

**RECORD OF SPECIAL MEETING
ELLSWORTH CITY COUNCIL**

DATE: MARCH 29, 2019

TIME: 8:00 AM

PLACE: ELLSWORTH CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**CITY COUNCIL PRESENT: BLANCHETTE, FORTIER, GRINDLE,
HAMILTON, AND MOORE.**

CITY COUNCIL ABSENT: HUDSON AND PHILLIPS.

**KEY SPEAKERS PRESENT: CITY MANAGER DAVID COLE, KELLY
HERRICK, LISA SEKULICH, JENNIFER MERCHANT, BERNIE HUSSEY,
DUSTIN LEYENDECKER, JOHN WEDIN, STEVEN FULLER, DWIGHT
TILTON, AND HEIDI GRINDLE.**

Call to Order.

Chairman Blanchette called the special meeting of the Ellsworth City Council to order at 8:00 AM.

Public Hearing and consideration on amending the Ellsworth Housing Rehabilitation Program guidelines.

David Cole, City Manager explained Interim City Planner Dwight Tilton and Assistant Planner Steve Fuller were present this morning to give an update on this project, explain this particular request and answer any questions. Fuller explained the Council has received a packet containing a copy of the guidelines for the Housing Rehabilitation Program with the suggested amendments notated within that document (attachment #1). Those amendments change the definition of a qualifying property by expanding it from only single family homes to include any city owned or quasi municipal owned properties. This language is dispersed throughout the document; however, the amendment allows for an accommodation for those added properties. Councilor Fortier noted for the record the important piece of this proposed amendment is under the direction and recommendation of the Community Development Block Grant Program it will allow the City to expend some funds from this program to replace the elevator at the Union River Estates. This property is owned by the City of Ellsworth and operated by the MDI/Ellsworth Housing Authority. This fund was not internally grown, the funds were provided by a State Association that allows for and agrees with the City that these funds should be used for this purpose and will correct a safety issue. Chairman Blanchette noted this project will impact approximately 55 residents or at least 50 units. It was generally agreed that helping this many residents with just one project would be considered a great expenditure out of this fund.

Public hearing opened.

There were no comments.

Public hearing closed.

Call to Order.

**Approved -
Amendments to the
Ellsworth CDBG
Housing
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presented in the
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On a motion by Fortier, seconded by Moore, it was unanimously

**RESOLVED to approve the amendments to the Ellsworth CDBG Housing
Rehabilitation Guidelines as presented in the attachment (attachment #1),
effective immediately.**

Adjournment.

On a motion by Fortier, seconded by Moore, it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve adjournment at 8:06 AM.

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**ATTEST: _____
HEIDI-NOËL GRINDLE**

**Approved -
Adjournment at 8:06
AM.**