ELLSWORTH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

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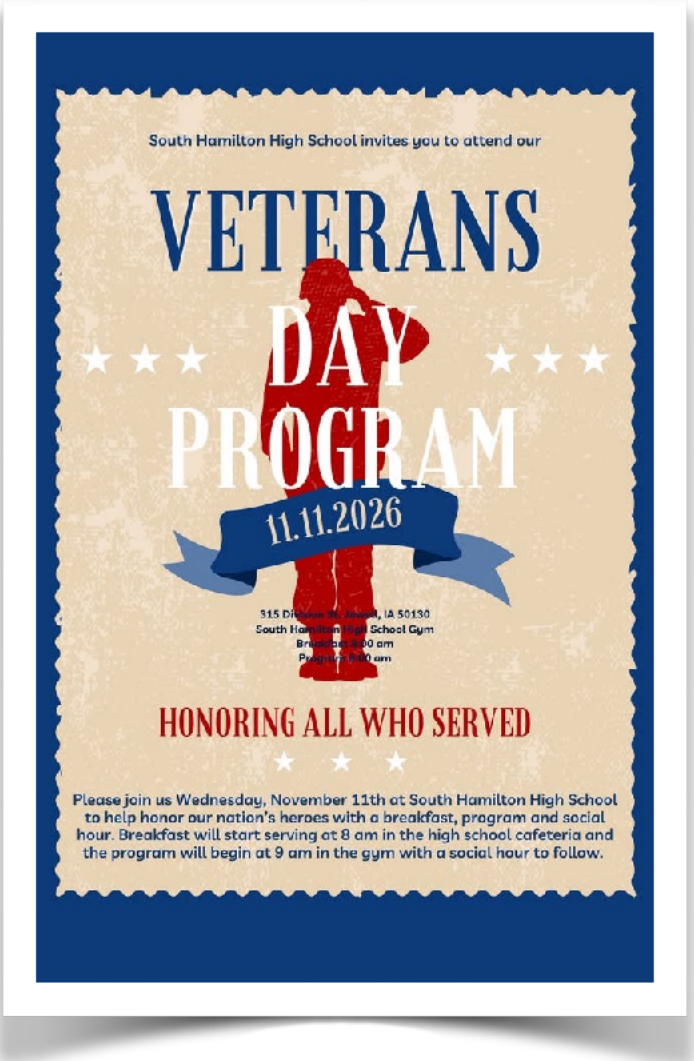
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1 Trinity Lutheran Church 9:00 All Saints' Day	**2**	**3** Community Assoc 6:00 CommCenter Election Day (USA)	**4**	**5** Library Board meet 5:30	**6**	**7** Bingo Community Center 5:00
8 Trinity Lutheran Church 9:00	**9** City Council 6:00	**10**	**11** Veterans Day (USA) Remembrance Day (Canada)	**12**	**13**	**14** Bingo Community Center 5:00
15 Trinity Lutheran Church 9:00	**16**	**17** Community Assoc 6:00 CommCenter	**18** Firemen Meeting 7:00	**19**	**20** Trivia Night 7:00 Comm Center	**21** Bingo Community Center 5:00
22 Trinity Lutheran Church 9:00	**23**	**24** City Council 6:00	**25**	**26** Thanksgiving Day (USA)	**27**	**28** Bingo Community Center 5:00
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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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Ellsworth Meals: Contact Linda Clark 515-297-3012 if you wish to have the noon meal delivered. Delivery Monday thru Friday, no holidays. Each meal $5.00

Community Coffee - Tuesdays 9:30-?. Trinity Lutheran Church, Ellsworth. Everyone welcome.

Lord's Cupboard: Bethesda Lutheran Church, Jewell, 1st Monday 1:00-2:00, 5:00-6:30, other Mondays 5:00-6:30.

Birthdays This Month

Don Adix	1st	Betsy Hill	17th
Sylvia Vust	1st	Kaden Angove	18th
Bob Maass	3rd	Eldyn Hill	18th
Kathy Irvin	4th	Ryan Hill	20th
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

REMEMBERING THE PAST: 1898 Train Wreck

In 1898, two freight trains crashed together opposite the stock yards, just east of the depot, piling up cars and tearing up the track. One train was a “double Header” and the other was being pulled by one of the six-wheel drive locomotives. The six-wheel drive locomotive completely telescoped the freight car behind it.

There were no lives lost, but a great deal of damage to railroad property was done.



ELLSWORTH IOWA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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BASE Exercise Group – Meets MONDAY – WEDNESDAY- & FRIDAY's 10:15 – 10:45am - NEW DAYS & TIMES -If interested please contact 515-832-2525 for more information.

. Story Time for Children ages 0 to 5 is every Wednesday (unless it is posted on the library website or Facebook) 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 hours for the Thanksgiving holiday are as follows: CLOSED MON & TUES. Nov. 23 & 24. Open on WED. Nov. 25, 2026 from 10 am till 5 pm. Closed THURS. & FRI. Nov. 26 & 27, 2026. Open on SAT. Nov. 28, 2026 from 9 am till 12 pm.

. DON'T FORGET THE NEW LIBRARY HOURS: The library will be CLOSED on MONDAY & TUESDAY's – OPEN on WEDNESDAY's 10- 5 pm, THURSDAY's 10 am – 5 pm, FRIDAY's 12 – 6 pm and SATURDAY's 9 am till Noon. Thank You for your patience and understanding!

. The library is liquidating all of our DVD's – if you would like to purchase any of the DVD's they are 50 cents each or 2 for $1.00. Stop in and check out our vast selection! .

We will be having a Christmas Open House here at the library in December so look for any updates or check our website for more details.

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

HAVE A SAFE & WONDERFUL THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY!!!

Roxann Boyce
Director / Ellsworth Public Library
515-836-4852

SEPTEMBER 22nd COUNCIL MEETING

The Ellsworth City Council met in regular session at 6:00 pm on September 22, 2026, at City Hall, with Mayor Anksorus presiding, and the following council members present: Phipps, Funk, Olson, Jensen, and Sogard, arriving at 6:03 pm. Also in attendance were city staff Jordan Walbaum, Lee Knickerbocker, ECA member Ashley Platte, community member Kenna Ramler, and city-contracted attorney Lynn Seaba.

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

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

a. Motion to approve September 14, 2026 council minutes.

b. Motion to approve September 22, 2026 payment of claims. Roll call votes: 4- 0. Motion carried, and claims are hereby made a portion of these minutes

PUBLIC FORUM: Comment to Council read by Ladana Sogard on behalf of Brent Sogard. Comment to Council by Kenna Ramler. No action was taken by the Council during the public forum.

LIBRARY: None present **FIRE/EMS:** None present **ECA:** No items

PART TIME EMPLOYEE: At the recommendation of the personnel committee, motion by Funk and seconded by Phipps to change the employment designation of City employee Jordan Walbaum from temporary to permanent part-time. Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried.

EJ POLICE VEHICLE: Motion by Phipps and seconded by Olson to allow the storage of the second EJ Police vehicle in the new Ellsworth City shed. Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried.

BINGO NEW EMPLOYEE HIRE: Motion by Olson and seconded by Phipps to advertise and open an application period for a new part-time Bingo City employee for a window of 2 weeks, to then be processed by the personnel committee; the Council will vote on the hiring recommendation by the second meeting in October. Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS: Salt Shed Quote: Tabled

CITY HALL: City Depository Discussion: Clerk Eckers presented the Council with a proposal from City depository AvailaBank in Jewell regarding possibilities for higher-interest-yielding options for the City accounts. Clerk Eckers is working with FSB Jewell branch manager for a proposal as well and will update the Council at the next session with more information.

BRUSH PILE EASEMENT: Contracted attorney on the current legal matter concerning the City brush pile, Lynn Seaba, was present to update the Council on the situation. Motion by Phipps and seconded by Olson to begin closed session for discussion at 7 pm. Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried. Motion by Jensen and seconded by Olson to exit from closed session at 7:22 pm. Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried. Motion by Sogard and seconded by Jensen to authorize Attorney Lynn Seaba to respond as discussed in closed session. Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried. Motion by Sogard and seconded by Olson to designate a temporary brush and leaves drop site as the northwest corner of the city shed on Dearborn Ave. Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried.

PROPERTY ACQUISITION – CITY: Motion by Sogard and seconded by Olson to enter into closed session for discussion at 7:25 pm. Motion by Sogard and seconded by Olson to exit from closed session at 7:53 pm. Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried. Motion by Funk and seconded by Jensen to pursue purchase of properties as discussed in closed session. Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Sogard and seconded by Jensen to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 pm. Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried.
/s/ Barry Anksorus, Mayor
/s/ Heidi Eckers, City Clerk

OCTOBER 12th COUNCIL MEETING

The Ellsworth City Council met in regular session at 6:00 pm on October 12, 2026, at City Hall, with Mayor Anksorus presiding, and the following council members present: Funk, Olson, and Jensen on conference call in. Also in attendance were city staff Jordan Walbaum, ECA members Ashley Platte and Brittany Williams, and community members Brian Zimmerman and Chad Zimmerman.

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

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Funk and seconded by Olson to approve the following items listed on the consent agenda: a. Motion to approve September 22, 2026 council minutes. b. Motion to approve October 12, 2026 payment of claims. Roll call votes: 3- 0. Motion carried, and claims are hereby made a portion of these minutes

PUBLIC FORUM: None present

LIBRARY: Clerk Eckers updated the Council on the arrival of the new quilt hanger and historic Library quilt to City Hall today. Staff will hang inside City Hall in the coming weeks.

FIRE/EMS: None present

ECA: Councilwoman Olson shared with the Council that the ECA was contacted recently by County Supervisor Rick Young and received a donation check from unclaimed Hamilton County SEED funds in the amount of $1094.

BRUSH PILE EASEMENT: Clerk Eckers presented the Council with a letter from City legal representative Lynn Seaba to the adjacent property owner of the City Brush Pile and Lagoons. Residents may still temporarily bring leaves and brush to the northwest side of the new city shed for disposal.

PUBLIC WORKS:

a. City staff Jordan Walbaum presented the Council with 3D-printed models of the two quoted hoop-style buildings to cover the city salt pile. Motion by Funk and seconded by Olson to approve the quote from ClearSpan of $4294.29 to also include an additional $1400 to cover cement blocks to be purchased from CIT Readimix in Jewell, total to not exceed $6000. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried.

b. Historic School Repair Quote, after discussion the Council requested more information on the scope of the project prior to approval of quote for removal and repair to the north side of the school building.

c. Water Drainage behind Shop, after discussion Clerk Eckers was directed to obtain storm water drainage maps of the city from Bolten and Menk Engineering who worked for City on the Storm Water ditch Capitol Project. Clerk Eckers will also consult with City legal on ordinance review of the issue.

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PERSONNEL COMMITTEE UPDATE: Personnel has interviews for the open Public Works position this week

CITY HALL:

a. City Depository Discussion: Tabled

b. HCGP Annual meeting and luncheon, Clerk Eckers asked for RSVP's from Council members for the annual meeting of the Hamilton County Growth Partnership in November.

c. Wellmark Insurance Renewal, Clerk Eckers presented the Council with renewal rates for City health insurance. Rates will increase by 11.1% for the same policy and coverage available for full-time employees. Motion by Funk and seconded by Olson to approve renewal rate increase and policy. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried.

d. School use of gym for basketball on Dec 19, Sara Hanson, director of recreational basketball for the elementary-aged students at South Hamilton, approached the city to request use of the gym on December 19. Clerk Eckers reached out to Bingo director Alan Watts, who said he would check with attendees about rescheduling that night to December 26. Clerk Eckers will update the Council after hearing back from Alan Watts. Council took no action at this time.

e. City Attorney discussion: Barry Anksorus and Clerk Eckers will reach out to the City Attorney for a meeting.

RESOLUTION 10-12-2026 TO FIX A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSAL TO ENTER INTO A WATER REVENUE LOAN AND SIBBURSEMENT AGREEMENT AND TO BORROW MONEY THERUNDER IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $3,039,000: Motion by Funk and seconded by Olson to set the hearing for October 27th at 6 pm. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 10-12-2026(2) APPROVED END OF FY26 TRANSFERS: Motion by Funk and seconded by Olson to approve Resolution 10-12-2026(2) allowing Clerk Eckers to make FY26 end-of-year transfers. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried. COUNCIL MINUTES/CLAIMS CITY OF ELLSWORTH October 12, 2026

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Funk and seconded by Jensen to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 pm. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried. /
s/ Barry Anksorus, Mayor
/s/ Heidi Eckers, City Clerk



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