

The Ellsworth City Council met in regular session at 6:01 p.m. at City Hall on October 13th, 2025, with Mayor Yager presiding, and the following council members present: Phipps, Sogard, Holden, and Olson. Also in attendance were Brian Zimmerman and Ashley Platte.

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

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

- a. Motion to approve September 23, 2025 council minutes.
- b. Motion to approve October 13, 2025 payment of claims.

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

PUBLIC FORUM: None Present

ELLSWORTH MURAL DESIGN APPROVAL: Motion by Sogard to approve mural design and location pending approval from Xtreme Tumbling on the letter "E". Second by Olson. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

INSURANCE AUDIT/ADJUSTMENT: Tabled until Clerk Eckers can discuss potential additions of City Hall and the Community Center to the blanket replacement coverage policy.

FUNK FUNNY FARM ANIMAL VARIANCE REQUEST: Tabled, William Funk not present.

OPEN MEETING TRAINING: Mayor Yager and Councilwoman Olson discussed open meeting training for newly elected and appointed city officials as presented to them at a recent Police Board meeting. As of July 1, 2025 Iowa Code now requires the training. Motion by Olson and second by Phipps to have the city pay the small fees associated with the training, with training to be completed by all new and/or returning elected city officials by January 1. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 10-13-2025 INTENT TO SELL PARCEL 40872330311008: Motion by Sogard and second by Olson to adopt Resolution 10-13-2025 and set Public Hearing for 6:05pm on October 28th, 2025. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

E-BIKE DEFINITION AND ORDINANCE DISCUSSION: Members of the Council, the Mayor, and city staff will at the Oct 28th meeting present examples from other communities of Ordinance examples concerning the use of E-bikes and scooters within city limits.

ECA: NONE PRESENT

LIBRARY: NONE PRESENT

FIRE/EMS:

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES:

A: Motion by Holden and second by Phipps to approve the purchase of 4-25KVA 1P Pole Mount transformers through the Fletcher-Reinhardt Company totaling \$9840. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

B: Tabled until November 10 Council session

C: Motion by Sogard and second by Olson to close the 4-way intersection of Des Moines Ave and Dewitt Street from the library to Trinity Lutheran Church on October 30, 2025 during the Halloween festivities. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

CITY HALL UPDATES: Clerk Eckers updated the Council on recent meetings with the ISU College of Design students concerning the 10-year comprehensive planning process. Supervisor Vanlangen has helped to gather data required by the students regarding utilities, maps, etc. Clerk Eckers has supplied the students with financial records, balance sheets, etc to help in the planning process. The Council was present with some preliminary boundary and land usage maps from the students. Discussion concerning Iowa Code 414.23 and the two-mile radius planning boundary was brought up by Clerk Eckers. It was requested that the Council consider looking to the East of Interstate 35 when thinking future and potential expansion and land use for the City of Ellsworth. The next community meeting has been postponed until November 3rd, 6:30pm at the Ellsworth Community Center and all residents are encouraged to attend. Flyers will be posted on every door in town inviting community members to this meeting to share their visions and opinions on the future of Ellsworth.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Yager called for adjournment. Motion by Sogard and seconded by Olson. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.

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

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