

CITY OF ELWOOD, KANSAS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 3, 2025

At 6:00pm Mayor Timmy Kieser, Sr. called the regularly scheduled meeting to order. Those attending: council members: Megan Shackelford, Travis Holcomb, CJ Garner and Sam Meers. Also attending: Joel Euler, Brandon Whetstine, Bill Johnson, Jon Bowman, Andrea Bowman and Pam King.

Council member Dustin Robinson was absent.

INVOCATION

Joel Euler gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Not enough council members present.

VISITORS

Jon and Andrea Bowman appeared before the governing body to discuss the traffic issues on 13th Street, during Riverside School drop off and pick up times. The traffic is congested. The Bowmans are concerned about the cars parking and also driving-safety concerns. After a discussion, the governing body suggested they go to a school board meeting voicing their concerns. Chief Whetstine said the school is aware of the issue, and is trying to find a solution.

ATTORNEYS

Joel Euler informed the governing body he made application for a zoning change, requesting to change the age of mobile homes allowed in Elwood from 20 years old-except with approval from the governing body, to not more than 5 years old except with approval from the governing body. The governing body approved the amendment application.

Euler told the governing body Elwood has a total of 161 mobile homes, not including the trailer parks. Euler said there are 47 vacant lots in town. There are 312 stick built homes in Elwood. Euler said in the near future a discussion needs to be held regarding a more restrictive placement of mobile homes in Elwood.

Euler has gotten with the owners of the properties the City has been mowing, informing them of the amount due in mowing fees. Some property owners are willing to give the City the property. More discussion will be held on the issue.

Sam Meers said there is lots of foot traffic on Oak Street and 15th Street, by Elanco, early in the morning, while still dark outside. The issue will continue to be discussed.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Whetstine said there was vandalism at the park, graffiti on the shelter and play equipment. The vandals have been caught and charged. Whetstine thanked Megan Shackelford for cleaning up.

CITY SUPERVISOR

City Supervisor Bill Johnson told the governing body he was just getting things going-after taking over for retired Wayne Hall, not much to report.

APPROVAL OF CHECKS

Megan Shackelford moved, Sam Meers seconded, to approve checks numbered 68843-68888. Motion carried.

GOVERNING BODY

Mayor Kieser reminded everyone to go vote.

Sam Meers congratulated the Riverside football team.

Meers welcomed Bill Johnson as the new City Supervisor.

Meers requested an executive session for personnel.

CJ Garner asked the status of the 2 trailers setting on the property at 401 N. 11th Street, owned by Jim Crenshaw. Crenshaw is moving one of the trailers across the street, but had utility work to be completed first. The situation will be checked on.

Joel Euler discussed the trailers (semi) parked around town that are not allowed.

Also discussed, the new business at 606 Roseport Road has not requested a business license. The business will be contacted making sure they are zoned correctly. Travis Holcomb asked the new owners be contacted.

Megan Shackelford announced the winners of the Halloween house decorating competition. John and Susan Hall first place \$100, Earl Bratcher second place \$75 and Rodney Mays third place \$50. John and Susan Hall donated the \$100 back to add to the Christmas decoration competition.

Shackelford said Santa will be at the shelter at the park on December 20.

Shackelford thanked Wayne Hall for 41 years of service to the City of Elwood. Sam Meers also thanked Hall.

Shackelford asked Euler about the status of the snow ordinance.

Shackelford requested an executive session.

Shackelford submitted a grant application on behalf of the Elwood Park and Rec Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:45 Travis Holcomb moved, Megan Shackelford seconded, to go into executive session for legal and personnel for 15 minutes. Sam Meers and CJ Garner, yea. It was extended 20 minutes.

REGULAR SESSION

Regular session resumed. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:20 Megan Shackelford moved, Sam Meers seconded, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Mayor Timmy Kieser, Sr.

Pam King, City Clerk