

CITY OF ELWOOD, KANSAS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
May 6, 2024

At 7:00pm Mayor Timmy Kieser, Sr. called the regularly scheduled meeting to order. Those attending: council members Dustin Robinson, Dennis Smith, Megan Shackelford, C.J. Garner and Sam Meers. Also attending: Joel Euler, Brandon Whetstine, Wayne Hall, James Hubbard and Pam King.

INVOCATION

Joel Euler gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dustin Robinson moved, C.J. Garner seconded, to approve as written the April 15, 2024 regular council meeting minutes. Motion carried.

DANGEROUS STRUCTURE HEARING

Joel Euler had 2 bids for the demolition of the former Holiday Motel, 901 Roseport Road. The first bid was from Madget Demolition \$22,500 and from Muse Excavation and Construction \$29,635. After discussion regarding the removal of asbestos, and having Joel Euler review both bids, C.J. Garner moved, Dennis Smith seconded, to accept the bid from Madget Demolition in the amount of \$22,500 for the demolition of the Holiday Motel, 901 Roseport Road. Sam Meers, Dustin Robinson and Megan Shackelford, yea.

ATTORNEYS

Sam Meers moved, C.J. Garner seconded, to adopt resolution 1343, AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE OCCUPANCY OR UNFIT DWELLINGS: ESTABLISHING A "RED TAG" PROCEDURE; AND PROVIDING AN APPEALS PROCESS BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ELWOOD, KANSAS. Dennis Smith, Megan Shackelford and Dustin Robinson, yea.

Joel Euler informed the governing body he is continuing work on the reimbursement from the BASE grant the City received for the water line for ClearSky Rehab Hospital.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Brandon Whetstine gave the governing body his department's activity report.

Whetstine also requested an executive session.

CITY SUPERVISOR

Wayne Hall requested an executive session for personnel.

#### APPROVAL OF CHECKS

Dustin Robinson questioned the check to J&R Fencing-dog kennel. Dustin Robinson moved, Megan Shackelford seconded, to approve checks numbered 66951-67006. Motion carried.

#### GOVERNING BODY

Mayor Kieser asked when the contract with HUD, Birch Apartments, was ending. Kieser would like to make the apartments into senior housing.

Sam Meers said burning on Sundays is a problem. Meers suggested a city wide trash service. After a discussion, it was decided to have the police department issue tickets for illegal burning before moving forward with anything else.

At 7:25 James Hubbard arrived.

Meers said stray cats are a huge problem. Discussed was people feeding stray cats and Joel Euler researching the ordinance regarding stray cats.

Meers discussed the allowing chickens in town issue. Mayor Kieser said no roosters should be allowed. After a discussion, it was decided Euler will research chicken ordinances in other towns, finding out how many are allowed.

Sam Meers requested an executive session.

C.J. Garner said the city needs to budget for asphaltting streets. Herzog is giving a bid. The issue will be discussed at the next meeting.

Garner asked how many dogs are allowed per household. Three dogs are allowed.

Dustin Robinson asked if the pumps are working/kicking on when they should. Robinson asked about the last pump to be installed by the levee. The pump has been installed, but the water can't reach the pump due to the ditch being clogged. Euler will contact the State requesting the ditch be cleaned out.

Dustin Robinson would like the governing body to have computers to store agendas, minutes, ordinances and other information. The school will be contacted, finding out how the school board uses their laptop computers-what type of program.

Megan Shackelford wanted to remind everyone of the tire collection Doniphan County is doing on June 1 from 7:30am – 12pm at 302 W. Robertson St. Troy, Kansas.

Shackelford said the clean up deadline has passed, violators need to be ticketed. Shackelford said the apartments across from the school need a notice regarding the dumpster and furniture piled around it.

Shackelford suggested open burning days, allowing residents to have open burning. She commented on the brush piled at 14<sup>th</sup> and Kentucky and 13<sup>th</sup> and Massachusetts. The owner of the property, James Hubbard, was present and said he was working on getting the property cleaned up.

Shackelford said there is trash dumped on the City's brush dump pile. Wayne Hall is aware of the issue, and will clean it up.

Shackelford said the City's lagoon is full of black slug. Hall said he is aware, and is currently working with the EPA on resolving the problem.

Shackelford asked to have no parking signs at the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> and Massachusetts Streets. The sign should say no parking from here to corner.

#### VISITORS

James Hubbard discussed the no truck routes in town and how they would impact him. Hubbard was told he can still have trucks make deliveries to his business.

Hubbard also asked about the possible rezoning of Vermont Street, from 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> Streets, changing from B1 to R2, residential. Hubbard was told established businesses in the area were not going to change. Hubbard questioned if he sells the property, would the zoning change?

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:00pm C.J. Garner moved, Megan Shackelford seconded, to go into executive session for 10 minutes for legal and personnel. Dennis Smith, Sam Meers and Dustin Robinson, yea. It was extended for 10 minutes.

#### REGULAR SESSION

At 8:20 regular session resumed.

Megan Shackelford moved, C.J. Garner seconded, to hire Trevin Russell, Clover Frakes and Chase Koelliker for part time summer help at \$14.50 per hour starting June 3. Dennis Smith, Dustin Robinson and Sam Meers, yea.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 8:20 Sam Meers moved, Megan Shackelford seconded, to adjourn. Motion carried.

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Mayor Timmy Kieser, Sr.

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