boards operate in Ellsworth. Barry Anksorus addressed the Council about the EJS police board. Kalyla Knippel addressed the Council with concerns about the morality of the current Mayor. Mayor Yager and Councilman Funk both addressed Ms Knippel questioning the reasoning for her accusation. Both Mayor Yager and Councilman Funk have extensively researched actions taken regarding accusations made in recent Police Board minutes. Legal council was also sought by Mayor Yager prior to taking action concerning the handling of documents referenced in Police Board minutes.

ECA: Ashley Platte was present to update the Council on improvements, ECA volunteers are collaborating with the city staff on two of the city parks. The concession stand at the ball field is getting a facelift, paint, bathroom updates, and Ms Platte has acquired an estimate for a new roof from Thompson Construction for \$3800. ECA hosting a softball game or tournament as a fundraiser was discussed to help offset the cost of the new roof. The City has already purchased paint and has budgeted for other improvement expenses for FY2026. A new sink and new doors were requested as apart of the renovation process at the concession stand.

639 BRINTON EMPTY LOT: Roger Mason was present to express interest in purchasing the empty lot. Mr Mason plans would be to do weed control, mowing, and plant some trees. Motion by Sogard and seconded by Phipps to advertise a 30-day closed bid on the property with a minimum bid of \$5000. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ELLSWORTH FARMERS MARKET: Jennita Brennan and Jessica Lowe were present to request access to Dewitt Street sidewalk use for the upcoming

weekly Ellsworth Farmers Market, beginning June 4th from 5pm to 7pm. Motion by Funk and second by Sogard to allow downtown Dewitt Street access to the Farmers Market, Wednesdays beginning June 4th through October from 5pm to 7pm weekly. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ELLSWORTH PARKS BOARD: No board members present

LIBRARY: None present

FIRE/EMS: None present with comment

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION BINGO SCHOLARSHIPS: Council was presented with two applications for Bingo scholarships, Connor Deppe and Neveah Nelson. Both applicants met the GPA requirements. Motion by Funk and second by Olson to award Connor Deppe and Neveah Nelson with a \$500 Bingo scholarship each. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION MIDLAND INVOICE 101 HWY 175: Council discussed previous expansion projects in the industrial park/urban renewal area. Clerk Eckers had David Speed with Midland on the phone to answer questions from the Council. Clerk Eckers will continue to work with Amy Bjork at Dorsey and Whitney to add this property back into the Urban Renewal Area #1. Motion by Sogard and seconded by Olson to pay \$20,000 towards the boring and wire of the Truck Wash project. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS: Discussion and Possible action, slow down signs at Ellsworth City Park. Both Mayor Yager and Councilwoman Sogard read public comments they had been asked to share concerning speeding vehicle issues around the city park. These comments suggested stop signs and slow down signs are not being adhered to, but that speed

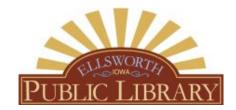
COUNCIL MINUTES/CLAIMS CITY OF ELLSWORTH MAY 12, 2025 bumps might be more effective. Officer Kaleb Morton was present and offered to increase patrols in the area. Supervisor Vanlangen will get a quote from DOT prior to next Council meeting for speed bumps that city staff could install around the park, pending Council approval.

CITY HALL: Clerk Eckers presented the Council with an update for the rear door of the City Hall building from Z&Z Glass for \$7490. Clerk Eckers will request tax of \$490 be removed from the invoice prior to approval of the improvement. This improvement had previously been approved by the Council, motion and vote not required. Clerk Eckers updated the Council on process to amend the FY 24/25 Budget. After reaching out to the Department of Management Clerk Eckers was made aware amendment was not necessary for FY 24/25 at this time. The previously scheduled proposed Budget

Amendment Hearing on May 27th is no longer required.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Yager adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

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



June 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Card Group | 1-4pm EVERY TUESDAY (except June 3)
- BASE Exercise Group | 10:15-10:45am EVERY FRIDAY (except June 6)
- Library Closed | Monday, June 2 through Friday, June 6
 - Our new flooring will be installed the first week of June, so we will be ready to kick off the summer reading program starting June 9!
- Board Meeting (open to public) | 5:30-6:30pm on Thursday, June 5
- Summer Reading Kickoff | 11-11:45am on Monday, June 9
 - Meet at the park shelter for a story, games, and free swag! Pick up a calendar at the kickoff or at the library for the rest of our summer reading program dates.
- Early Childhood Storytime | 10:00-10:30am on Friday, June 27
 - Open to infants to preschool kids! Come socialize with other kids/parents, listen to a couple of interactive stories, and, of course, play!
- Young(ish) Adult Book Club | 6:00-7:00pm on Monday, June 30
 - Come join this new book club for adults in their 20s and 30s(ish)! This month, we will have a craft and talk about our favorite recent reads - no specific book required.

More details about any of these programs can be found at ellsworth.lib.ia.us/events.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM:

This year's theme is Level Up at Your Library, which means we will have lots of fun playing many different games. Please stop to sign up and grab a reading log and a summer calendar for the kids or a reading BINGO card for the adults. Yes, that's right - summer reading isn't just for the kids! Each completed reading log will earn a fun prize, and each BINGO will earn an entry into a cash prize drawing.





JOIN OUR CELEBRATION

JUNE 28th & 29th 2025

1629 DeWitt St, Ellsworth, IA 50075

"Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow in Christ"

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION SATURDAY, JUNE 28th 2025

3:00 pm - Program w/ Guest Speakers

- Reflections & Memories from Loren Teig, David & Cheryl Doely, Julie Holt Ahrens, Susan Hovick Entriken, Don Johnson, & a panel of family from previous pastors & missionaries (Sarri Sigurdson, the Hyland's, Diane Heindl)
- History of Trinity and also the Harvest Offering
- Special Music: Bill Reisetter, Cyndie Caruth, Mustard Seeds

5:45 pm - Catered Meal by Lidderdale's

SUNDAY, JUNE 29th 2025

9:00 am - Sunday Service

- Guest Pastor Message by Pastor John Holt, Readings by Pastors David & Cheryl Doely
- Special Music: Choir led by Elaine Gansen we are looking for voices to fill the choir

10:15 am - Fellowship

Send your favorite memories of Trinity to: jonrollefson@hotmail.com or hotyone@netins.net

Go to the Events Tab on Trinity Lutheran Church – Ellsworth, IA Facebook page to follow along for more details and some history and pictures of the past.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Ellsworth Community Association (ECA) Meeting Minutes. May 6, 2025

Members in attendance: Marcy Olson, Ashley Platte, Linda Clark, Amber Davis, Darlene Campbell, Brittany Williams, Lori Clark, Kayla Knipple

Meeting called to order by Marcy Olson, President. April minutes were reviewed Motion to approve by Ashley. Seconded by Darlene. Treasurers report was reviewed, approved by Ashley and seconded by Amber. Motion carried.

Public Forum: Lori came in and talked about some issues that was going on with Bingo. Everything was discussed and is well. A few dates will not work for Lori to have the concession stand running due to prior engagements.

Old Business: HWY Clean up Results There was 7 total people that helped. Kayla asked if we could schedule it for next year already so that people could get it their books and keep that time open. Also maybe having it in April as that is Keep Iowa Beautiful Month. Possible dates April 11 with a rain date of April 18.

Ongoing Business Mothers Day Baskets Marcy picked up 4 baskets from Carlton Ness. Marcy will draw names on Friday and deliver on Saturday.

City Wider Garage Sale: Sales will be May 31st from 8am to 2pm as Jewell as theirs that day and the 30th. Ashley to get information from those that want to have a garage sale and make up maps. Deadline to be put on the map is May 23rd. Ashley needs to make up the poster and print them out.

Dump Your Junk: Linda spoke with Trash Man. June 21st is good to go. They will put the dumpsters up by the coop. There are fees for TVs and appliances. ECA is covering all expenses.

Summer Ice Cream Social: City Council approved for August 2 from 3pm to 9pm. Will need to find some food trucks. Amber contacted Weiny Wonderland and they were busy that date. Possibly a Mexican food truck. Big yard games were mentioned and pickleball, and obstacle course. Will continue to look for other entertainment. Linda to ask Sweet Treats about ice cream.

Newsletter/Membership: Ashley brought up having memberships from Jan1 to Dec 31. Wants to review the by laws. Maybe sending emails about memberships? Kayla brought up ECA purchasing a laptop for all to use to keep everything in one device. Everything will be saved and ready for years to follow.

Pop Cans: we need to figure out who to pick up and take care of them. When our work meetings happen take care of the pop cans. Ashley and Brittany volunteered to take them to Nevada or wherever they go.

Brittany and Ashley painted the baseball concession stand. Doors and sink were mentioned to be fixed.

Brittany spoke with a CPA and they said Lori as a Bingo concession stand worker should be a w2 employee.

Ashley adjourned the meeting at 7:28PM.

Next duty meeting: May 20, 2025 at 6:00 at the Ellsworth Community Center. Work on Thank you notes.

Next Meeting June 3, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Ellsworth Community Center.

ELLSWORTH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

Ellsworth Community Association needs your membership. Dues are \$20.00 for single or family memberships. Send your check/cash to: **Ellsworth Community Association, PO Box 272, Ellsworth, Iowa** along with the following form. Please include all names of the family, address and phone number. Thank you for your interest in the Ellsworth Community. Send to:

Ellsworth Community Association

PO Box 272

Ellsworth Iowa 50075

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