

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

At 6:00pm Mayor Timmy Kieser, Sr. called the regularly scheduled meeting to order. Those attending: council members: Megan Shackelford, Dustin Robinson and CJ Garner. Also attending: Charles Baskins, Brandon Whetstine, Bill Johnson, Ronda Liechti, Shirley Vaughn and Pam King.

Council members Sam Meers and Travis Holcomb were absent.

#### INVOCATION

CJ Garner gave the invocation.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dustin Robinson moved, Megan Shackelford seconded, to approve as written the September 2, 2025 regular council meeting minutes. CJ Garner, yea.

#### VISITORS

Shirley Vaughn appeared before the governing body to discuss the condition of her property at 605 Oak Street. The property was processed as a nuisance-needed cleaned up. The property has been cleaned up, but the Chief of Police wanted to inspect the inside of the house, before determining she has met all requirements. Vaughn asked about brush pile-how to get the gate unlocked. Vaughn was told she did not need to come back to the meeting, unless the Chief of Police instructed her to.

Ronda Liechti said there is a problem with people speeding on Vermont Street, at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Chief Whetstine said his department will patrol the area more often.

#### CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Whetstine gave the governing body the activities report.

Whetstine gave the governing body a bid from MTI for security cameras, for City Hall, the Police Department and the City Park. Megan Shackelford moved, CJ Garner

seconded, to approve the bid from MTI, in the approximate amount of \$7826 for security cameras at City Hall, the Police Department and the City Park. Dustin Robinson, yea.

#### CITY SUPERVISOR

Bill Johnson informed the governing body the water tower has been painted, and will be filled tomorrow.

Dustin Robinson moved, Megan Shackelford seconded, to approve the bid for \$4036.60 to remove the rust from the 2016 Chevy pick up. CJ Garner, yea.

#### APPROVAL OF CHECKS

Dustin Robinson moved, Megan Shackelford seconded, to approve checks numbered 68676-68744. CJ Garner, yea.

#### GOVERNING BODY

CJ Garner said at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Lincoln Streets, a tree that has fallen needs to be removed, and the weeds need to be cut. The property owner will be notified.

Malcolm Greer, applicant for code enforcer, will be at the next meeting.

Garner asked that the ordinance regulating the amount of time to complete construction on a mobile home, skirting, be amended.

Garner said the property owner at 9<sup>th</sup> and Kentucky Streets needs to be notified to remove the vehicles parked in the street. No parking signs will be placed along 9<sup>th</sup> Street. The police department will notify the owner of the property. If the cars are not removed, they will be towed.

Garner asked if 804 Vermont Street had been notified to clean the property. The property will be processed as a nuisance.

Dustin Robinson discussed the percentage of rental properties in town. 34% of properties in town are rentals. Robinson said housing is a big issue, for those wanting to own a home in Elwood. Robinson would like to see the City address this issue. Megan Shackelford said she is part of a committee assessing housing needs in Doniphan County. Shackelford also said if the City has codes and ordinances that are not enforced, no one will want to build here. Another misconception about Elwood was,

we are in a flood zone. Elwood is NOT in a flood zone, we are protected by a federal levee.

Shackelford said Certa Foam is going to spray foam the concession stand in a couple of weeks.

Shackelford suggested the City provide trash service, putting the fee on the utility bill. The issue will be researched, and discussed at a later date.

Shackelford, representing the Elwood Activities Group, requested the City donate \$600 for the Halloween Celebration/Parade. Dustin Robinson moved, CJ Garner seconded, to donate \$600 to the Elwood Activities Group for the Halloween Celebration/Parade. Megan Shackelford, yea.

CJ Garner suggested the City have a house decorating contest for Halloween and Christmas. The prizes will be \$100, \$75 and \$50. If the property has any zoning/ordinance violations (weeds, inoperable vehicles or trash) the property will be disqualified.

Dustin Robinson wants to have a Christmas Dinner for employees and their families. It will be decided if the dinner will be held at the community center or at a restaurant. The date will also be determined.

#### ADJORNMENT

At 6:45 Dustin Robinson moved, Megan Shackelford seconded, to adjourn. Motion carried.

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Pam King, City Clerk

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Mayor Timmy Kieser, Sr.