

The Ellsworth City Council met in regular session at 6:09 p.m. at City Hall on October 28, 2025, with Mayor Yager presiding, and the following council members present: Phipps, Funk, Olson. Also in attendance were Darlene Campbell, Travis Anderson, Justin Thompson, Megan Thompson, and Brian Zimmerman

	August Receipts	August Disbursements
General Fund	917.38	50104.85
Road Use Fund	0.00	18963.84
Employee Benefit Fund	0.00	1836.33
Emergency Fund	0.00	0.00
Local Option Sales Tax Fund	0.00	0.00
Tax Increment Finance Area 1	0.00	0.00
Tax Increment Finance 1 Amend	0.00	0.00
Bingo Fund	0.00	49726.54
Debt Service Fund	0.00	0.00
Capital Project-Strm Water	0.00	0.00
Capital Project-Water Tower	0.00	20982.50
Water Fund	24604.77	14770.97
Water Sinking Fund	0.00	0.00
Sewer Fund	5929.44	6739.75
Electric Fund	84193.81	155128.73
Electric Sinking Fund	0.00	0.00
Storm Water Fund	5067.63	0.00
Storm Water Sinking	0.00	5473.00
	\$120713.03	\$323726.51

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

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

- a. Motion to approve October 13th, 2025 council minutes.
- b. Motion to approve October 28th, 2025 payment of claims.
- c. Motion to approve Audit transfer correction for Water Fund CD FY25 of \$150000.
- d. Motion to approve Audit transfer correction for Electric Fund CD FY25 of \$250000.
- e. Motion to approve Audit transfer FY25 correction for Debt Service from Storm Water Sinking of \$28980.
- f. Motion to approve Audit transfer correction to EMS/Ambulance savings in FY25 of \$10,073.85.
- g. Motion to approve SMK Insurance audit/building replacement coverage increase of \$8863.
- h. Motion to approve purchase of Bingo Thanksgiving and Christmas gift card prizes for \$500 total.

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

PUBLIC FORUM: Darlene Campbell was present to discuss concerns about the youth in Ellsworth not following safety or traffic rules when on electric bikes and scooters. Mayor Yager mentioned that this topic was on the agenda and that the Council would discuss it in depth. Travis Anderson was present to discuss the teardown and setup of tables and chairs in the Community Center gym. He shared that the four to five basketball teams using the gym over the winter months, each paying \$100, should offset any expense of hiring someone or a couple of people to tear down and set up the tables/chairs and take up the big floor mats.

SOUTH HIGH PRIDE ELLSWORTH GYM USE: Justin and Megan Thompson are spearheading the South High Pride Tournament on February 7th and asked for the use of the gym from 8 am to 6 pm. They said the Ellsworth Community Association could run the concession stand as a fundraiser. Motion by Olson and second by Phipps to allow the use of the gym free of charge and to cancel Bingo on February 7th. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried.

MAVERIK SIGN PERMIT APPLICATION: Motion by Phipps and seconded by Olson to approve the sign permit. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried.

THOMPSON CONSTRUCTION INVOICE FOR SCHOOL ROOF \$39,525.20: After balances in Bingo and Community Center were shared by Clerk Eckers, and discussion was had about Iowa Code usage of gambling funds, motion made by Phipps and seconded by Funk to approve the payment of the invoice for Thompson Construction to replace the roof on the historic school building for \$39,525.20 out of Bingo funds. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried.

FUNK FUNNY FARM ANIMAL VARIANCE REQUEST: Tabled

PUBLIC HEARING CITY SALE OF PARCEL 40872330311008: Mayor Yager opened the public hearing at 6:56 pm. None present. Mayor Yager closed the public hearing at 6:57 pm.

RESOLUTION 10-28-2025 APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF REAL ESTATE TO LOGAN PRIME AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF DEED: Motion by Phipps and second by Olson to adopt Resolution 10-28-2025. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried.

E-BIKE ORDINANCE DISCUSSION: Iowa Code 321.235A concerning electric personal devices was presented to the council after several citizen complaints about the use of these devices in town by young children. Ordinance No. 2025-06 from Humboldt, Iowa, was also presented as a potential example for Ellsworth to consider adopting. Council discussed definitions and types/classes of these electric vehicles. Council discussed the need for local governance that could be enforced by local law enforcement. Motion by Funk and second by Phipps that Clerk Eckers work with City Attorney Heeren on preparing an ordinance for the City of Ellsworth similar to Humboldt's 2025-06. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried.

BID FOR ANNUAL EXAMINATION SERVICES 2024, 2025, 2026 FROM CORNWELL, FRIDERES, MAHER AND ASSOCIATES: Motion by Funk and second by Phipps to accept the bid for annual examination services 2024, 2025, 2026 from Cornwell, Frideres, Maher and Associates. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried.

EXAM REPORT FY24 FROM CORNWELL, FRIDERS, MAHER AND ASSOCIATES: Motion by Olson and second by Funk to accept the exam report from FY24. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried.

ECA: NONE PRESENT

LIBRARY: NONE PRESENT

FIRE/EMS: NONE PRESENT

PUBLIC WORKS: A. Clerk Eckers updated the council that the old backhoe has one sealed bid submitted, with the deadline being Wednesday, November 5th, 2025, 8 am.

CITY HALL UPDATE: A. Clerk Eckers gave the Council a report on the data continuing to be collected and shared with the Iowa State University College of Design Comprehensive Planning project. The next community meeting is November 3rd at 6:30 pm at the Community Center in Ellsworth. All residents are encouraged and welcome to attend. B. Clerk Eckers updated the Council on the progress of the mural in the city park. They shared that there was to be a celebration/unveiling on Friday, November 14th at 4 pm at the City Park, with ribbon cutting, food truck, live music, and a dedication plaque presented. Clerk Eckers asked the Council if the Park Shelter house could be made available for the Ellsworth Community Association to serve hot chocolate to the community as well as a space for people to gather, keep warm, and eat supper if they choose. Motion by Phipps and second by Olson to allow the use of the Park Shelter house free of charge to the City for this celebration on November 14th. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Yager called for adjournment. Motion by Olson and second by Funk to adjourn. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

/s/ Dolorus Yager, Mayor

/s/ Heidi Eckers, City Clerk

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