



ELLSWORTH COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION
JUNE NEWSLETTER

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*Ellsworth
Extravaganzia*

June 26, 27, 28, 2026

Fun - Parades, Games

Food - TLC, Food Trucks

Faith - Community

Church Services

Full Schedule of activities will be sent at a later date

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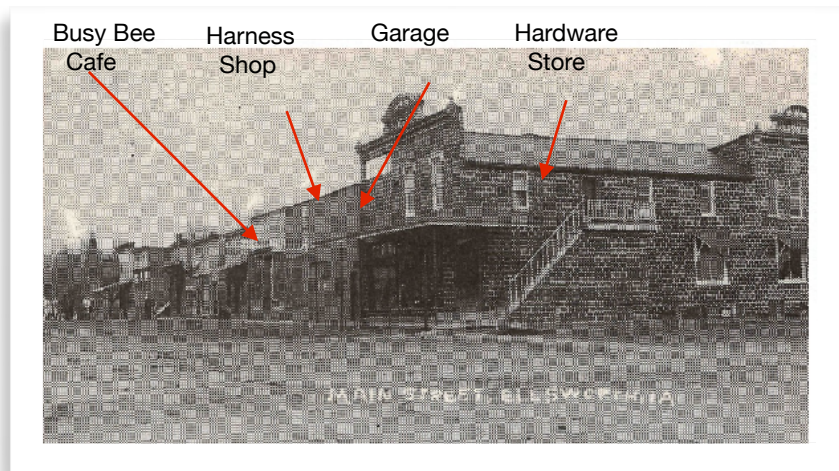
Birthdays This Month

ANNIVERSARIES

Peyton Heredia	2nd	Linda Barquist	17th	Tia & Thad Brown	1st
Cherie Hill	9th	Kevin Tuttle	21st	Marifern & Don Hill	11th
Randy Olson	10th	Makayla Henderson	21st	Faye & Noel Thompson	12th
Blaine Tuttle	11th	Dave Hill	22nd	Gail & Scott George	12th
Hayden Hill	12th	Wayne Patterson	24th	Dawn & Dave Hegland	22nd
Steve Hetland	13th	Cassidy Brown	25th	Betsy & Nathan Hill	27th
Maurine Hemphill	13th	Betty Swenson	25th		
Jennifer Tolle	14th	Burnell Hill	26th		
Brittany Brim	16th	Evey Henderson	26th		

REMEMBERING THE PAST: 1920's Fire on Main Street

Clifford Grund came home on the midnight train and as he turned to go east to his home from main street, he saw fire in the basement windows of the hardware store. (Formally Kuhfus Station, now owned by Rieks) He ran to the telephone office and put in an alarm. The fire burned the E. E. Anderson Hardware Store, the next building which was a garage and the next Carl Thoreson Harness Shop operated by Henry Becker. The fireman had to take the big hose through the restaurant, which was the next building north, and up the stairs to a window from above, thus saving the restaurant building. The restaurant was water soaked but was later cleaned up and opened again. The hardware store, garage and harness shop were a complete loss.



**Ellsworth Community Association (ECA)
Meeting Minutes
May 5th, 2026**

Meeting called to order by Ashley Platte, President, at 6:04 PM.

Roll call: Ashley Platte, Brittany Williams, and Marcy Olson.

Minutes and treasure report approval: Motion Marcy, seconded Brittany. Roll call vote 2-0. Motion passed.

Public form: None Present

ECA: Tabled for next meeting.

Mother's Day Brunch: Meeting at the community center Friday night for set up.

Baskets: Ashley will pick up the buckets this week and we will draw names on Friday.

Extravaganza: Tabled until next meeting.

Ball Diamond Concession Schedule: Tabled until next meeting.

Thank you notes: Brittany and Ashley will get them out to people.

Comments: None

Adjournment: Motion Brittany, seconded by Marcy.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM.



**MOTHER'S DAY
BASKETS**

WINNERS:

Kris Groth

Melissa Klein

Linda Dalbey

Donna Evans

THANK YOU

I want to thank the association for the Mother's Day Basket. I really appreciate it at this time in my life. It brought happiness and a smile.

Thanks again, Melissa Klein



JUNE 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

- . BASE Exercise Group – Meets 10:15 – 10:45am EVERY FRIDAY
- . **(NEW TIME)** Story Time for Children ages 0 to 5 is every Thursday at 10:30 am till 11:30 am. We read stories, sing songs, create a craft and have a snack. If you have a child or children 5 years old or older and would like to join us, they are always welcome too.
- . LIBRARY BOARD TRUSTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD June 4, 2026 from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. (open to the public).
- . Everyone is encouraged to purchase a ticket for a Christmas Quilt which can be seen at the library. It is a beautiful hand sewn quilt – tickets are 1 dollar each and the winner will be announced Saturday June 27, 2026 at 12 pm during the Ellsworth Extravaganza. All proceeds will go to the Ellsworth Public Library. Tickets can be purchased at the library.
- . SUMMER READING STARTS JUNE 8, 2026 with a FOAM PARTY AT THE PARK FROM 6:30pm till 7:30 pm. You may pick up your reading logs at the library starting on June 8, 2026.
- . **Don't forget summer reading is approaching very quickly, this year's theme is Plant a Seed, Read. Stop into the library and pick up a summer reading calendar with all the great summer events that the library has planned. Any questions please feel free to call the library at 515-836-4852.**
- . **STOP into the library we have many new books to choose from such authors as: James Patterson, Freida McFadden, Heather Gudenkauf, Claire Lombardo, Jennifer Weiner, Michael Connelly, Kate Quinn, Harlan Coben, John Grisham, Danielle Steele, Fern Michaels, Rebecca Serle, Daniel Hurst just to name a few.**
- . **Beginning June 15, 2026 each Monday we will be having free movies to watch for children and adults here at the library – they will begin at 2 pm – free popcorn will be provided. Stop in and get a library calendar of events or check out our library website - ellsworth.lib.ia.us/events.**
- . **Children's story time will continue throughout the summer months and are held each Thursday starting at 10:30 am.**

More details about programming will be available on our website ellsworth.lib.ia.us/events.

Roxann Boyce
Director | Ellsworth Public Library

APRIL 28TH COUNCIL MEETING

The Ellsworth City Council met in regular session at 6:02 pm at City Hall on April 28, 2026, with Mayor Anksorus presiding, and the following council members present: Sogard, Olson, Phipps, with Jensen arriving at 6:05 and Funk arriving at 6:28. Also in attendance were Ashley Platte, Hope Caudle, Brittany Williams, Eric Shomo with Shomo Insurance, and Dr Kaushik Ragan.

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

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

- a. Motion to approve April 13, 2026 council minutes.
 - b. Motion to approve April 28, 2026 payment of claims.
 - e. Motion to approve payment of \$98,233.00 to EMC Insurance for 2026 premium coverage.
- Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried, and claims hereby made a portion of these minutes

PUBLIC FORUM: Hope Caudle was present to discuss with the Council storm water drainage issues around the area of Park Ave Circle on the north side of the city. Supervisor Vanlangen will be looking into new grates to help prevent blockages.

PUBLIC HEARING FY 27 BUDGET: Mayor Anksorus opened the public hearing at 6:10 pm. No public present. Mayor Anksorus closed the public hearing at 6:11 pm.

RESOLUTION 04-28-2026 ADOPTION OF FY27 BUDGET: Motion by Sogard and seconded by Olson to adopt the FY 27 Budget and Resolution 04-28-2026. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

SHOMO INSURANCE – WIND/HAIL DEDUCTIBLE BUY-DOWN POLICY: Eric Shomo of Shomo Insurance was present to answer questions about the current deductible levels on city property for storm damage. Currently, the policy is a percentage of replacement cost-based, which, in the example of the water plant and community center, totals a deductible of over \$73,000 for each incident. After discussion, motion by Phipps and seconded by Olson to approve wind/hail deductible buy-down policy for \$6705.11. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

LIBRARY: None present

FIRE/EMS: Council was presented with a second quote for the planned FY27 improvements to the fire station from Supervisor Vanlangen from Brown Builders of Story City in the amount of \$50,563. No action has been taken by the Council at this time. Clerk Eckers included Thompson Construction's quote from the last meeting in the FY27 Budget.

ECA: Ashley Platte and Brittany Williams were present to update the Council on the success of the Dump Your Junk Event on April 25. There were 91 vehicles that came through the line, over 200 tires collected, and Friday the 25th 21 houses participated in the curbside pickup option. The Council thanked the ECA for their efforts in helping to keep Ellsworth looking it's best and look forward to this event growing even more in the future.

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The Council was presented with several maps and timelines for events for the upcoming Ellsworth Extravaganza on June 26-28. The ECA requested road closures Friday around the city park for the kiddie parade. Saturday morning for a 5k run, Saturday midday for the car show, touch a truck, and Xtreme tumbling exhibition, as well as around the park for the Saturday evening for the bank and beer/wine trucks. Motion by Olson and seconded by Sogard to approve all road closures for Extravaganza festivities and events the weekend of June 26-June 28. Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried.

CITY HALL:

a. ISU Comp Plan – Final Review: Clerk Eckers presented the Council with the final draft of the Ellsworth CompPlan, any edits need to be sent to Eckers by no later than Thursday April 30th.

b. Tree Inventory – Mayor Anksorus divided up the city and printed maps to record by potential damage causing potential of any dead or diseased trees and has been working on marking them down. Councilwoman Sogard offered to take one part of the town and help with the project. Clerk Eckers will have the final draft of the tree nuisance letter prepared by the May 11th meeting and will have the addresses listed for Council to review.

c. Water tower pro-forma: tabled until May 11

d. Eagle Scout Project at the Ellsworth Community Center: Keegan Glen, local Eagle Scout, submitted a proposal to City Hall to paint parking lines at the community center this summer. Glen requested that the City provide one case of the striping paint to help with the cost. Motion by Sogard and seconded by Olson to approve the project and donation of paint to the project. Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried.

e. Commercial Development Proposal - Dental Clinic: Dr Kaushik Ragan was present to discuss a proposal of opening a dental and health clinic in Ellsworth. The proposal came with the ask of the city purchasing a parcel and building a Morton building with continued city ownership, and Dr. Kaushik outfitting the inside of the building with pod-style pop-up dental suites. Dr Kaushik presented the council with a letter of intent and requested the Council approve. Councilman Phipps discussed waiting until the May 11 meeting to give members time to do some research about the needs and benefits of the facility prior to signing the letter of intent.

f. Bingo Scholarships: Four \$500 scholarship applications were received by the City from South Hamilton Students. All met the requirements. Motion by Sogard and seconded by Olson to approve and award all four scholarships. Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried. Councilwoman Olson will attend the awards ceremony on May 13th to present the scholarship awards.

g. Lucky Wife Wine Slushies: Motion by Jensen and seconded by Olson to approve the liquor license for Ellsworth Extravaganza weekend. Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

a. Bolton and Menk RO Membranes/Water Plant Updates: Supervisor Vanlangen updated the Council on well and sand filter testing process as requested by the Engineering firm prior to installing the new RO filters and running the RO System.

b. Water Affidavit Operator Discussion: Alan Hanson submitted his resignation to the City of Ellsworth as the water affidavit operator. Vanlangen continues to pursue his certification testing. He will reach out to a contact to potentially step in temporarily as affidavit operator.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Funk and seconded by Olson to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 pm. Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried.

/s/ Barry Anksorus, Mayor

/s/ Heidi Eckers, City Clerk

MAY 11TH COUNCIL MEETING

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.

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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.

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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ELLSWORTH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone () _____ - _____

Cell Phone () _____ - _____

E Mail _____

Fill out if you want to be included on the Birthday/Anniversary calendar:

_____ **First Name** _____ **Last Name** _____ **Month / Day**

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2026 Parade Form

Ellsworth Community Association invites you to come celebrate the Ellsworth Extravaganza on June 27, 2026.

Business/Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Day Phone: _____

Brief Description of Entry: _____

****Return the top half of this entry form and keep the bottom portion for your information.**

- Please arrive **no later than 9:30 AM** on the parade day to line up.
- You will be given a number of where to go on the day of the parade.
- For questions call Heidi Nye at 515-451-5494.

Please mail your entry to:

Ellsworth Community Association

PO Box 272

Ellsworth, IA 50075