

CITY OF ELWOOD, KANSAS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

At 6:00pm Mayor Travis Holcomb called the regularly scheduled meeting to order. Those attending: council members Megan Shackelford, Dustin Robinson, Matt McFarland, Nate Daniels and CJ Garner. Also attending: Charles Baskins, Bill Johnson, Brandon Whetstine and Pam King.

INVOCATION

Dustin Robinson gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Megan Shackelford moved, Nate Daniels seconded, to approve as written the September 8, 2026 regular council meeting minutes. CJ Garner, yea. Matt McFarland and Dustin Robinson, abstain.

ADOPT 2027 BUDGET

The Governing Body discussed raising utility rates, continuing to watch spending and finding other solutions to generate revenue-other than raising taxes.

Megan Shackelford moved, CJ Garner seconded, to adopt the proposed 2027 Budget (hearing was held September 8, 2026). Dustin Robinson, Matt McFarland and Nate Daniels, yea.

ATTORNEYS

Megan Shackelford moved, CJ Garner seconded, to adopt resolution 26-04, RELATING TO AN ALLEGED DANGEROUS STRUCTURE LOCATED AT OR NEAR 311 S. THIRD STREET, ELWOOD, KANSAS. Nate Daniels, Dustin Robinson and Matt McFarland, yea.

Megan Shackelford moved, CJ Garner seconded, to adopt resolution 26-05, A RESOLUTION RELATING TO AN ALLEGED DANGEROUS STRUCTURE LOCATED AT OR NEAR 204 CENTER STREET, ELWOOD, KANSAS. Nate Daniels, Dustin Robinson and Matt McFarland, yea.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Whetstine informed the governing body he has been doing code enforcement, along with criminal cases. Nate Daniels asked if the Chief spoke with the property owner, try to resolve without a ticket. Whetstine said he always tries to speak with the property owner first.

Chief Whetstine requested an executive session for personnel.

CITY SUPERVISOR

Bill Johnson told the governing body a tree in the park fell across the street and took out an electrical line. Johnson said the trees need to be cut down. Nate Daniels asked if bids would be taken on the tree removal. The City has no say in the matter, the Park Board will be paying for the tree removal.

APPROVAL OF CHECKS

Dustin Robinson moved, Nate Daniels seconded, to approve checks numbered 69933-69975. Motion carried.

GOVERNING BODY

Mayor Holcomb requested an executive session for legal.

Holcomb reminded the council of the CDBG hearing to be held September 30, 2026 at 5:30 at Elwood City Hall.

Mayor Holcomb wants to see if the Durango can be refinanced at a lower interest rate.

Mayor Holcomb asked the status of the letter being sent to the Capri Motel.

Dustin Robinson asked if the crew had confined space training. Nate Daniels said a training will be held in Highland in July.

Dustin Robinson requested a notice be put on facebook, letting the community know the City is looking for a volunteer to coordinate/organize the veterans' photos on flags program. The flags will be hung along the streets in Elwood. Contact City Hall if interested.

Matt McFarland thanked Chief Whetstine for stopping a speeding car-driving dangerously.

McFarland requested an executive session.

BID ON CHARGER

Mayor Holcomb opened a bid on the 2016 Charger in the amount of \$4000, from 'Seth' no last name. Dustin Robinson moved, Megan Shackelford seconded, to accept the \$4000 bid on the 2016 Charger from Seth, no last name. Nate Daniels, CJ Garner and Matt McFarland, yea.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:45 Megan Shackelford moved, CJ Garner seconded, to go into executive session for legal for 15 minutes. Nate Daniels, Dustin Robinson and Matt McFarland, yea. It was extended for 25 minutes.

REGULAR SESSION

At 7:25 regular session resumed.

Dustin Robinson moved, Matt McFarland moved, to hire Terry Smith as full time police officer, at \$20 per hour, starting October 5, 2026. Megan Shackelford, CJ Garner and Nate Daniels, yea.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:25 Nate Daniels moved, Megan Shackelford seconded, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Mayor Travis Holcomb

Pam King, City Clerk