

**RECORD OF REGULAR MEETING  
ELLSWORTH CITY COUNCIL**

**DATE: OCTOBER 19, 2020**

**TIME: 7:00 PM**

**PLACE: ELLSWORTH CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**CITY COUNCIL PRESENT: BLANCHETTE, GRINDLE, HAMILTON,  
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**CITY COUNCIL ABSENT:**

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In accordance with An Act To implement Provisions Necessary to the Health, Welfare and Safety of the Citizens of Maine in Response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, as enacted to read: Sec G-1 1 MRSA §403-A Public proceedings through remote access during declaration of State of Emergency due to COVID-19, the meeting will be held live at 1 City Hall Plaza in the City Hall Council Chambers with only the allowable number of participants according to the Governor's executive orders. Citizens may email questions and public comments on the public hearing agenda items as well as other items this evening to Chair Dale Hamilton at [dhamilton@ellsworthmaine.gov](mailto:dhamilton@ellsworthmaine.gov) prior to and throughout the duration of the meeting. The meeting will be broadcast live on the City of Ellsworth, Maine Facebook page and YouTube Page; as well as recorded and made available live on Spectrum Channel 1303.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ellsworthme>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/c/CityofEllsworthMaine>

*Call to Order.*

Chair Hamilton called the regular meeting of the Ellsworth City Council to order at 7:00 PM.

*Pledge of Allegiance.*

All stood for the pledge of allegiance.

*Rules of Order.*

The meeting was conducted under Robert's Rules of Order and other rules adopted at the November 13, 2019 Annual Organizational Meeting of the Ellsworth City Council. After being recognized by the Chairman, a person may speak not more than three (3) minutes on any one item on the agenda. In addition, the person may speak not more than two (2) minutes in rebuttal.

*Adoption of minutes from the following meeting (s) of the Ellsworth City Council:*

*09/21/2020 Special Council Meeting.*

*09/21/2020 Regular Monthly Meeting. (Request to table)*

**Call to Order.**

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Rules of Order.**

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*On a motion by Blanchette, seconded by Miller, it was unanimously*

**RESOLVED to approve adoption of minutes from the 09/21/2020 Special Council meeting as presented and approved tabling the 09/21/2020 Regular Monthly meeting minutes as requested**

*City Manager's Report.*

Interim City Manager Glenn Moshier announced City Hall is officially back open effective today (October 19, 2020). Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM there will be a receptionist in the lobby area; citizens are asked to check in with this person and then they will be directed to the department they need. Masks are required as well as the 6' distancing must be observed while conducting business within City Hall. The number of people allowed within City Hall will be limited to avoid an overcrowding situation. The Election is fast approaching on November 3, 2020 with polls opening at 7:00 AM. City Hall will be closed on Election Day for routine business outside of the Election. This will allow for the maximum number of voters to be in the building at one time. Masks will be strongly encouraged while voting. Voters will be asked to enter from the Main Street entrance using the right hand side of the staircase and exit the building from the Church Street side. There will be directors throughout the voting locations assisting voters with the new layout. A listing of where the four wards are located was provided. Moshier announced the YMCA in conjunction with the Ellsworth Police Department, Star 97, and the Ellsworth Fire Department will be holding the annual trunk or treat event. It will be a little different this year, it will be at the YMCA parking lot on Saturday October 31 from 1 PM to 5 PM. Interested parties must sign up for a time slot, there will be 15 vehicles handing out candy, and the people distributing the candy will be wearing gloves and face coverings. The candy will be placed in the containers for the children. The vehicles will be adequately spaced to provide social distancing. The Grand will be holding a Halloween event on October 23 – 24 and October 30 - October 31. This will be a Grand Terror Theater Act 2, enter, if you dare. This event will be held with a number of COVID precautions implemented. Chair Hamilton added the preparations for the upcoming Elections is a huge under taking and a lot of effort has been invested by the City Staff to ensure this complicated process runs smoothly. Councilor Blanchette clarified voters would enter City Hall from the front doors (facing Main Street) and exit from the Church Street side of the building. Anyone with a mobility disability that requires

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them to use the entrance off from Church Street will be greeted by a staff member who can direct them through that entrance. That entrance will be left open for this purpose; voters are being directed to exit through the Police Department entrance off from Church Street. The public is being encouraged to leave the parking lot off from Church Street open for voters who will require this service.

*Committee Reports.*

*Recreation Commission:* Councilor Miller reported that Aaron from Frenchman Bay Conservancy attended the meeting and discussed plans to improve and expand the river walk trail. He also discussed plans for the new Frenchman Bay Conservancy forest which will be located by the sunrise trail. Theresa Oleksiw, the new City Planner provided an update on the senior playground that is scheduled to be installed in the spring as part of this meeting as well. This program still needs final approval from the City Council and will be using locally raised money. Oleksiw discussed the ongoing pedestrian trail study. Nick Sarro is still looking for a place to build a dog park; more information will be provided at a later meeting concerning a possible location. Shane Lowell, YMCA discussed the Trunk or Treat event, they are still looking for sponsors of trunks. There was also a discussion on the youth sports currently taking place. The ice rink will be installed this year beginning on October 26. Nick Turner reminded the Commission that the Grand is holding a haunted house by reservation only. The Commission is in the middle of planning the Christmas Parade. They are currently looking for some great floats. The basketball courts will be closed up once the curtains dry.

*Harbor Commission:* Councilor Moore reported the Harbor has closed for the season. The gas and diesel sales were good this year. Overall, \$24,000 was generated in fees and different revenues. Moore welcomed Patrick Downey as the newest member of the Harbor Commission. The Harbor Commission discussed the desperate need to have the Harbor dredged again. The biggest concern is how to dispose of the dredged materials which may contain high levels of pollutants.

*Personnel Committee:* Councilor Grindle reported the Ellsworth City Council is inviting citizens, businesses, and organizations to a public meeting that will be held at City Hall on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 6:30 PM. The purpose of the meeting is to gather information regarding what the community believes the major

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issues and challenges are facing Ellsworth and to express what qualities, education, background, and experiences the new City Manager should possess to successfully move the City forward and meet the issues and challenges facing Ellsworth. Don Gerrish from Eaton and Peabody Consulting Group will facilitate the meeting. The City Council encourages participation at this meeting by using the zoom platform for expressing their opinions. For members of the public who cannot use this platform limited seating will be available by reservation in the Council Chambers and overflow seating will be available in the Auditorium.

*Ad hoc Crosswalk Committee:* Councilor Hamilton reported this committee will review some of the concerns that were brought up at the last meeting. Those include safety risks if altering crosswalks, reviewing existing ordinances that are related to sidewalks that might apply to crosswalk situations, considering the development of criteria for approving or denying a request as they come forward, and establishing clear language with the Charter so that the group can form. Hamilton and Councilors Miller and Blanchette will be participating on the Committee as well as Carrie Kutny and Ben Snow. This committee will start the process next month and will report back as they make progress.

*Citizens' Comments.*

Councilor Moore spoke on behalf of this being his final Council meeting as a City Councilor. He gave a touching speech as he thanked his fellow citizens for allowing him the privilege of being a part of the City operations over the past 17 years.

There were no citizens' comments this month. Chair Hamilton reminded the members of the public that if they send an email and he does not read it, please resend it. These are being monitored by both Hamilton and Jason Ingalls; however, sometimes the messages are initially missed if they are diverted by technology into the spam folder.

*Presentation of Awards.*

*Chad Bracket, for 5 years of service with the Ellsworth Public Works Department.*

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**C. Bracket - 5 years  
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Chad Bracket was present to accept his service award from Chair Hamilton on behalf of the Ellsworth citizens.

*Jenn Merchant, for 5 years with the Ellsworth Finance Department.*

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*Keli Gancos, for 15 years with the Ellsworth Public Library.*

Keli Gancos was absent from the meeting. The award will be given to her supervisor for presentation at a later date.

*Ginny Derise, for 20 years with the Ellsworth Tax Department.*

Ginny Derise was absent from the meeting. The award will be given to her supervisor for presentation at a later date.

*Robert Dorr, for 10 years with the Ellsworth Fire Department.*

Robert Dorr was absent from the meeting. The award will be given to his supervisor for presentation at a later date.

David Cole was presented with a plaque as well as recognized during his final Council meeting with grateful appreciation for his commitment and service during the past five years with the City of Ellsworth. Cole served as City Manager from 2015 through 2020.

Councilor John Moore was presented with a plaque as well as honored during his final Council meeting with grateful appreciation for his commitment and service during his 17 years of service as a City Councilor. Moore expressed how tremendously impressed he has been with the people he has worked with at City Hall. It is a great crew, they keep everything running smoothly and he has enjoyed his time with every employee.

**Jenn Merchant - 5  
years with the  
Finance Department.**

**Keli Gancos – 15  
years with the  
Library.**

**Ginny Derise – 20  
years with the Tax  
Department.**

**Robert Dorr – 10  
years with the Fire  
Department.**

**David Cole – Retired  
after 5 years as the  
City Manager. (2015-  
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**John Moore – Retired  
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Councilor Blanchette offered a few kind words about Councilor Moore as well as described the role Moore played within his life that later developed into a wonderful friendship. Blanchette thanked Moore for his service to Ellsworth.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Unfinished Business.**

There were no items under Unfinished Business this month.

CONSENT AGENDA

**Consent Agenda.**

*CONSENT AGENDA: All items with an asterisk (\*) are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.*

There were no items under the Consent Agenda this month.

NEW BUSINESS

**New Business.**

*Public hearing and action on the application (s) for the following license (s):*

*Louise Joy and Thomas Joy d/b/a Edward Joy & Sons, 129 North Street, for renewal of a City Junkyard/Automobile Graveyard Permit.*

**Approved - Louise Joy and Tommy Joy d/b/a Edward Joy & Sons, 129 North Street, for renewal of a City Junkyard/Automobile Graveyard Permit.**

The staff reports the premises are in compliance with required codes and ordinances necessary to issue the requested licenses.

Public hearing was opened.

There were no comments.

Public hearing was closed.

*On a motion by Phillips, seconded by Blanchette, it was unanimously*

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**RESOLVED to approve the request of Louise Joy and Tommy Joy d/b/a Edward Joy & Sons, 129 North Street, for renewal of a City Junkyard/Automobile Graveyard Permit.**

*James B. Card II d/b/a Jimbo's Junkin, 62 Kylies Way, for renewal of a City Junkyard/Automobile Graveyard Permit.*

The staff reports the premises are in compliance with required codes and ordinances necessary to issue the requested licenses.

Public hearing was opened.

There were no comments.

Public hearing was closed.

*On a motion by Phillips, seconded by Moore, it was unanimously*

**RESOLVED to approve the request of James B. Card II d/b/a Jimbo's Junkin, 62 Kylies Way, for renewal of a City Junkyard/Automobile Graveyard Permit.**

*Presentation of the Annual Update by Catherine Longley, Chief Operating Officer for the Jackson Laboratory. (Sponsored by Chair Hamilton)*

See attachment #1 for the complete power point presentation. Catherine Longley stated during this unprecedented time Jackson Laboratory has been able to continue with the construction at the Charles Hewitt Center, they have continued hiring in Ellsworth, and they are proud to be a major employer in the City of Ellsworth. They are thankful for the support received from the City of Ellsworth and value this very important partnership. Leah Graham, Manager of Governmental Affairs and a PHD Geneticist presented the annual report. The presentation included how Jackson Laboratory responded to COVID-19. The 2019 Economic Impact Report was focused on during the presentation as well as an update on the Hewitt Center including phase two was touched upon. David Cole, inquired how much had been invested in construction costs between phase one and two. The current phase two is estimated at approximately \$74 million and contingent on Board approval, phase three will be approximately an \$80 million dollar project. Cole believed phase one

**Approved - James B. Card II d/b/a Jimbo's Junkin, 62 Kylies Way, for renewal of a City Junkyard/Automobile Graveyard Permit.**

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was in the \$70 to \$80 million dollar investment range as well. Councilor Blanchette inquired if there has been any new information about the study addressing Alzheimer's and nutrition since he last spoke with Graham about her work with Dr. Howell on this topic. Jax has continued that work and the study supports the positive connection between exercising, eating well for not only the heart but also the brain. The work is shifting to understanding more in depth what diet and exercise actually do to the immune system and the vascular system in the brain. This information will explain how those can either be beneficial or damaging; based on this study treatments could be designed to stop the damage or determine how much exercise is beneficial. They hope to gain information on if a person cannot exercise what other options are available to obtain these benefits.

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*Public hearing and action on authorizing the City Manager to enter into a twenty-year Bill Credit Agreement under the Maine Commercial and Institutional Customer Net Energy Billing - Tariff Rate Credit Program which will enable the City to purchase Bill Credits associated with the generation of solar power from a distributed generation solar project located in the City of Ellsworth for purposes of offsetting and lowering the cost of electricity for the City of Ellsworth and its component units.*

Glenn Moshier, Interim City Manager introduced George Wood (Consultant from Oak Point Energy), Sarah Tracy (Attorney from Pierce Atwood), and Patrick Jackson (Sunrays) who were all present on the zoom call this evening. Representing the Solar Committee this evening was Gary Fortier (via zoom), David Cole (former City Manager), and Councilors Robert Miller and Heather Grindle. Moshier explained this process began in early November of 2019. There was an RFP sent out to many different venues in an effort to bring solar to the City of Ellsworth. The Committee narrowed down the possibilities to one particular company, Sunrays Investment. This company is based out of Portsmouth New Hampshire, founded in 2014 with projects in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, and California. Their project sizes range from 2,000 kilowatts to 10,000 kilowatts. There are currently two projects being worked on at this time in Ellsworth. The Industrial Road project is the first of those projects, there is a draft contract ready tonight which requires approval by the City Council

**Approved -  
Authorizing the City  
Manager to enter into  
an agreement  
between the City of  
Ellsworth and the  
Industrial Road  
Ellsworth Solar LLC  
company. See  
attachment #2A for  
the final copy of the  
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on authorizing the City Manager to move forward with signing (see attachment #2 for the draft version). This project is estimated to produce 3 million 175 thousand kilowatt hours per year of electricity. This project will be assigned to all of the non-school City accounts with the exception of two of the School accounts in order to consume the amount of energy that project will be producing. Construction is estimated to begin in late spring of 2021 with completion in the fall. The second project is expected to have a contract ready for approval within the next 30 days. This project is slightly smaller, estimated to produce 2 million 950 thousand kilowatt hours per year. This project will be assigned to all of the remaining School accounts. The City of Ellsworth is not actually purchasing electricity from the solar producer. The solar producer sells the electricity to the grid and then the City is purchasing credits which are then applied to the electrical bills for the City. This in turn will result in a reduction in the City's electrical costs. Ellsworth will pay Sunrays 74% of the monetary value of the credits and retain 26%; overall savings result in approximately 20% of the total electrical bill over the 20 years of the contract. The Industrial Road project in Ellsworth is estimated at an aggregate annual electricity savings of approximately \$110,000; these are mostly non-school accounts. The Mariaville Road project is estimated at \$70,000 per year over the 20 year period to be applied to mostly the School accounts. The combined 20-year estimated savings for the City is \$3.6 million. Councilor Kaplan was in favor of solar; however, her research into where the materials were coming from indicated an LLC was filed in Portland Maine and it was revoked. There was an explanation provided on why this LLC for Sunrays Investment Solar Fund was revoked on January 15, 2015. This company is incorporated in New Hampshire. Kaplan stated Sunrays proposed purchasing the panels from Longi which is a company out of China; she wondered if a company from the United States could be considered. Patrick Jackson stated they considered all companies that are qualified. Kaplan was concerned after researching the Longi panels that in June of 2020 they were found quality of copyright infringement against the company Hanwa for the Q cell patents and the International Trade Commission has also identified patent violations. They have been ordered to destroy the panels that were already installed or that had already been created in Germany. Kaplan inquired if this would impact the Ellsworth project. Jackson did not believe it would; however, he would confirm that. Jackson provided an explanation on why this particular panel manufacturer was chosen versus another one. Longi is considered a tier one which is the highest possible ranking on the Bloomberg Manufacturer List. This is a very quality high efficiency panel; a technical description was provided on how the panels function.

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Jackson was not aware of the panel that Kaplan referenced; he felt typically the manufacturers have many different models. George Wood stated the solar farm that would be used for the Ellsworth project is located within the City limits although not on City property. Kaplan noted aside from the litigation she researched where Longi is sourcing its materials. She discovered they use a Chinese company to purchase the rare earth metals from called Wambo. Kaplan found some disturbing information about the salaries of the citizens who mine the materials for this company as well as the practice of utilizing child slaves. She was very concerned about this labor practice. Wood explained the committee did not perform due diligence on the mineral sources used for the panels or the nine companies that were proposed to work with Ellsworth; he stated it is worth being mindful of and to investigate. Chair Hamilton noted this project will move forward whether the City participates in the project or not. Councilor Miller explained the T and D costs will be increasing because of the State; the credits are available for purchase by anyone. The T and D costs will increase regardless; if the City does not purchase the credits someone else will. Wood also addressed a question from an earlier workshop on the topic concerning the fuel the solar arrays are displacing while operating; most of the time this fuel is natural gas. Wood further explained that the purchase of credits will cause this solar farm to be constructed based on the 20-year contract and the electrons that will flow will displace generation facilities that are using natural gas. The credits are composed in two parts; one being energy and the other being T and D meaning transmission and distribution. The T and D part is the funds flowing to Versant formerly Emera and the voided costs Ellsworth would not be paying would cause a slight increase for this particular project in T and D costs for other ratepayers. Hamilton noted as the credits are received and are applied to the City there are different types of accounts; some are funded through the tax base and some are the enterprise accounts. Water and Sewer are enterprise accounts which are paid for by user fees and are separate from the tax base. 100% of the credits will not be applied to accounts driven by the tax base, a significant portion will be applied to the enterprise accounts as well. It still represents savings for the City; however, \$110,000 will not be coming directly off from the tax base. Sarah Tracy stated the credits will be allocated according to the cascading method. The accounts will be prioritized and then the first account will be filled up, if there are remaining credits those will be applied to the next account and so forth until the credits are depleted. There is discretion concerning how to organize those accounts; for example the enterprise accounts can be prioritized later in the rankings to ensure the tax base accounts are at the top. The ranking of accounts has

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not been finalized yet; the attention has been focused on the overall dollar amounts. Wood stated part of what they are requesting this evening is to allow Moshier the discretion with input from the panel of experts along with the members of the Solar Committee on the sequencing of the accounts. Consideration will be given to those with the highest value per kilowatt hour, those with the largest dollars per year are the ones addressed early with the goal of maximizing Ellsworth's savings.

Public hearing opened.

Jarod Farn-Guillette, inquired if there would be a deregulation plan in place after the 20 years. He wondered who would pay for dissolving the structures when they reached their useful life. Jackson explained the Ellsworth Planning Board through the permitting process has required the solar companies to have a decommissioning bond in place prior to the start of construction. There will always be funds in place to deconstruct and remove the solar facility at the end of its useful life. This requirement protects both the City and the landowner. David Cole, Committee member noted this concept was not only approved by the Planning Board but there was also a bond submitted to support that requirement.

Gary Fortier, Committee member noted one paragraph in this agreement goes against everything the Council has ever supported; in this case it must be done. The City will be giving up their sovereign immunity in a court if the City messes up this agreement; they can sue the City. The City cannot use sovereign immunity as a form of defense; the bond council is satisfied with this requirement as well as the City legal counsel understands and approves of this requirement. Sarah Tracy has negotiated this stipulation; however, Fortier felt this must be disclosed publicly. Tracy explained one of the items in play during the negotiations was Sunrays wanted to ensure if they are making the commitment to build this solar facility based upon Ellsworth's commitment to purchase the credits and to pay Sunrays for those credits that come out of the facility that Ellsworth would make good on that commitment. That the City would not later use sovereign immunity basically as a shield from being sued for a breach of contract. At first the language negotiated was much more broad and then later amended to state Ellsworth is basically waiving sovereignty just for contract claims. If there are other types of claims this agreement would not speak to those; however, if Ellsworth breaches the contract Sunrays can take Ellsworth to court for that breach of contract. The burden would be on Sunrays to prove Ellsworth actually breached the contract. Ellsworth would

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be in control of this provision because they can decide whether or not to breach the contract. Secondly, if the City does go to litigation they have all the other tools businesses who enter into contracts have available to defend themselves against an action. The only thing they don't have is "we are a government and you can't sue us because we are a government". This may be unusual; however, it is consistent with Ellsworth's intent. The City is making a commitment for the 20-year term of the agreement and they intend to abide by that commitment. This language is within the agreement as a waiver and the Council will need to affirm this understanding this evening. Kaplan summarized her concerns with the specific company utilizing a company in China rather than in the United States; not the project as a whole. Kaplan could not support this item based on the human rights costs associated with this project. Jackson acknowledged the concerns addressed by Kaplan and he notified his team to research the topics brought up this evening. After looking into this practice, if they discover the same information Kaplan did they will no longer use the Longi's products for this or any other projects. The cost of these panels are similar to many of the other tier one panel prices; these were not remarkably less expensive. There was nothing suspicious about the relationship between the price and the labor practices used. Sunrays wants to make socially responsible decisions; Jackson appreciated Kaplan raising these concerns. Kaplan performed her research after the night of the solar workshop and prior to the meeting tonight.

Public hearing closed.

Wood recognized the effort extended on this project by Moshier, Cole, Fortier, Tammy Mote, and Dan Higgins. He also recognized Monica from the School Department and Stacie from the City for their part in researching different pieces of the project. Fortier agreed Wood and his team have done an incredible job and this is a great project. He cautioned everyone that because the way this project is being done, the City cannot advertise the City is using solar power. The City is purchasing the billing credits from the solar producer. Tracy confirmed the City is not purchasing power from a solar facility nor are they purchasing the renewable energy certificate (not purchasing green power). The City can state they are facilitating the development of a solar power facility. This program was designed and enacted to facilitate the deployment of what people believe to be projects that will be good for the environment and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This is a statewide effort. Wood confirmed it is through this 20-year contract as well as

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dozens of others that are being reviewed and have been signed by municipalities as well as private entities throughout Maine that are enabling the construction of these facilities. The facilities will not be built without the financing and the financing will not come through without the 20-year agreements. Hamilton acknowledged the comments made by Kaplan should be taken under advisement at the State level as well. He appreciated the willingness of Jackson to review this topic further with his team.

Hamilton read into the record an email that was received from Sandra Klausmeyer asking if this contract limits the City's ability to pursue solar power use in the future. Fortier indicated no it is not exclusive. Tracy confirmed this would be non-exclusive. This is a commitment to taking a hundred percent of the billing credits that are produced by it. If the City were to have a solar project that is called behind the meter you would be purchasing the electrons from the solar project, then you would not need to take electricity from the grid and the cost would go down. There is a scenario where the City might be purchasing too many credits and there is not a bill to apply those to. Over time there may be enough demand to support a solar project in addition to purchasing the credits. Tracy stated if the City would like to save room for a future solar project that option can still be discussed since the details of the second contract is not finalized yet. The Mariaville Road contract could be redesigned if this is a concern of the Council to address this scenario. Wood expanded on this explanation by stating within the RFP process responders were asked to look at and provide proposals where solar panels are placed on City property. In review with the subcommittee, it was determined that option was not as economically attractive for the City as this type of net energy billing project. That might change in the future; however, at this point it has been explored. Installing solar panels at the old landfill was explored; however, found to not be economically adventitious at this time. Fortier noted a buffer has been accounted for within this contract as well. Miller noted he watched Jackson throughout the Planning Board process and was very impressed with the company, even before the decision was made to use Sunrays. He also acknowledged Kaplan's concerns; however, stated the project will be built and the credits are available if the City does not take advantage of this opportunity someone else will.

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**RESOLVED to approve authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement between the City of Ellsworth and the Industrial Road Ellsworth Solar LLC company. See attachment #2A for the final copy of the agreement.**

**A final vote was taken with 6 members voting in favor (Blanchette, Grindle, Hamilton, Miller, Moore, and Phillips) and 1 member voting in opposition (Kaplan).**

*Presentation on a community survey developed and administered by the Heart of Ellsworth (Sponsored by Chair Hamilton)*

Jon Stein, Heart of Ellsworth Board Member presented the findings and described the reasons behind the public survey. See attachment #3 for a complete copy of the survey results. The goal of the survey was to identify a cohesive message outlining community priorities that will be shared with City Councilors to form their work and to assist in decision-making processes on issues that are important to the community. Heart of Ellsworth is a non-profit organization that operates to further Ellsworth's downtown. This survey builds upon the survey titled City of Ellsworth Visioning project conducted by the City in December of 2015. 123 people submitted surveys, that was a little over half of the respondents from the 2015 survey conducted by the City. The 123 represents a little over 10% of those asked to take the survey and just over 1.5% of Ellsworth's total population. The survey was open for two weeks during the last week of September and the first week of October. The respondents were recipients of the Heart of Ellsworth's newsletter, subscribers, and people who were individually contacted by Board Members and volunteers. The responders were email recipients, bipartisan, a wide age range, recent residents, lifetime residents, and coming from a wide geographic range. Stein reviewed some of the events hosted and supported by The Heart of Ellsworth. Most of the respondents were contacted either by cell phone or online; in the future Heart of Ellsworth would like to do more in-person questionnaires. The goal in the future would be to reach a wider variety as well as of number of citizens. The original City of Ellsworth survey allowed for a lot of free answer questions which resulted in a lot of work to compile similar responses and restricted some statistical significance. Stein stated in the future Heart of Ellsworth would love to open up the questions to a wider range. They took a lot of the responses from the 2015 surveys and transposed them into this survey. Board Members contributed their own suggestions for what responses could be included as well.

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Chair Hamilton commented on the fact that this survey was designed exclusively by the Heart of Ellsworth; he recognized getting information from the community is always valuable. Although, it was great this information was compiled and presented in this forum; at the same time, it is also important to understand the context of the survey, who participated, and who did not. The decision was made to develop this survey by the Heart of Ellsworth organization; the Chamber of Commerce and City of Ellsworth were not involved in the process. Hamilton felt there would be some value in the future of receiving a broader base to assemble a survey. The other observation Hamilton mentioned was some of the survey utilized a pre-selection method in terms of ranking items that was created by the Heart of Ellsworth. There were opportunities to add issues. The concept of ranking items lends itself to a broader coalition of the community joining together. Hamilton thanked Stein for taking the time to conduct the survey and presenting the results this evening. Stein noted the results will be published on the website. He acknowledged, they could have done a better job with community outreach. The most interesting part of the survey results was they closely mirrored results from the City's 2015 survey. Very similar results appear within the City's Strategic Plan from over 15 years ago. Councilor Kaplan inquired how Stein would propose the City accomplish goals related to intentional growth on Water Street based on the mixed uses already present in that area. Stein believed the response from the Heart of Ellsworth would be for the City to continue to work with groups such as the Ellsworth Green Plan and Frenchman Bay Conservancy who are looking for spaces on the riverfront to develop and turn into year-round farmers markets. Although, Heart of Ellsworth is not qualified to accomplish those plans because it would take the support of the City Council to bring those visions to a reality they want to contribute their skills by helping with the communication between all the different organizations. A member of the audience inquired if any trends were determined between people who have lived in Ellsworth for a short period and the lifelong residents. Those trends have not been extracted yet. The questionnaires were divided by residents of Ellsworth who own businesses, residents who do not own businesses, and business owners who do not live in Ellsworth. These categories seem in line with the 2015 survey. Councilor Miller noted Aaron from the Frenchman Bay Conservancy spoke at the Recreation Commission meeting concerning expanding the river walk down Water Street. There are plans going forward to try and improve the area Stein was referencing.

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*Council Order #102000, Presentation by Ellsworth Historic Preservation Commission on a Museum in the Streets project and approval to authorize the expenditure of \$2,000 for this project. (Sponsored by the Planning Department)*

Carla Haskell, representing the Ellsworth Historic Preservation Commission explained the request for additional funding tonight as well as update the Council on the status of the Museum in the Streets project. See attachment #4 for the complete request. At this time, the Commission has submitted all of the information and the plaques are being proofread. The summer was spent making plans with the Public Works Department and Planning Departments; ensuring everyone was comfortable with the locations and overall contents of the signs. This has been a very successful partnership and the Commission appreciates the City's support. Haskell stated this project creates an outdoor museum with 19 locations that will bring all aspects of Ellsworth history together. This is a safe event that is outside, promotes walking, and creates an educational opportunity. The Museum in the Streets Committee is comprised of members who have worked together on this project since 2014. The City has already committed \$5,000 from the funds received from Bangor Hydro after they installed a large gray pole on the corner of Main Street and State Street. This Committee has also raised funds through the Hancock County Fund, a \$10,000 grant has been received, and funds have been raised from local businesses. The goal is to raise \$26,000; at this point they have \$19,000 in hand. There will be letters going out to local businesses shortly asking if they would be interested in sponsoring a plaque. They are waiting for the plaques and poles to be delivered. At this time, there is a \$2,000 shortfall in order to fill an immediate need. The goal for the additional \$7,000 of which this \$2,000 would be a part of, is to set up a maintenance fund.

Chair Hamilton inquired which account the \$2,000 is proposed to be taken out of. Theresa Oleksiw, Planner was unsure where the funds could be withdrawn from; however, thought possibly the funds could be taken out of the Public Works budget. Councilor Phillips clarified this funding was not budgeted for out of any particular account. He recognized this was a noble cause and once the project is completed it would be nice. Councilor Kaplan reminded the Council she was willing to donate her Council stipend back to the budget; it never actually came out of the budget.

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She recommended taking the \$2,000 out of her Council stipend. Hamilton noted in the grand scheme of things \$2,000 is not a big number; his question is just around if the Council is voting on an allocation of funds it should be clear which account the funds are coming out of. Hamilton remembers the initial presentation and believes it is a great project; however, just wants to confirm what account the funds will be taken out of for accountability purposes. Phillips confirmed for auditing purposes the account would need to be identified and the funds cannot just be removed arbitrarily from one account and placed in another. Glenn Moshier, Interim Manager suggested tabling this request tonight. Before next meeting he will meet with the Planner, Public Works Director, and Finance Director and identify an acceptable account to withdraw the \$2,000 from to fund this project.

*On a motion by Phillips, seconded by Moore, it was unanimously*

**RESOLVED to approve tabling Council Order #102000, Presentation by Ellsworth Historic Preservation Commission on a Museum in the Streets project and approval to authorize the expenditure of \$2,000 for this project. (Sponsored by the Planning Department)**

*Public hearing and action on amendments to the City of Ellsworth Code of Ordinances, Chapter 36, General Assistance Ordinance.*

KaTina Howes, General Assistance Administrator explained there have been minimal changes to the current Ordinance. See attachment #5 for the complete request and amendments to the current Ordinance. Howes stated every year the State issues the maximums a client would be eligible for in funding. The maximums fluctuate each year, this year there was an increase within the overall maximums. The increase equals \$18 per individual. The housing line item also received an increase in the amount of \$4 per individual per household. There was a \$2.32 increase in the food line item per individual per household as well.

Public hearing opened.

There were no comments.

Public hearing closed.

**Approved -  
Amendments to the  
Ellsworth Code of  
Ordinances, Chapter  
36, General  
Assistance Ordinance  
as presented this  
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*On a motion by Blanchette, seconded by Phillips, it was*

**RESOLVED to approve the amendments to the Ellsworth Code of Ordinances, Chapter 36, General Assistance Ordinance as presented this evening within attachment #5.**

Before a vote was taken Councilor Moore clarified the State of Maine is the entity that determines the increased amounts and sets the yearly maximums.

**A final vote was taken with all members voting unanimously in favor.**

*Council Order #102001, Discussion and action on approving the Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 dues assessment for the Hancock County Planning Commission.*

Jarod Farn-Guillette, Executive Director at Hancock County Planning Commission provided a copy of the power point used this evening, see attachment #6 for the complete document. He introduced himself and provided an update on the mission and goals of the agency. The Commission relaunched on August 17, 2020. They are currently working on or have started the process of working on Comprehensive Plans for Orland, Brooksville, Brooklin, and Tremont. Maine DOT has asked the Commission to be a pilot program for using storymapping to be used as a means of assessing extreme weather impact on the transportation infrastructure of Deer Isle and Stonington. Transportation planning is in his wheelhouse and something Farn-Guillette really enjoys handling. There are discussions starting concerning safe routes to schools and pedestrian safety in school zones. The Commission is working with Downeast Acadia Regional Tourism on scenic byway promotion enhancements through storymapping. Another project before the Commission is developing a regional GIS database with a degree of fineness that is beneficial to this regions demands. Another topic of interest is a regional recreational plan. This would enhance tourism and a healthy lifestyle for residents within that region. The Commission provides assistance with CDBG grants within the County. The Commission is available to assist government officials as well as citizens of Hancock County. Farn-Guillette listed the reasons Ellsworth should consider paying membership dues this late in the budget cycle. The Commission can provide support to the City Planner. The membership dues is a retainer that allows Farn-Guillette to be on call for the City Councilors, City Manager, any employee of

**Approved - Denying the request of Council Order #102001, to fund the Hancock County Planning Commission this year.**

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the City or member of the public if they need technical assistance. This will also allow the City to have dedicated GIS support. The hourly fee for a non-member is \$121 per hour compared to the membership rate of \$77 per hour. The Planning Commission has been closed for the past 18 months. Councilor Phillips was not in favor of paying dues again at this point; there were too many unknowns at this time.

Chair Hamilton read a comment received online from Gary Fortier. Fortier suggested Ellsworth complete a Comprehensive Plan revision soon. There are certain issues facing the City that Hancock County Planning Commission are strong on and would make good use of the membership. This would leave other items to be completed by City staff members or volunteers who have the expertise and specialized skills. This type of collaboration would make sense and allow a finished and appropriate plan to emerge. Fortier has been the City's representative to the Hancock County Planning Commission and will continue until the Council approves a change. Glenn Moshier, Interim Manager noted the yearly fee to become a member is \$1,450. The membership dues comes with billable hours and member services. Member services are any projects that take up to 2 or 3 hours to complete. If a requested project takes less than 2 hours then that project would be included within the membership dues. The yearly dues includes phone support by anyone in the community. Councilor Blanchette agreed with comments made by Phillips. Moshier explained he spoke with Janna Richards, Economic Development Services Director concerning the need for this membership expense. Richards was not sure since she has not been in the office since the Hancock County Planning Commission has been reopened. In the past, they have provided some useful services. She was reluctant to say at this point they would be offering services necessary to justify the City joining; her comfort level was to wait until the new budget cycle. Richards, plans on budgeting for this expense and it would in turn give the Commission time to get organized and ensure they are actually able to produce and provide the services they are claiming to offer. Moshier also spoke with Theresa Oleksiw, City Planner who was very much in favor of joining the Hancock County Planning Commission. She has used their services in the past; this technical assistance could be very beneficial to the City moving forward. Oleksiw confirmed she has used the Commission since the late 1980's and they have been an excellent organization. She has faith in their ability to rebound and she could use their services within the Planning Office immediately. There is currently a need to create GIS maps for a Shoreland zoning project; Oleksiw has limited knowledge in this area. Hancock County Planning Commission already has

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all of the City's maps in their files. The last Comprehensive Plan was completed in 2004 and this will be another area the City could use the technical support of the Commission. Chair Hamilton is in agreement with Councilors Blanchette and Phillips. Hamilton would like time to digest this proposal as a City and then review with staff what the current needs of the City are as well as determine if we do have needs coming up this fiscal year. Considering the City is already into the fiscal year, it might make more sense to revisit this expenditure in a couple of months. At this time, the Council is not aware of any exact needs that this membership would satisfy and therefore not ready to commit unbudgeted funds on this expense. Hamilton felt there was likely a need for this service in the future.

*On a motion by Phillips, seconded by Blanchette, it was unanimously*

**RESOLVED to approve denying the request of Council Order #102001, to fund the Hancock County Planning Commission this year.**

*Council Order #102002, Request of the Finance Director for approval to encumber certain appropriation accounts.*

Jennifer Merchant, Finance Director stated this is an annual request to encumber funds from FY19 unfinished projects into FY20. See attachment #7 for the complete request and list of appropriation accounts impacted. This a routine accounting practice. Primarily these are capital requests and some departments asked to carry funds forward to complete unfinished projects.

*On a motion by Blanchette, seconded by Miller, it was unanimously*

**RESOLVED to approve Council Order #102002, Request of the Finance Director to encumber certain appropriation accounts and assign fund balance accounts as presented in attachment #7.**

*Council Order #102003, Request of the Finance Director for approval to adjust the FY 2020 estimated appropriations and revenues.*

Jennifer Merchant, Finance Director stated this is another standard annual request to adjust the estimated appropriations and revenues for FY20. See attachment #8 for the complete request and list of expected overages along with an explanation.

**Approved - Council Order #102002, Request of the Finance Director to encumber certain appropriation accounts and assign fund balance accounts as presented in attachment #7.**

**Approved - Council Order #102003, Request of the Finance Director for approval to adjust the FY 2020 estimated**

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*On a motion by Blanchette, seconded by Miller, it was unanimously*

**RESOLVED to approve Council Order #102003, Request of the Finance Director for approval to adjust the FY 2020 estimated appropriations and revenues as presented in attachment #8.**

*Council Order #102004, Authorization of the Interim City Manager to execute a contract with Oak Point Associates to perform a condition assessment, gap analysis, and feasibility study regarding future needs of the Hancock County Technical Center.*

Chair Hamilton stated this project has been delayed because of COVID-19. The Committee was close to finalizing an initiative on determining the economic need associated with the Hancock County Technical Center. TIF funding had been targeted to complete this project. This concept has been supported through the business community (EBDC) and they have been promoting the school system. This project involves looking at the existing facility to determine whether or not it can be improved as is or if it needs to be totally rebuilt to accommodate the student population who attends the programming. Much of the programming is geared toward career preparation, college preparation, and the program is very diverse. By providing a facility that is conducive for that purpose would aid in this process. The facility is in a woeful need of upgrading. The School Board met last week and endorsed the recommendation of the Committee to award this contract. The contract award is within the limits established by the City Council. A not to exceed amount of TIF funds has been approved by the City Council in a prior vote. Different proposals have been vetted and the Committee voted to recommend the contract be awarded to Oak Point. Tonight the vote would be to authorize the Interim City Manager to negotiate the contract through to completion so that the work can begin. A plan has been developed which includes community involvement based on the current COVID restrictions. Glenn Moshier, Interim City Manager noted the initial contract has been submitted to the City's legal counsel; there were some fairly insignificant changes requested. The contract has been sent back to Oak Point for their approval or proposed amendments. The contract was not physically in front of the Council this evening.

*On a motion by Phillips, seconded by Kaplan, it was unanimously*

appropriations and revenues as presented in attachment #8.

**Approved - Council Order #102004, Authorization of the Interim City Manager to execute a contract with Oak Point Associates to perform a condition assessment, gap analysis, and feasibility study regarding future needs of the Hancock County Technical Center.**

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**RESOLVED to approve Council Order #102004, Authorization of the Interim City Manager to execute a contract with Oak Point Associates to perform a condition assessment, gap analysis, and feasibility study regarding future needs of the Hancock County Technical Center.**

*Discussion on the use of Spring Street as an extension to the biking/walking path.  
(Sponsored by Councilor Blanchette)*

Councilor Blanchette stated in January the City Council voted to accept a \$25,000 Maine DOT Planning Partnership Initiative Grant to fund the pedestrian trail feasibility study. This planning initiative would connect the City's rail trail with the Sunrise trail. It would be an extension of the City's non-motorized path. The grant required a 50% local match which the Council authorized in January. In May of 2020, the City Council approved the contract with VHB Engineering and authorized the expenditure of the City's share of the \$25,000 fee to study the path extension. Councilors Blanchette and Grindle are members of the Committee charged with studying this extension; at the last meeting it was noted that VHB would like to know what the City's intention is with Spring Street. Some of the available options is to abandon it and convert it to a path or abandon sections of it. It seems the most common sense thing to do would be to abandon from Park Street to just shy of Main Street. This is an underused, mostly unpaved, old road that has many ownership issues between old deeds, railroad right-of-ways, and City property. The section of Spring Street from Birch Avenue to Park Street would remain as it is now, the path would be located on the north side (upper side of the railroad track) in that short section. At Park Street it would cross and continue down the dirt section of Spring Street. This would stop just shy of Allen Blueberries railroad crossing, they use and maintain it every year. From that crossing to Main Street it is approximately 100 – 120 feet it would then become a multi-use path. Other than that it would be closed to vehicular traffic. The path would cross Main Street more than likely go above the cement retaining wall of the Maine Community Foundation and extend out the existing Tote Road behind their building to connect up with the Sunrise Trail. The proposal also includes the path to come down to High Street between Merrill Furniture, LL Bean, and Key Bank. The proposal would include new lights and a working pedestrian crossing signal at that intersection. Chair Hamilton read the comment received from Sandra Klausmeyer. She is appreciative and inspired by the work the City does for and on

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behalf of its residents. A picture was attached and forwarded to the other Councilors by Hamilton; the picture is of her home located at 21 Lincoln Street. It abuts the track and is less than a quarter of an acre. Her house sits only approximately 28 feet from the center of the tracks. The two main egresses face these tracks and the portion of her yard between the front of the house and the tracks is part of the consideration set within the study. She would like to share her level of concern as this project moves forward. It could significantly impact her daily life, value of her home, and much more. Klausmeyer spoke at the Council meeting on how she would love to see Spring Street used for the extension. If the path were to be placed in that particular location it would come right to the front of her home; when using her main entrance to the house it would require stepping directly out of the house onto the path. She was asking for support from the Council in recommending the use of Spring Street for this extension. Councilor Miller asked if the team working on the study had been in contact with Klausmeyer since the online meeting on this topic; she indicated they had not reached out to her since that meeting. Hamilton noted the picture was extremely helpful in gaining a full understanding of what Klausmeyer was describing along with understanding her concerns. Theresa Oleksiw, City Planner explained this study shows several alternatives on how to make the two trails connect. Oleksiw stated the option Klausmeyer described would likely not be chosen because of its location to her house; however, they do need to study every possible option. Hamilton agreed he would not be in favor of the option that places the trail that close to Klausmeyer's house. Hamilton and Miller would like to hear what VHB is recommending in regards to using Spring Street and if there are any similar impacts on residents from that option. Blanchette mentioned from Park Street through to Allen Blueberry there are no driveways. There is a driveway on Lincoln Street that over the years has been extended to create an opening onto Spring Street; however, the original driveway is located on Lincoln Street. Blanchette noted they do know where the railroad right-of-way is located but it conflicts with old deeds, old descriptions within deeds, some of the deeds are only driveways that start at Birch Street and end before you reach the old MA Clark property. Councilor Phillips would like to see more of the details in writing or within pictures to gain a better understanding of the different plans as proposed. There is another meeting planned for some time in November. Blanchette can gather more information on the different proposals and report back to the Council. The consensus of the Council was to remove the proposed option of having the trail go by Klausmeyer's house and rather use Spring Street instead at least at that point.

**RECORD OF REGULAR MEETING  
ELLSWORTH CITY COUNCIL**

**DATE: OCTOBER 19, 2020**

**TIME: 7:00 PM**

**PLACE: ELLSWORTH CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**CITY COUNCIL PRESENT: BLANCHETTE, GRINDLE, HAMILTON,  
KAPLAN, MILLER, MOORE, AND PHILLIPS.**

**CITY COUNCIL ABSENT:**

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**This was a discussion item only; no formal action was taken or required this evening.**

*Adjournment.*

*On a motion by Moore, seconded by Grindle, it was unanimously*

**RESOLVED to approve adjournment at 9:33 PM.**

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**ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
HEIDI-NOËL GRINDLE**

**Approved -  
Adjournment at 9:33  
PM.**