



ELLSWORTH COMMUNITY  
ASSOCIATION  
MAY NEWSLETTER

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**MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS**

Sign up your Mother or favorite person for Mother's Day flowers, May 8th thru 12th at:

Ellsworth Telephone Office, Public Library, City Hall or Post Office

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**HOMEWOOD CEMETERY  
MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES**

May 29th, 11:00AM

In case of inclement weather, the services will be held at the Trinity Lutheran Church

# May 2023

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## Notices:

NEWSLETTER MATERIAL DUE: by the 25th of the month for the next months newsletter. Send by email to [ellsworthca@netsins.net](mailto:ellsworthca@netsins.net) or Ellsworth Community Association, PO Box 272, Ellsworth, Ia 50075.

Coming in July to Jewell, Ellsworth & Radcliffe: Informational talks on the American Cream Horses which originated in Hamilton County.

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# Birthdays This Month

Steve Gelder	2nd	Janet Adix	15th
Steve Senn	3rd	Mike Kuhfus	15th
Steve Butler	4th	Mathew Hill	19th
Alex Davis	5th	Doris Twedt	20th
Doug VanLangen	5th	Konni VanLangen	22nd
Adam Hill	6th	Bob Olson	22nd
Beverly Thompson	7th	Fiona Brown	24th
Linda Clark	9th	Onika Brown	24th
Mackenzi Busch	9th	Joan Kuhfus	25th
Kevin Bottorff	9th	Dameon Cook	27th
Steve Holt	13th	Marty Danielson	27th
Mary Kay Rash	13th	Jacob Tolle	28th
Nathan Robinson	15th	Elijah Henderson	29th

## ANNIVERSARIES



LaVone & Steve Flygstad	5th
Megan & Justin Thompson	12th
Pam & Doug Hocking	23rd
Staci & Jason Thompson	27th

# Ellsworth's City DUMP YOUR JUNK

Saturday, June 24 - 8:00AM - NOON

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Bring your **ACCEPTED** items to the intersection of Hwy 175 & Dewitt St. Volunteers with guide you to the correct rolloff container.

Purchase your ticket at city hall for \$25.

**ONE TICKET = 1 TRUCK**

WILL NOT ACCEPT GARBAGE, YARD WASTE, OR LIQUIDS

## Examples of Accepted Items

- carpets
- furniture items
- mattresses
- misc. household items
- weed eaters
- bicycles
- metal appliances
- computer towers
- bed frames
- grills
- exercise equipment
- metal tools

## Items NOT Accepted

- TV's
- computer monitor's
- keyboards
- tires
- liquids
- cans
- antifreeze
- household garbage

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## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT:

### LINDA'S BOUTIQUE

Linda Clark has been sewing since she was 5 years old, so her family tells her. She started hand sewing doll clothes sitting on a quilt in the back yard under a tree and progressed to designing wedding gowns for blushing brides. Linda offers all aspects of sewing with plenty of experience.

In her spare time you can find her at the church with the quilting ladies or involved in numerous community activities.

Linda's Boutique was located downtown Ellsworth for 25 years. Five years ago she moved her business to her home at 1721 Dayton St, due to the building owners future improvements.

Check out my old location at 1525 DeWitt St for Air B & B.



**ELLSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS**

# May 2023

Salena Schmitz, Library Director

FIND YOUR VOICE! This summer the library will have a program EVERY Tuesday in June from 10:30-11:30. We will also be providing theme weeks in July. Each week will have a new theme, and you can stop in anytime throughout the week of July to participate! Stay tuned next month for more details, or checkout our Facebook page! If you have any questions, call us at (515)836-4852.

\*\*\* The spotlight book of the month is, *Something Old, Something New* by Amy Clipston. \*\*\*

Between her store, her house, and her role, as a doting aunt, she's finally happy with her life – if a bit lonely. But she's used to being less lucky in love than her fraternal twin sister. Britney was always the popular one, the head cheerleader who dated the homecoming king and quarterback, while Christine stayed in the shadows. Brent Nicholson is still trying to come to grips with the shambles his life has become. After leading his football team to a state championship, he suffered a career-ending injury. Now he's lost his construction business thanks to his so-called best friend. So, then his great-aunt Midge asks for his help readying her home to put it on the market, the opportunity to spend time with his biggest fan is balm to his bruised soul. But the antiques Brent finds in his aunt's house led him to an unexpected partnership with Christine. After being blind to her for so many years, is it too late for the former high school jock to win the heart of the self-proclaimed “nerdy twin”? As they shift through items of the past, Christine and Brent learns to let go of the pieces they don't want to bring into the future – and realized the value of what's in front of them today.

**NEW BOOKS**Adult Fiction:

- *Duplicate Bride* by Ginny Baird
- *I Will Find You* by Harlan Coben
- *The Silent Corner #1* by Dean Koontz
- *The Whispering Room #2* by Dean Koontz
- *Evening by the Fire* by Debbie Macomber
- *Just One Groomsman* by Cindi Madsen

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Adult Non-Fiction:

- *It Shouldn't Be This Way: The Failure of Long-Term Care* by Robert L. Kane, MD & Joan C. West

Biography:

- *Because She Was: A Memoir* by Shelley Brouwer
- *Brenda's Wish: A True Story of Faith, Family, and the Testament of Love* by Jackie Haley

Beginner Reader Fiction:

- *Gigi and Ojiji: What's a Name?* by Melissa Iwai

Early Reader Fiction:

- *Madame Badobedah* by Sophie Dahl, illustrated by Lauren O'Hara
- *Pete the Cat's Not So Groovy Day* by Kimberly & James Dean

Answers to last months question: Called to Jury Duty: 17 Served on a Jury: 7

Question of the month: Have you helped with a Memorial Day Service? Have you attended a Memorial Day Service, not necessarily Homewood



Send to:  
Ellsworth Community Assn.  
PO Box 272  
Ellsworth, IA 50075-0272

**Ellsworth Community Association Membership Form**

Our Community needs your skills and fresh ideas. You could be the change we need! Dues are \$20 for a single or family membership. Fill out the following and include a \$20 Check or cash.

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY the following information for our records**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone (        ) \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_  
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## April City Council Minutes

The Ellsworth City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 with Mayor Yager presiding and the following council present: King, Sogard, Gelder, Funk and Norem.

	March Receipts	March Disbursements
General Fund	5682.03	13972.95
Road Use Fund	3370.06	3501.25
Employee Benefit Fund	0.00	859.19
Emergency Fund	0.00	
Local Option Sales Tax Fund	7496.12	
Tax Increment Finance Area 1		
Tax Increment Finance Area 2		
Tax Increment Finance 1 Amend		
Bingo Fund	3710.01	3593.18
Debt Service Fund	0.00	2415.00
Capital Improv Reserve		
Capital Project-Ind. Park Rd.		
Capital Project-EL Util Impr		
Capital Project-Well Project		
Capital Project-Strm Water		
Water Fund	9080.40	13828.16
Water Sinking Fund		
Sewer Fund	3015.27	6406.61
Electric Fund	43283.98	61613.73
Electric Sinking Fund		
Storm Water Fund	1914.38	55.65
Storm Water Sinking Fund	<u>                    </u>	<u>3058.00</u>
	<u>\$77552.25</u>	<u>\$109303.72</u>

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Motion by Sogard, seconded by Gelder to approve the agenda. Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried.

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

- a. Motion to approve March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 council minutes.
- b. Motion to approve March payment of claims.

Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried and claims hereby made a portion of these minutes.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** None.

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**AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT:** The City Clerk had received several emails from the billing company used by the Ambulance that it had been several months since they had received any month end reporting and billing information and that communication to the department had seemed to go unanswered. Upon the request of the mayor, someone representing the EMS department was required to attend the April meeting. Chief Evans was available to attend and the council discussed who was currently taking care of the reporting and billing and what changes could be made to better communicate moving forward.

**VENDOR INFORMATION:** Over the last couple months, the City Clerk has been receiving numerous unpaid past due statements that now include finance charges from multiple departments within the city. This included new accounts that had never been set up, accounts that the clerk had never received original invoices or receipts for and accounts that were charging sales tax due to the departments not communicating with either the vendor or the city clerk on the sales tax-exempt status of the city. The clerk has also been getting many returned payments because departments aren't verifying or updating billing information before purchasing or turning in invoices and receipts. It was agreed moving forward, department heads would obtain certain information before purchasing and make sure to communicate with City Hall on future invoices and upcoming expenses.

**BINGO SCHOLARSHIPS:** Motion by King, seconded by Gelder to donate four- \$500 Scholarships to area South Hamilton graduating seniors that meet the guidelines set fourth previously by the City. Roll call votes. 5-0. Motion carried.

**FY23/23 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING:** Council set this time and place for a public hearing on the FY24 Budget. Notice was published on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in The South Hamilton Record News. A copy of the affidavit will be made available to the Hamilton County Auditor. Mayor Yager declared the hearing open. After giving all present the opportunity to be heard, Mayor Yager closed the hearing. Motion by Sogard, seconded by King to adopt Resolution #920 FY24 Budget and Certification of Taxes. The total tax levy will be 10.321, with revenues and transfers equaling \$2,190,238 and total expenditures and transfers equaling \$2,270,594. Roll call votes 5-0. Motion carried.

**UPCOMING EXPENSES:** Due to Supervisor Vanlangens absence, no action was taken.

**MULTI-YEAR CONTRACTS:** Supervisor Vanlangen had presented the council with a one-year contract with Electric Pump for maintenance on the pumps at the City Lift Station. There was discussion regarding extending contracts to at least 3 years if not 5 years with companies that the City would use on a long-term basis. Going forward the clerk and supervisor will attempt to negotiate those terms with contractors and vendors.

**METER PROJECT:** The clerk updated the council on the progress of the meter project with Van Wert Inc. and how the utility billing software issues were going. The second billing has been issued and the normal billing procedure will begin again in May. City Hall will begin issuing disconnect notices next week now that winter moratorium is over and past due balances are high.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Yager adjourned the meeting at 8:48 pm.

/s/ Dolorus Yager, Mayor

/s/ Amy L. Zeman, City Clerk