

CITY OF ELWOOD, KANSAS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 21, 2024

At 7:00pm Mayor Timmy Kieser, Sr. called the regularly scheduled meeting to order. Those attending: council members Megan Shackelford, Dustin Robinson, C.J. Garner and Sam Meers. Also attending: Charles Baskins, Brandon Whetstine, Wayne Hall, Nate Daniels, Mike Norman and Pam King.

Council member Dennis Smith was absent.

INVOCATION

C.J. Garner gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Megan Shackelford moved, Dustin Robinson seconded, to approve as written the October 7, 2024 regular council meeting minutes. Sam Meers, yea. C.J. Garner, abstain.

DANGEROUS STRUCTURE HEARING

The dangerous structure hearing for 1516 Hickory Street was held. Mike Norman, the owner of the property, appeared before the governing body explaining he has secured the structure and is continuing to clean up the trash and inoperable vehicles. Mayor Kieser told him to continue cleaning the property. Norman has 30 days to get rid of the inoperable vehicles.

VISITORS

Nate Daniels thanked everyone for their support during the weekend fire. Daniels said Chief Whetstine is instrumental in answering medical calls. Daniels thanked the City for making employees available to answer emergency calls.

Nate Daniels informed the City he is trapping cats, but getting lots of possums and racoons. He is relocating the possums and racoons, but the clean up after is time consuming. Daniels reminded the governing body cats can only be held in the cages for 4 hours with no food and water. A cost assessment will be completed on the cat trapping. Megan Shackelford asked if the City can trap the cats at Elwood Park, the former Sunflower Village. Since it's private property, the owner needs to make the request.

ATTORNEYS

Megan Shackelford moved, Sam Meers seconded, to adopt resolution number 24-08, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ABATEMENT OF A NUISANCE LOCATED AT OR NEAR 605 OAK

STREET. Dustin Robinson and C.J. Garner, yea. The property owner has 10 days from the date posted to comply with the requirements.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Whetstine has been assisting other agencies, Doniphan County and Troy, with multiple break ins and car thefts.

Chief Whetstine informed the governing body the Durango is back in the shop with an antifreeze leak.

APPROVAL OF CHECKS

Sam Meers moved, Megan Shackelford seconded, to approve checks numbered 67517-67567. Motion carried.

GOVERNING BODY

Mayor Kieser said the volunteers did a great job.

C.J. Garner said the Halloween celebration was a success.

Garner asked the status of an inoperable vehicle.

Garner requested an executive session for legal.

Mayor Kieser thanked Megan Shackelford, the Elwood Activities Committee, for the Halloween celebration.

Dustin Robinson asked the status of Cadyn Allen. Allen will start with the Elwood Police Department on November 1.

Robinson asked when the City starts with KMEA. The City started October 1.

Robinson asked about a Christmas Dinner for the City employees.

Chief Whetstine asked for a few things to be added to the burning ordinance.

Megan Shackelford would like a larger penalty for illegal burying.

Megan Shackelford gave the City a receipt for the Halloween purchases. The City is going to pay the Activities Group the balance of the pop and chips.

Shackelford said there were 29 floats in the Halloween parade.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:30 Dustin Robinson moved, C.J. Garner seconded, to go into executive session for 5 minutes for legal. It was extended for 5 minutes.

REGULAR SESSION

At 7:40 regular session resumed. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:40pm Sam Meers moved, Dustin Robinson moved, to adjourn, Motion carried.

Mayor Timmy Kieser, Sr.

Pam King, City Clerk