

CITY OF ELWOOD, KANSAS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 21, 2025

At 7:00pm Mayor Timmy Kieser, Sr. called the regularly scheduled meeting to order. Those attending: council members: Megan Shackelford, Dustin Robinson, Travis Holcomb and Sam Meers. Also attending: Wayne Hall, Bill Johnson, Brandon Whetstine, Charles Baskins, Cadyn Allen, James Harris, Elizabeth Fischer, Tammy Rucker and Pam King.

Council member C.J. Garner was absent.

INVOCATION

Travis Holcomb gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dustin Robinson moved, Travis Holcomb seconded, to approve as written the July 7, 2025 regular council meeting minutes. Megan Shackelford and Sam Meers, yea.

VISITORS

James Harris appeared before the governing body saying he was building a duplex in Elwood and wanted to make sure he was going to receive the sewer pump free for building a stick home. Harris will be living in the home, it will not be rental property. After a discussion, the council agreed to give Harris a sewer pump. If the residence requires a duplex pump, Harris will be responsible for any amount over the cost of the single sewer pump.

Tammy Rucker appeared before the governing body first thanking the city crew for cleaning up tree limbs by her residence. Rucker then requested an executive session with the governing body for personnel.

Elizaeth Fischer spoke with the governing body regarding the stray cat problem at Elwood Mobile Home Park. The governing body told her the City is rehoming the stray cats and to call City Hall tomorrow for more information on the issue.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Brandon Whetstine said National Night Out, put on by local law enforcement, will be held in Wathena this year on August 5. Whetstine asked for a donation of \$300 from the City to help pay for the activities provided during National Night Out. Travis Holcomb moved, Sam Meers seconded, to donate \$300 to National Night Out. Megan Shackelford and Dustin Robinson, yea.

Chief Whetstine presented Officer Cadyn Allen with an award for saving someone's life after overdosing. Whetstine went on to say Allen goes above and beyond while on duty, interacting with children and helping a pregnant woman after she ran out of gas-Allen paid for the gas herself. Mayor Kieser said he was approached at City Hall by a young girl looking for Officer Allen to make a repair on her bicycle. Officer Allen is very helpful, and we appreciate it.

Chief Whetstine told the governing body his department was approved for congressional funding again. Whetstine increased the amount requested to \$402,000. Whetstine wants to purchase a new patrol car and purchase cameras for all police vehicles.

Tammy Rucker said she wanted to donate \$500 to National Night Out.

CITY SUPERVISOR

Wayne Hall requested an executive session for legal for ten minutes.

Council member Sam Meers told Bill Johnson the governing body requested he start coming to council meetings so they can know what he wants and how we can help.

APPROVAL OF CHECKS

Travis Holcomb moved, Sam Meers seconded, to approve checks #68473-68521. Motion carried.

GOVERNING BODY

Mayor Kieser said residents need to keep working on cleaning up their property. Kieser said tickets will be issued.

Sam Meers said he spoke with Greg Green about standing water on his property at 1ST Street and Lincoln. Wayne Hall and Bill Johnson said they have spoken with Green about the drainage issue and are working to resolve it.

Meers said residents need to get yards cleaned up before winter.

Meers said congratulations to the Doniphan County Legion ball team for placing 3rd in the tournament.

Mayor Kieser gave condolences to the Sondra Carter family.

Travis Holcomb asked the governing body if they have inspected Redwood Dr. after being asphalted. Holcomb said it needs to be looked at.

Megan Shackelford gave condolences to the Sondra Carter family.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:40 Travis Holcomb moved, Megan Shackelford seconded, to go into executive session for personnel and legal for 5 minutes-part of executive session included Tammy Rucker. Dustin Robinson and Sam Meers, yea. It was extended for ten minutes.

REGULAR SESSION

At 8:00pm regular session resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:03 Megan Shackelford moved, Sam Meers seconded, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Pam King City Clerk

Mayor Timmy Kieser, Sr.