

CITY OF ELWOOD, KANSAS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 6, 2026

At 6:00pm Mayor Travis Holcomb called the regularly scheduled meeting to order. Those attending: council members Megan Shackelford, CJ Garner, Dustin Robinson and Nate Daniels. Also attending: Joel Euler, Brandon Whetstine and Pam King.

Council member Dustin Robinson arrived at 6:10pm.

Council member Matt McFarland was absent.

INVOCATION

Joel Euler gave the invocation.

ATTORNEYS

Joel Euler will have the homeless ordinance at the next meeting.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Whetstine informed the governing body he has been working on grants-applications. Whetstine is pursuing a grant from KDOT that will assist with wages in the police department.

Chief Whetstine will have Malik Woodlow at the next meeting for an introduction to the governing body.

Dustin Robinson arrived at 6:10.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Megan Shackelford moved, Dustin Robinson seconded, to approve as written the June 15, 2026 regular council meeting minutes. CJ Garner, yea. Nate Daniels, abstain.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Megan Shackelford asked Chief Whetstine about cameras at the park.

APPROVAL OF CHECKS

Megan Shackelford moved, Nate Daniels seconded, to approve checks numbered 69658-69733. Motion carried.

GOVERNING BODY

The proposed 2027 Budget was discussed. After a discussion, it was decided to raise the Revenue Neutral Rate, notifying the County Clerk of the intent to raise the RNR to 32.78 mills. This rate is only as high as we can go, this does not mean that the City will set the mill to that, we can go lower, not higher than that amount. Megan Shackelford moved, CJ Garner seconded, to raise the RNR, setting the rate at 32.78 for the hearing process, the City can set the mill lower if decided. Motion carried.

Mayor Holcomb asked Joel Euler to review the City's contract with MCON.

Chief Whetstine will check into getting an aerial photo of the City of Elwood.

Mayor Holcomb said someone complained the mosquito spray truck is going too fast, and the spraying needs to be done in the morning. Supervisor Johnson will be contacted.

Dustin Robinson asked if Gary Hayner has been asked if he was interested in handling the veterans' flags/with photo. Hayner will be contacted.

Robinson requested an executive session for personnel.

Robinson asked a list of contractual obligations/monthly contracts be prepared for the next council meeting.

Mayor Holcomb asked the status of the charger. The equipment will be removed from the vehicle and sold.

CJ Garner thanked residents for cleaning up fireworks after the 4th of July.

Garner asked Chief Whetstine to work on inoperable vehicles.

Mayor Holcomb said he would like to see residents place trash bags in a container-when setting out on trash day/the bags are getting torn.

Garner said residents need to remove weeds and vines that are covering electric meters.

Garner would like nuisance and weed letters sent to 804 and 902 Vermont Street.

Megan Shackelford requested a five minute executive session.

Shackelford discussed the hardship application.

Dustin Robinson moved, CJ Garner seconded, to issue an alcohol permit to Megan Shackelford at the City Park on July 11, 25 and 26, 2026. Motion carried.

Megan Shackelford sent Mayor Holcomb a picture of a new sign-at the exit off the bridge. A discussion followed.

Nate Daniels asked for 'no parking' signs be placed on the boat ramp. Vehicles are blocking the ramp.

Daniels asked an ordinance be prepared requiring residents to remove the ladder from above ground pools when not in use.

Dustin Robinson moved, Nate Daniels seconded, to sign/approve the contract with Every. CJ Garner and Megan Shackelford, yea.

Robinson asked Joel Euler about an ordinance holding parents responsible for their children's behavior/actions. Euler will review the sample ordinance.

The Elwood Activities Group was thanked-the concerts at the park have been good.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:20 Dustin Robinson moved, Nate Daniels seconded, to go into executive session for 10 minutes for personnel and legal. CJ Garner and Megan Shackelford, yea. It was extended for 25 minutes.

REGULAR SESSION

At 7:55 regular session resumed. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:55 Dustin Robinson moved, Megan Shackelford seconded, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Mayor Travis Holcomb

Pam King City Clerk