



ELLSWORTH COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION
NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

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CITY RESIDENTS
VOTE
NOVEMBER 7, 2023
Bethesda Lutheran Church - Jewell
7:00AM-8:00PM

Meet and Greet

Incumbents & those up for election

October 28, 2023

Ellsworth. Community Center 2:30PM to 4:30PM

MAYOR: Doloris Yager

CITY COUNCIL - INCUMBENTS & CANDIDATES

Bradly Ashburn	Jeremy Laube
William Funk, Incumbent	Chad Zimmerman
Kalib King, Incumbent	Marvin Norem, Incumbent not running

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OCTOBER							DECEMBER							SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S				1	2	3	4	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7						1	2								
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	3	4	5	6	7	8	9					Library Board Meet 5:30			Bingo Community Center 5:00
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	10	11	12	13	14	15	16								
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	17	18	19	20	21	22	23								
29	30	31	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31											
5	Trinity Lutheran Church 9:00 Daylight Saving Time Ends	6		7	 Election Day	8	9	10	11	 Bingo Community Center 5:00 Veterans Day											
12	Trinity Lutheran Church 9:00	13	City Council 7:00	14	Community Association 7:00 Library	15	16	Mobile Food Pantry 4:00-6:00 Bethesda Church-Jewell	17	18	Bingo Community Center 5:00										
19	Trinity Lutheran Church 9:00	20	Firemen Meeting 7:00	21		22	23	 Thanksgiving Day	24	25	Bingo Community Center 5:00										
26	Trinity Lutheran Church 9:00	27		28		29	30														

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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Birthdays This Month

Don Adix	1st	Betsy Hill	17th
Sylvia Vust	1st	Kaden Angove	18th
Bob Maass	3rd	Ryan Hill	20th
Kathy Irvin	4th	Phylis Olson	21st
Tony Lindseth	5th	Chandler George	24th
Janelle Hill	8th	Steve Flygstad	25th
Nadelyn VanLangen	15th	Noel Thompson	28th
Phoebi Eckers	15th	Diane Edkers	30th
Doug Hocking	16th	Keagan Swenson	30th

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OCTOBER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

The Ellsworth City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall on October 9th, 2023 with Mayor Yager presiding and the following council present: Norem, Sogard, Gelder and Funk. Absent: King.

	September Receipts	September Disbursements
General Fund	5648.15	16660.19
Road Use Fund	7936.77	1167.00
Employee Benefit Fund	32.78	861.59
Emergency Fund	12.19	
Local Option Sales Tax Fund	5656.95	
Tax Increment Finance Area 1	33.62	
Tax Increment Finance 1 Amend		
Bingo Fund	4257.44	2255.76
Debt Service Fund	19.26	2415.00
Capital Project-Strm Water		
Capital Project-Water Tower	58702.50	58702.50
Water Fund	27313.94	14227.97
Water Sinking Fund		
Sewer Fund	9915.37	15957.13
Electric Fund	70556.17	68224.39
Electric Sinking Fund		
Storm Water Fund	4758.01	54.60
Storm Water Sinking		3058.00
	\$194843.15	\$183584.13

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

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

- a. Motion to approve September 11th, 2023 council minutes.
- b. Motion to approve September payment of claims.
- c. Motion to approve FY23 Annual Street Finance Report.

Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried and claims hereby made a portion of these minutes.

PUBLIC FORUM: None

RECYCLING BIDS: Both American Sanitation, LLC. and The Trash Man, LLC. submitted bids for three-to-five-year contracts to the City for future recycling services. American Sanitation offered weekly pickup service and residents their choice of 3 different cart options: a) 35-gallon, b) 64-gallon, and c) 96-gallon. The Trash Man offered weekly pickup services and 4 different cart options to the City: a) 32-gallon for everyone, b) 64-gallon for everyone, c) 96-gallon for everyone, or d) residents choice, with the option to change service levels one time per year. Both representatives were present to answer questions from the council and address any concerns they may have had. After much consideration and discussion and taking into account resident feedback, there was a motion by Gelder, seconded by Norem to accept the 3-year contract bid from The Trash Man LLC. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

RESIDENT COMPLAINT: A complaint was submitted regarding twisted electrical lines in the alley in the area between Dayton and Dearborn Street. Supervisor Vanlangen will take a look at the lines and address the issue this week.

COMMUNITY CENTER LOBBY FLOOR: The flooring at the Community Center has been in need of replacement for quite some time. Large holes and uneven surfaces are becoming worse and have been deemed a possible tripping hazard for the people attending Bingo. The City obtained a quote from Peterson Flooring in Story City for removal and replacement of the lobby floor and hallway, cove base, stair treads and risers and an additional quote for the same service for the lunchroom. After reviewing the quotes, the council determined that at this time, the added expense of the lunchroom floor was unnecessary, as it's not used. Motion by Norem, seconded by Gelder to approve the \$15,722.90 cost to replace the floor be donated from Bingo funds. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY MEET AND GREET: An inquiry was made about whether there would be a way for the public to meet the current council members and mayor and any new candidates running for this November's election. The City had previously discussed a Meet and Greet event being held at the Community Center and determined that this would be the perfect opportunity to offer the residents the option to do both. The public is welcome to attend an informal meet and greet function at the Ellsworth Community Center on Saturday October 28th, 2023 from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm, where current council members, mayor and possible candidate's will be available to answer questions and concerns.

GAS PIPE REPAIRS: The City Clerk received a letter from Alliant Energy concerning a small section of piping at 2 locations within City buildings that had become partially exposed or uncovered and needed to be reinsulated prior to winter weather. The Clerk will discussion with Supervisor Vanlangen and get the repairs completed.

DEPARTMENT BUDGET MEETINGS: Due to several changes in the budgeting system and an anticipated loss of revenues for the next budget season, the council is requesting each department head attend the December council meeting to discuss how to prepare and plan for the FY24/25 budget.

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INVOICES: The City Clerk presented several invoices that she had questions on how to proceed with to the council. Concerns regarding the costs of certain repairs, enforcement of repairs done on residential property billed to the City and responsibility of repairs requested by other parties but billed to the City were addressed. Due to Supervisor Vanlangen’s absence, the discussion will continue at next month’s meeting after further information is collected.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Yager adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm.

/s/ Dolorus Yager, Mayor
/s/ Amy L. Zeman, City Clerk

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REMEMBERING THE PAST

NOVEMBER - LET’S TALK TURKEY

Turkey has been the byword to progress for Ellsworth in a colorful history that began in 1929 with only fifty birds and one flock owner. **William Thompson**, a young college graduate and farmer, became interested in raising turkeys as a means of making his livelihood. In 1929 he bought and raised fifty turkeys on his farm with the aid of his brother **Raymond**, who at the time was a teacher and coach in Lake Mills, Iowa.

By 1935, turkey raising on the Thompson farm, a mile east of Ellsworth, was a mass operation. Raymond quit his teaching job and came home.



Ray Thompson with a flock of turkeys.

Other farmers in the area became interested in turkeys - the first two were

Howard Pearson and **Frank Doyle**. Bill and Ray did not know their business had begun a chain reaction. In the next 15 years there was a complete turn around on the Ellsworth farming community, changing it from a general farming territory to an area whose very life was turkey raising on a large scale.

The business kept booming and in 1938, **Vernon Peterson** came back to hometown Ellsworth to help the brothers run the hatchery and take care of the feed business. He became a business partner in 1939.

A hatchery was built in 1938 but was outgrown and a new hatchery constructed in 1944 and expanded in 1945. In 1948, Bill Thompson and a new member of the business, **Burnice Holt**, moved to Clifton Texas and set up several egg producing farms. The eggs were trucked weekly back to Ellsworth.

More and more farmers began raising turkeys commercially in the area. Within 25 years (1952) there were 70 turkey producers raising 500,000 birds within 10 miles. Today, there are about a million turkeys raised in the Ellsworth area.

LIBRARY NEWS

November 2023 Salena Schmitz

The spotlight book of the month is, *Babel* by R.F. Kuang

1828. Robin Swift, orphaned by cholera in Canton, is brought to London by the mysterious Professor Lovell. There, Robin trains for years in Latin, Ancient Greek, and Chinese, all-in preparation for the day he'll enroll in Oxford University's prestigious Royal Institute of Translation – also known as Babel. The tower and its students are the world's center for translation, and more importantly, magic. Silver-working-the art of manifesting the meaning lost in translation using enchanted silver bars-has made the British unparalleled in power, as the arcane craft serves the Empire's quest for colonization. For Robin, Oxford is a utopia dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge. But knowledge obeys power, and as a Chinese boy raised in Britain, he realizes serving Babel means betraying his motherland. As his studies progress, Robin finds himself caught between Babel and the shadowy Hermes Society, an organization dedicated to stopping imperial expansion. When Britain pursues an unjust war with China over silver and opium, Robin must decide... Can powerful intuitions be changed from within, or does revolution always require violence?

Adult Fiction:

- Carnegie's Maid by Marie Benedict
- The Great Transition by Nick Fuller Googins
- Feels Like Falling by Kristy Woodson Harvey
- The Secret Hours by Mick Herron
- Blessing of the Lost Girl by J.A. Janice
- Portrait of an Unknown Woman by Daniel Silva

Adult Non-Fiction:

- The Power of Money: How Governments and Banks Create Money and Help Us All Prosper by Paul Sheard

Young Adult Fiction:

- When We Were Infinite by Kelly Loy Gilbert
- The Chalice of the Gods: Percy Jackson and the Olympians #6 by Rick Riordan

Junior Fiction:

- Dork Diaries: Tales from a NOT-SO-Posh Paris Adventure #15 by Rachel Renée Russel

Junior Non-Fiction:

- Astrophysics for Young People in a Hurry by Neil DeGrasse with Gregory Mone

Beginner Reader Fiction:

- Fergus and Zeke for President by Katie Messner, illustrated by Heather Ross

Early Reader Fiction:

- The Ambassador's Dog by Scott H. DeLisi, illustrated by Jane Lillian Vance

Early Reader Non-Fiction:

- My First Book of Planets: All About the Solar System for Kids by Bruce Betts, PHD