

CITY OF ELWOOD, KANSAS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 17, 2023

At 7:00pm Mayor Timmy Kieser, Sr. called the regularly scheduled meeting to order. Those attending: council members Dustin Robinson, Sam Meers, Dennis Smith, Darrell Lamme and Travis Holcomb. Also attending: Charles Baskins, Wayne Hall, Brandon Whetstine, Dustin Winters, Rebecca Anderson, Amanda Ruhlman-along with Riverside Art students, Amanda Davis, Julie Bergman and Pam King.

INVOCATION

Travis Holcomb gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dustin Robinson moved, Travis Holcomb seconded, to approve as written the February 21, 2023 regular council meeting minutes. Sam Meers, yea. Dennis Smith, abstain. Darrell Lamme, abstain.

Dustin Robinson moved, Dennis Smith seconded, to approve as written the March 20, 2023 regular council meeting minutes. Darrell Lamme and Travis Holcomb, yea. Sam Meers, abstain.

Travis Holcomb moved, Sam Meers seconded, to approve as written the April 3, 2023 regular council meeting minutes. Darrell Lamme, yea. Dustin Robinson and Dennis Smith, abstain.

VISITORS

Riverside School art students gave a presentation to the governing body, requesting the governing body to sign a decree declaring the month of March be known as Youth Art Month. Travis Holcomb moved, Sam Meers seconded, to adopt/sign the decree declaring the month of March as Youth Art Month. Dennis Smith, Dustin Robinson and Darrell Lamme, yea.

Julie Bergman, Rainbow Telecommunications, appeared before the governing body to inform them of an upcoming expansion of their fiber network in Elwood. The expansion is to begin in 2025 and will offer fiber network to all Elwood residents. The project is a 3 million dollar investment.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Brandon Whetstine introduced new part time officer Dustin Winters.

Whetstine gave the governing body a status/activity report. Whetstine will give this report to the governing body on a monthly basis.

CITY SUPERVISOR

The governing body reviewed a bid for trimming trees out of electrical lines from Asphund. The bid was in the amount of \$6848.89.

Wayne Hall told the governing body lift station number 8 had a hole in the pipe and needed repaired. The repairs are currently being made.

Dennis Smith moved, Dustin Robinson seconded, to accept the bid from Asphund in the amount of \$6848.89 to trim trees out of the electrical lines. Sam Meers asked if any local bids were received. Sam Meers voted no. Travis Holcomb and Darrell Lamme voted no, with Holcomb saying he wanted another bid.

#### APPROVAL OF CHECKS

Dustin Robinson moved, Darrell Lamme seconded, to approve checks numbered 65678-65730. Motion carried.

#### GOVERNING BODY

Mayor Kieser reminded everyone to clean up their property now that the weather is getting nice.

Kieser said the burnt house on Driftwood is getting cleaned up.

Travis Holcomb said the budget and finances will be discussed at the next meeting with Joel Euler.

Dustin Robinson asked the status of the west bound ramp coming on to the bridge. Robinson asked how the levee work was coming. Travis Holcomb asked when the boat ramp would be open. The boat ramp will be open when the project is complete.

Dennis Smith wanted Joel to look at the Chellew property again regarding clean up.

Sam Meers thanked Riverside art students for coming to the meeting.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:25 Travis Holcomb moved, Darrell Lamme seconded, to go into executive session for legal for five minutes. Motion carried. It was extended for five minutes.

#### REGULAR SESSION

At 7:35 regular session resumed. No action was taken.

## ADJOURNMENT

At 7:35 Travis Holcomb moved, Darrell Lamme seconded, to adjourn. Motion carried.

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Mayor Timmy Kieser, Sr.

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Pam King, City Clerk