

MEETING NOTICE

The regular monthly meeting of the Ellsworth City Council will be held on Monday, June 17, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the Ellsworth City Hall Council Chambers.

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order. *Chair Beal and Councilor Lyons - absent*
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Rules of Order.
4. Adoption of the Ellsworth City Council minutes from the following meeting (s):
 -  May 20, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
 -  May 29, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve C. Hanson, second N. Smith, passed 5-0

5. City Manager's Report.
 - Finalizing budget – Thursday last meeting, June 26th voting*
 - Staffing – T. Dyer leaving for a new job opportunity. Sue McLean to be recommendation for Interim Clerk. Concluded first round interview process for Finance Director, 27 candidates applied, interviewed 5. Police Chief, finalizing process, should have results end of month/beginning of July.*
 - High St Upgrades – Fall or spring project? Night work. Getting quotes to finish getting numbers together*
 - Moore Center Lease coming due in August – extension to end of year?*
 - Office paperwork storage – what should be done to keep needed records but make more space.*
6. Presentation of Awards.
7. Committee Reports.

-  Request appointment of Rick Lyles and Carol Manson to the Ellsworth Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

Motion to approve appointments C. Hanson, second N. Smith, passed 5-0

J. Stein – Recreation Commission – met 5/21 meet again 6/18. Slide replacement is coming. One slide being replaced today. Fair on the 8th for URCI, very successful and fun. Next year it will be bigger and better. Tennis were courts resurfaced.
C. Hansen – Comprehensive Steering meets next Monday.

N. Smith – Historic Preservation – replace/repair mural at peak of City Hall. Jim very helpful with this process. Needs to be brought down so it can be looked at and stop the damage and assess for the next steps. Permission acknowledged they can bring it down.

8. Citizens' Comments.

Gordon Workman – (Surry Road Neighborhood Preservation) Time for a conversation about the new courthouse. Would like to have an item added to the July 15th City Council agenda to discuss. Not a good location.

Aaron Doughty/Cara Romano – How the removal of the dam would affect Ellsworth. What opportunities would be available to the City. Opportunities for public discussion. Kick off meeting last week, but will be meeting monthly.

Glenn Austin – June 11th went to Friends and Family Market and there was a horrible smell. Spoke with Matt and another worker to find out what the smell was; was DM&J. Filed claims with DEP and others regarding the smell.

9. Councilor Comments.

S. O'Halloran – heard second hand information regarding a stolen dog in town. 30 minute delay before police were called. Vehicle running, person pushed the window down and took puppy. Within 5½ hours EPD caught the people who stole the dog and charged them.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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.

10. Council Order #062400, Request of the Deputy Treasurer/Tax Collector to set the real estate and personal property tax due dates at September 12, 2024 and March 13, 2025. * **
Motion to approve C. Hanson, second J. Stein, passed 5-0

11. Council Order #062401, Request of the Deputy Treasurer/Tax Collector for an Order of the Municipal Officers on the application of real estate and personal property tax payments. This order will allow for the Tax Collector and Treasurer to apply tax payments against the oldest unpaid tax bills. * **
Motion to approve C. Hanson, second J. Stein, passed 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

12. Public hearing and action on the application (s) for renewal for the following license (s):
All renewals, but will be taken up in 2 sections.

- Pavida Visetrut Young d/b/a Thai Sana, 321 High Street, for renewal of a City Class C License (Liquor and Victualer) and renewal of a State Restaurant Malt and Vinous (Class III and IV) Liquor License.
- Zeppa's NY Pizza, 92 Water Street, for renewal of a City Class C (liquor, Victualer) and renewal of State liquor license (class III and IV).
- LJN LLC dba Forest Ridge Campground, 40 Flockamoosen Way for a renewal of City Lodging license.

- Fogtown Brewing, 25 Pine Street, for renewal of a City Class B license (liquor, Victualer, amusement) and renewal of State Brewing license

Motion to approve Thai Sana, Zeppas NY Pizza & Forest Ridge Campground license renewals C. Hanson, second N. Smith, passed 5-0

Motion to approve Fogtown Brewing license renewal C. Hanson second N. Smith, passed 4-0 (J.Stein abstain)

13. Council Order #062402, Appointment of City Officials by the City Council.

a. Reappointments. **

Motion to approve as written with adjustment to City Clerk, Registrar of Voters and Freedom of Access Off. - C. Hanson second N. Smith, passed 5-0

14. Council Order #062403, Approval of City Manager's appointments.

a. Reappointments. **

Motion to approve as amended by N. Smith second C. Hanson, passed 5-0

15. Council Order #062404, Request of the Deputy Treasurer/Tax Collector to set the interest rate at 6% on overdue taxes. **

S. McLean – proposing to keep the interest rate for past due taxes at 6%, same as FY2024. Less liens to go out this year projected.

Motion to approve C. Hanson second N. Smith, passed 5-0

16. Public Hearing and action on Council Order #062405, Request of the Interim Treasurer to authorize Tax Anticipation Borrowing (TAN) for the amount of \$3,000,000. **

N. Moore – got 3 quotes, recommending going with First National Bank

Motion to approve C. Hanson second N. Smith, passed 5-0

17. Council Order #062406, Request of the City Clerk to accept the results of the Municipal School Validation and Referendum election. **

Motion to approve C. Hanson second N. Smith, passed 5-0

18. Council Order #062407, Request of the Highway Superintendent to accept the FY 25 Winter Salt bid. **

C. Pearce – staying with State to lock in the salt price

Motion to approve C. Hanson second N. Smith, passed 5-0

19. Presentation of Old Burial Ground Mapping Project by V. Kelly Bellis. (Sponsored by Smith)

Burial ground up behind the church on State St

Kelly Bellis – Wednesday meeting to decide if funding will be provided. Decide on a price to sell the booklets. Starting with surveying. Used drone to flying in a pattern to create the image. No evidence to show that any graves have been moved to Woodbine. Faux trial, decided to stop at Old Burial grounds to see if he could locate Mary's grave. He found her without much trouble and she is buried next to her husband, who is thought to have murdered her.

Tom Clark – the amount of time and effort put into this project has been amazing. He encourages funding it. The Historic Preservation Commission does have the funds that would cover printing.

S. O'Halloran – request to add the Courthouse on July agenda

N. Smith – suggests a workshop instead of adding it to the agenda

Councilor O'Halloran will reach out to the group and see if they would be accepting of a workshop over adding to the July agenda

20. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn N. Smith second C. Hanson, passed 5-0

A true copy:

Attest: _____
Ebony Kramp-Dowling, Deputy City Clerk