

CITY OF ELWOOD, KANSAS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 18, 2025

At 6:00pm Mayor Timmy Kieser, Sr. called the regularly scheduled meeting to order. Those attending: council members Megan Shackelford, Travis Holcomb, Dustin Robinson, CJ Garner and Sam Meers. Also attending: Brandon Whetstine, Wayne Hall, Charles Baskins, Andrea Reno and Pam King.

INVOCATON

CJ Garner gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dustin Robinson moved, Travis Holcomb seconded, to approve as written the August 4, 2025 regular council meeting minutes. Megan Shackelford, Sam Meers and CJ Garner, yea.

REVIEW ON NUISANCE AT 703 KENTUCKY STREET

Andrea Reno informed the governing body her ex husband is buying the property, 703 Kentucky Street, then will make the required repairs. Reno was told to come to the next meeting, if the paperwork was not completed for the sale of the home. The owner of the property, Ann Boydston will also be contacted to attend the meeting. CJ Garner asked about the wood around the property.

REVIEW ON NUISANCE AT 605 OAK STREET

The outside of the property is satisfactory, but Chief Whetstine wanted to check the inside of the residence making sure it was properly cleaned out. Shirley Vaughn will be contacted to attend the next meeting.

MOBILE HOME A 401 N. 11TH STREET

The mobile home at 401 N. 11th Street was discussed, utilities are connected, but no one lives there.

REVIEW ON NUISANCE AT 609 KENTUCKY STREET

The debris needs to be cleaned up from the repairs made to the porch. The owner did not appear, but will be contacted.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Whetstine said he has red tagged 1009 Massachusetts Street, prohibiting anyone from residing in the residence until utilities are turned on.

Whetstine also red tagged 1513 Hickory Street, condemning the property for having no utilities.

Whetstine said Elizabeth Fischer, appeared at a previous meeting regarding stray cats at the former Sunflower Village, now Elwood Park, has only brought 5 kittens to be rehomed.

CITY SUPERVISOR

Wayne Hall said he was doing shoulder work on Roseport Road.

Hall is going to rent a bobcat from Equipment Share.

APPROVAL OF CHECKS

Travis Holcomb moved, CJ Garner seconded, to approve checks numbered 68583-68619. Motion carried.

GOVERNING BODY

Mayor Kieser said he was going out of town, contact Council President Dustin Robinson with City issues.

Garrett Nordstrom, Government Assistance Services, will be at the September 2 meeting to discuss grant options.

CJ Garner said weeds in fences and small trees growing up next to houses is a problem. Discussion followed including: suspending residents driver's licenses for not complying with weed notices, increasing the fines for each violation, and possible legal action against the property owner.

Sam Meers said he would like the City to apply for grants, building sidewalks around town.

CJ Garner said the house at 1307 Kentucky Street has been torn down, after a tree fell on it.

The cars along 6th Street and Vermont Street are being removed.

Garner also said Asphund Tree Trimming is doing great job.

Travis Holcomb would like to see the current building permit application revised for mobile homes and the length of time to complete the skirting.

A discussion was held on the hiring of a code enforcement officer. Sam Meers said the code enforcement officer needs to work with the police department. Travis Holcomb said the property at 103 Vermont is in violation, junk stored in the back yard. Megan Shackelford wanted to run an ad to hire a code enforcement officer. Mayor Kieser said he wants to wait and continue having the police department handle nuisances. After more discussion, and Chief Whetstine suggesting someone to do the job, the issue was tabled until the next meeting. Dustin Robinson said he is against hiring a code enforcement officer, and continue using the Chief of Police.

Megan Shackelford received a bid from Certa Foam for spray foaming the concession stand. The bid is \$1427.80. Sam Meers moved, CJ Garner seconded, to accept the bid from Certa Foam in the amount of \$1427.80 to spray foam the concession stand. Megan Shackelford, Dustin Robinson and Travis Holcomb, yea.

Shackelford asked if Fairview Mills has mowed-they are continuing to work on it.

MTI will be contacted for a bid on security cameras at City Hall, Police Department and the concession stand.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:10 Sam Meers moved, Travis Holcomb seconded, to adjourn the meeting. motion carried.

Mayor Timmy Kieser, Sr.

Pam King City Clerk