

CITY OF ELWOOD, KANSAS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 18, 2023

At 7:00pm Mayor Timmy Kieser, Sr. called the regularly scheduled meeting to order. Those attending: council members Dustin Robinson, Dennis Smith, Sam Meers and Travis Holcomb. Also attending: Charles Baskins, Wayne Hall, Joann Smith and Pam King.

Council member Darrell Lamme was absent.

INVOCATION

Dustin Robinson gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Travis Holcomb moved, Dustin Robinson seconded, to approve as written the December 4, 2023 regular council meeting minutes. Dennis Smith, yea. Sam Meers, abstain.

2023 BUDGET AMENDMENT HEARING-WATER FUND

Mayor Kieser asked if there were any questions regarding the budget amendment. The water fund needed to be amended due to expenses relating to the new rehab hospital-the city installed the new high pressure water line. Travis Holcomb moved, Sam Meers seconded, to amend the water fund \$200,000 in expenditures. Dennis Smith and Sam Meers, yea.

CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE

Dustin Robinson moved, Sam Meers seconded, to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage License for Trexmart #4. Dennis Smith and Travis Holcomb, yea.

VISITORS

Tammy Rucker said she had a few things she wanted to ask. Rucker said when people get on the council they all have their own agenda. Rucker said when the council picks and chooses what and who they want done, it's not fair to the residents. Rucker spoke of dangerous structures in need of being torn down with trees growing through them, doors busted open and windows knocked out. Mayor Kieser told Rucker the former Holiday Motel is being addressed and if the City sees any houses with trees growing out of them we will handle it. Travis Holcomb said the City is addressing dangerous structures, some are in our court currently. The Chief of Police will handle the issues. Rucker said she has a truck parked in her yard that is tarped. The tarp blew off of it, the next day she was handed a ten day letter to remove the truck. Dustin Robinson said the police department has been working on inoperable vehicles. Mayor Kieser said the Chief of Police is handling these issues, and the City does not pick and choose who receives tickets. Rucker asked if the City was in favor of her paying for the

dumpsters to have a clean up day. Rucker wanted to set the dumpsters at the park. The City has not had success with clean up days in the past. Rucker was told she could set the dumpsters on her property and offer the clean up day. Rucker asked the status of a broken water line at 6<sup>th</sup> and Vermont Streets. There is no broken line at that location, the City is going to run a new line, replacing a line. Rucker asked what the difference between being on Westar-now Evergy- and being on Elwood. The governing body explained the income for the City and the expense for maintaining the industry. Rucker asked about a business with an outstanding utility bill, asking what is going to be done about it. Attorney Charles Baskins told her the City was not going to discuss the issue with her. Rucker asked about a daycare license, business license, in Elwood. Rucker said she has a job as a liaison, she is responsible making sure daycares are properly licensed, and helping them get anything they might need. Rucker said the City gave the daycare a business license without the business being State licensed. Mayor Kieser told her that would be City Attorney business. Rucker said she has already sent information to them and has spoken with the Chief of Police. Charles Baskins said she has not sent anything to the County Attorney's office. Baskins went on to say if there is a case open with the Chief of Police the City will not discuss the issue. Baskins asked Rucker who she worked for, Rucker said Shared Service Program Management. Baskins asked if she worked for the State of Kansas. Rucker said no, it's a grant through Shared Service Program Management, under Child Care Aware of Eastern Kansas. More discussion followed.

#### ATTORNEYS

Charles Baskins requested a five minute legal executive session.

#### APPROVAL OF CHECKS

Dennis Smith moved, Sam Meers seconded, to approve checks numbered 66506-66572. Motion carried.

#### GOVERING BODY

Mayor Kieser wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Travis Holcomb requested an executive session for legal.

Dennis Smith wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:20 Travis Holcomb moved, Dustin Robinson seconded, to go into executive session for legal for 10 minutes. Sam Meers and Dennis Smith, yea.

#### REGULAR SESSION

At 7:30 regular session resumed.

## ADJOURNMENT

At 7:30 Travis Holcomb moved, Dustin Robinson seconded, to adjourn. Motion carried.

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Mayor Timmy Kieser, Sr.

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Pam King, City Clerk