

CITY OF ELWOOD, KANSAS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

At 6:00pm Council President Dustin Robinson called the regularly scheduled meeting to order. Those attending: council members Megan Shackelford, Travis Holcomb, Sam Meers and CJ Garner. Also attending: Joel Euler, Charles Baskins, Wayne Hall, Bill Johnson, Garrett Nordstrom, Ann Boydston and Pam King.

Mayor Timmy Kieser was absent.

#### INVOCATION

Joel Euler gave the invocation.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Megan Shackelford moved, Sam Meers seconded, to approve as written the August 18, 2025 regular council meeting minutes. Motion carried.

#### REVIEW ON 703 KENTUCKY

Ann Boydston, current owner of 703 Kentucky Street, appeared before the governing body giving an update on the property. Boydston said the property is being sold to Carl Reno, and he will then make the required repairs. A review in 30 days on the matter.

#### VISITORS

Garrett Nordstrom, Government Assistance Services, appeared before the governing body explaining what his company provides. The governing body is interested in applying for grants. After a discussion, including how the City pays for the service, how the grant process works-and what's included, a retainer fee and what type of grants are available. Joel Euler said the City needs someone to guide us through the process. A priority list needs to be prepared. The governing body will begin working on the priority list.

#### ATTORNEYS

Joel Euler discussed the assessed fees for mowing properties. This year the total will be around \$5,200. Euler gave options on how to recover the expense. One possibility is the City purchase the properties. The issue was tabled.

Euler has been working on a rate study for all utility accounts. The Electric fund is doing fine, but will be evaluated a little more. The sewer fund is not showing a loss. The water fund is showing a loss, and Missouri American Water increased rates for the City. The governing body will continue to get all funds out of the negative.

Travis Holcomb asked to see the repair expenses for the back hoe, going back 5 years.

Joel Euler is working with Snyder and Associates, engineers, on getting our sewer lagoons issues solved.

Euler discussed making changes on rental properties, possibly allowing only in certain areas of town. More discussion followed regarding the matter.

#### CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Brandon Whetstine was absent. Council President Dustin Robinson said Whetstine will have an applicant for code enforcement officer at the next meeting.

#### CITY SUPERVISOR

Wayne Hall said the painting of the water tower is almost complete.

Hall said the bid to fix the rust on the Chevy pick up will be about \$8000.

#### APPROVAL OF CHECKS

Megan Shackelford moved, Dustin Robinson seconded, to approve checks numbered 68620-68675. Motion carried.

#### GOVERNING BODY

Travis Holcomb questioned the 2 building permits submitted by Jim Crenshaw, Smart Homes. Holcomb would like to change the zoning ordinance to require pictures of all mobile homes brought into Elwood for the governing body's approval, not just the

ones over 20 years old. Currently there is a 1 year completion date on construction with an approved building permit. The council would like to shorten the allowed time.

Sam Meers wanted to clarify-the City of Elwood is not giving property on Roseport Road to Cajun Food Coma. Apparently, there are rumors going around.

CJ Garner said cars parked along 9<sup>th</sup> Street, up on blocks, and no tags, need to be removed. A list of other illegally parked cars will be given to the Chief of Police. Also mentioned was a car at 13<sup>th</sup> and Missouri, parked in a yard.

Travis Holcomb said he received a complaint regarding construction along 15<sup>th</sup> Street and no traffic control. The Chief of Police will be notified.

Megan Shackelford asked the status of the snow ordinance. Euler said the ordinance would be prepared for the next meeting.

Shackelford asked the status of the weeds/small trees in the fence and around the house at 501 Vermont Street. The property owner has been working on the removal of weeds.

Shackelford asked if the owner of 605 Oak Street has been contacted to attend a council meeting. The owner will be contacted-if the City has the correct contact information.

Shackelford suggested increasing building permit fees.

Shackelford asked if bids were taken for cameras at the park. The Chief of Police has been handling the matter.

Dustin Robinson discussed assessing mowing fees, possibly purchasing the properties at tax sales.

The owner of the property at 10<sup>th</sup> and Missouri will be contacted to mow the property.

The governing body decided Megan Shackelford will be on the steering committee for the HAT (Housing Assessment Tool) program.

Sam Meers discussed making Birch Apartments senior housing. Megan Shackelford asked how the new rule-only live in HUD housing for 2 years will affect Birch Apartments residents.

Dustin Robinson said First Option Bank would like to have the opportunity to bid large purchases the City may have.

ADJOURNMENT

AT 7:45 Dustin Robinson moved, Megan Shackelford seconded, to adjourn.  
Motion carried.

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Council President Dustin Robinson

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Pam King, City Clerk