

The Ellsworth City Council met in regular session at 6:00 pm at City Hall on May 11, 2026, with Mayor Anksorus presiding, and the following council members present: Sogard, Olson, Phipps, with Funk arriving at 6:29 pm. Also in attendance was Jessica Lowe with the Ellsworth Farmers' Market.

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

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

- a. Motion to approve April 28, 2026 council minutes.
- b. Motion to approve May 11, 2026 payment of claims.
- e. Motion to approve Dollar General Sign Permit.

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

PUBLIC FORUM: None Present

ELLSWORTH FARMERS MARKET: Jessica Lowe requested the Ellsworth Farmers' Market use of sidewalks on the west side of Dewitt Street downtown this summer on Wednesdays from 5-7 pm beginning June 3rd and ending October 28. Motion by Sogard and seconded by Olson to approve the usage of city property for the farmers market. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried. Lowe also requested use of the community center for a winter/holiday indoor market on December 12th from 8 am to 1 pm. The vendors will assist with the setup of tables and chairs for Bingo that day. Motion by Sogard and seconded by Olson to approve use at no charge to the Ellsworth Farmer's Market in the community center on December 12th 2026. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE TO REVIEW AN APPLICATION FOR A STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN AND TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC THE CONTENTS OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION DOCUMENT AND THE CITY'S PROJECT PLAN: Motion to approve Resolution 05-11-26 and set hearing date for May 26th at 6 pm by Olson and seconded by Phipps. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 10-YEAR LAND USE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Motion by Sogard and seconded by Phipps to adopt the 10-year land use plan from Iowa State University College of Design. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO SET POLICY REGARDING ENFORCEMENT OF TREE ORDINANCE: Motion by Sogard and seconded by Olson to adopt Resolution 05-11-26(3) new policy regarding tree ordinance enforcement. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH PARK SHELTER USE: Motion by Olson and seconded by Sogard to approved church's use of the park shelter building in the summer on Sunday mornings for church in the park. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried.

LIBRARY: None present

FIRE/EMS: None present

ECA: Council woman Olson updated the Council on the feedback from the Mother's Day brunch Saturday May 9. The group hopes the event continues to grow.

PUBLIC WORKS: Mayor Anksorus approved a pass through invoice for the new transformer installation for Dollar General this past week. The City will send an invoice out to the developer.

CITY HALL: a. Watertower pro-forma update: Motion by Funk and seconded by Olson to move forward with the proposed increase by Nate Summers, the city's financial officer. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried. Clerk Eckers will begin the process of amending the current water ordinance and have the necessary proposed hearing and reading dates ready by the next council meeting. b. Dental Facility Proposal: Motion by Sogard and seconded by Phipps to deny the proposal from Dr Kaushik Ragam and agreeing to sign the letter of intent. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Funk and seconded by Sogard to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 pm. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

/s/ Barry Anksorus, Mayor

/s/ Heidi Eckers, City Clerk

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