

CITY OF ELWOOD, KANSAS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 7, 2023

At 7:00pm Mayor Timmy Kieser, Sr. called the regularly scheduled meeting to order. Those attending: council members: Dennis Smith, Darrell Lamme, Sam Meers and Travis Holcomb. Also attending: Joel Euler, Wayne Hall, Brandon Whetstine, Tina Kimberlin, Erin Shackelford, Mariah Blackmon, Roger Murphy and Pam King.

Council member Dustin Robinson was absent.

INVOCATION

Joel Euler gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sam Meers moved, Dennis Smith seconded, to approve as written the July 17, 2023 regular council meeting minutes. Travis Holcomb and Darrell Lamme, yea.

VISITORS

Erin Shackelford appeared before the governing body asking to waive the solicitor permit fee for Mariah Blackmon who sells ice cream. Shackelford said Blackmon will be at back to school night. The governing body waived the solicitor's permit fee for Mariah Blackmon. Darrell Lamme moved, Sam Meers seconded, to waive the solicitor's permit fee for Mariah Blackmon-for the rest of the year. Travis Holcomb and Dennis Smith, yea.

Tina Kimberlin discussed with the governing body the water bill at 312 Libel Street. Kimberlin said there was no leak, and no usage-at the house, but the City has billed 28,000 gallons of water to the residence. There is an electronic read water meter at that address. City Supervisor Wayne Hall said water had to go through the meter, water was used at the residence. After a discussion, Travis Holcomb moved, Dennis Smith seconded, to have Tina Kimberlin pay half of the water bill at 312 Libel Street, and waive the sewer fee for the August 2023 utility bill. Darrell Lamme, yea. Sam Meers, abstain.

ATTORNEYS

Darrell Lamme moved, Dennis Smith seconded, to adopt resolution number 23-04, a resolution declaring 905 Roseport Road a nuisance/dangerous structure. Travis Holcomb and Sam Meers, yea.

Travis Holcomb moved, Dennis Smith seconded, to adopt resolution number 23-05, to process the former Holiday Motel, 901 Roseport Road as a dangerous structure and have it razed, torn down. Sam Meers and Darrell Lamme, yea.

Travis Holcomb moved, Dennis Smith seconded, to adopt resolution number 23-06, declaring 906 Woodsdale Road, the garage, a dangerous structure. Darrell Lamme and Sam Meers, yea.

Darrell Lamme moved, Dennis Smith seconded, to adopt ordinance number 1342, an ordinance conveying the property north of Fairview Mills, by the railroad tracks, to Fairview Mills from the City of Elwood. Travis Holcomb and Sam Meers, yea.

#### CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Brandon Whetstine gave the governing body the current activities report for his department.

Whetstine said Elwood had several break-ins and a vehicle stolen. Whetstine is continuing to investigate the crimes.

Whetstine would like a police officer reserve program be put into place.

#### CITY SUPERVISOR

City Supervisor Wayne Hall suggested holding off on replacing the ceiling fans at the community center, and instead get bids on replacing the floor tiles. The governing body agreed to get bids for floor tile replacement, a bid for half the floor and a bid for the entire floor.

Hall said the State is going to dig out the ditches around the bridge.

Mayor Kieser asked Hall if the pumps set along Roseport Road were working. Hall reported the pumps kicked on and were working.

#### APPROVAL OF CHECKS

Travis Holcomb moved, Dennis Smith seconded, to approve checks numbered 66055-66128. Motion carried.

#### GOVERNING BODY

Mayor Kieser reminded everyone to keep yards mowed, and cleaned up.

Kieser asked Chief Whetstine to look at the collapsed pool at 14<sup>th</sup> and Kentucky Street, possibly processing as a nuisance.

Mayor Kieser said employees are doing a great job.

Travis Holcomb asked for an executive session for economic development.

Darrell Lamme asked about the solicitor's ordinance.

Dennis Smith was glad the City is proceeding with the clean up of the former Holiday Motel.

Smith said the City still needs to work on a plan to hold stray dogs until Doniphan County Pet Rescue can pick them up.

Sam Meers asked Supervisor Wayne Hall the status of the proposed ditching along RedWood Lane. Hall said MCon looked at the property and said the fall wasn't enough to drain the water. Hall said it will only put the water on other properties. Meers asked when a road will be put in on Dogwood and Redwood Lanes. Hall said first the City needs to start building the streets up with gravel, starting a base.

Sam Meers said he wanted the Chief of Police to make sure there was an officer on duty for school patrol.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:50 Travis Holcomb moved, Sam Meers seconded, to go into executive session for economic development for five minutes. Dennis Smith and Darrell Lamme, yea.

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

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 7:55 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