

CITY OF ELWOOD, KANSAS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 15, 2025

At 6:00pm Mayor Timmy Kieser, Sr. called the regularly scheduled meeting to order. Those attending: council members: Megan Shackelford, Dustin Robinson, Travis Holcomb, CJ Garner and Sam Meers. Also attending: Brandon Whetstine, Bill Johnson, Charles Baskins, Jim Crenshaw, Carl Reno, Claude Kendall, Roger Murphy and Pam King.

#### INVOCATION

Travis Holcomb gave the invocation.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Megan Shackelford moved, Sam Meers seconded, to approve as written the December 1, 2025 regular council meeting minutes. Dustin Robinson, CJ Garner and Travis Holcomb, yea.

#### 2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT HEARING

Sam Meers moved, Megan Shackelford seconded, to approve the 2025 budget amendment in the water fund in the amount of \$70,000. Dustin Robinson, Travis Holcomb and CJ Garner, yea.

#### TREX MART 2026 CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE

Travis Holcomb moved, Megan Shackelford seconded, to approve the 2026 Cereal Malt Beverage License for Trex Mart #4. CJ Garner, Sam Meers and Dustin Robinson, yea.

#### VISITORS

Jim Crenshaw appeared before the governing body at their request to discuss the time line of Crenshaw moving a mobile home off a lot with a mobile home already on it-2 trailers parked together. Crenshaw said sewer and electrical work needed to be done before he could move the mobile home. After a discussion, it was decided to give Crenshaw 60 days to move the mobile home to the approved property.

Carl Reno appeared before the governing body at their request. Reno said he has been financed and will begin on the roof of the home. Reno said he will also begin on the clean up of the property. It was decided to review the issue in 30 days.

Claude Kendall appeared before the governing body to discuss the issues with addresses in Elwood. There is confusion with addresses in Elwood-mail going through Wathena-not finding Elwood addresses. Mayor Kieser said he has spoken with the post offices and feels it's time for our attorneys to get involved.

Sam Meers asked the status of a sewer pump installation at 501 Libel Street.

Roger Murphy has purchased the property at 14<sup>th</sup> and Vermont Streets. Murphy is wanting to split the property 3 ways, requesting the City vacate the alley that runs east and west through the property. The City is going to consider the issue.

#### ATTORNEYS

Charles Baskins requested an executive session for legal.

#### APPROVAL OF CHECKS

Megan Shackelford moved, CJ Garner seconded, to approve checks numbered 68985-69045. Motion carried.

#### GOVERNING BODY

Mayor Kieser requested an executive session for personnel.

Mayor Kieser said this is his last full meeting, he appreciated everyone who supported him and it was a pleasure being the Mayor for 11 years.

CJ Garner asked how come the City Treasurer did not receive a Christmas bonus like the other employees. The treasurer has never received a Christmas bonus.

Dustin Robinson said the Christmas lights look good.

Travis Holcomb said the Christmas dinner was nice, those who planned it did a great job.

Megan Shackelford said Santa will be at the shelter at the park 2:00-4:00pm on Saturday December 20.

Shackelford asked who ran the City's website. Heartland Business Machines takes care of the City's website.

Shackelford said stray dogs are still an issue. Shackelford suggested the City putting a dog kennel at Doniphan County Pet Rescue, if the Rescue approves the idea. The Rescue's board will get back with us regarding the issue.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:10 Travis Holcomb moved, Sam Meers seconded, to go into executive session for personnel and legal for 15 minutes. Dustin Robinson, Megan Shackelford and CJ Garner, yea. It was extended for 10 minutes.

#### REGULAR SESSION

At 7:30 regular session resumed.

Dustin Robinson moved, Travis Holcomb seconded, to give Chris Clary, Peyton Buch and Janet Roberts \$1.50 per hour raise: Tina Kimberlin \$1.00 per hour raise: William Johnson, Mark Simpson, Pam King, Brandon Whetstine, Cadyn Allen .50 cents per hour raise and zoning administrator \$40 per building permit. CJ Garner, Megan Shackelford and Sam Meers, yea.

Sam Meers said safety training for the employees is very important, the City needs to continue the training.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 7:40 Travis Holcomb moved, Megan Shackelford seconded, to adjourn. Motion carried.

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Pam King, City Clerk

Mayor Timmy Kieser, Sr.