

# Elwood Town Council Meeting

## Meeting Minutes April 14, 2026

The Elwood Town Council met at the Elwood Town Hall, 5235 West 8800 North, Elwood, Utah, at 7:00, April 14, 2026. The following members were present consisting of a quorum.

Scott Goodliffe	Mayor	Mark Lay	Councilmember
Brian Davis	Councilmember	Phil Shimek	Councilmember
Curtis Crouch	Councilmember		

Staff present at this meeting

Gina Marble	Town Clerk
Steve Woerner	Public Works

Others present at this meeting

John Weidman	Greg Iverson	Lynae Winkler	Joan Whitaker
Taylor Thompson	Quinn Hamson	Zack Pali	

## Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Goodliffe, who welcomed attendees. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Davis, followed by an invocation offered by Councilmember Lay.

## Administration

### Approve the Minutes for March 10, 2026, Town Council meeting

The council reviewed minutes from March 10, 2026 and March 24, 2026 meetings.

*Motion: Councilmember Davis made a motion to approve the minutes for both March meetings. Councilmember Shimek seconded. Motion Passed unanimously.*

**Item#1 Action Item–Appointing new planning commission member-Mayor Goodliffe-**Mayor Goodliffe presented the appointment of Keenan Haramoto to serve on the planning commission. Haramoto had attended the previous week's planning commission meeting.

*Motion: Councilmember Davis made a motion to appoint Keenan Haramoto to the planning commission. Councilmember Lay seconded. Motion Passed unanimously.*

### Item#2 Action Item-Speed Limit on 4600 West-Mayor Goodliffe

Mayor Goodliffe reported a citizen request to lower the speed limit on 4600 West from 35 mph to 25 mph due to concerns about speeding on the narrow road. The council discussed enforcement challenges and determined that requesting increased patrol presence would be more appropriate than immediately changing the speed limit.

*Motion: Councilmember Lay made a motion to contact the sheriff's office to request a speed monitoring trailer and solicit feedback from residents before considering a speed limit change. Councilmember Shimek seconded. Motion Passed unanimously.*

### **Item#3 Action Item-Highland Ditch Agreement-John Weidman**

John Weidman presented an updated Highland Ditch agreement addressing previous concerns about residents pumping water into the ditch. The new agreement requires prior permission from the ditch president before pumping. Councilmember Shimek raised detailed concerns about liability provisions, maintenance responsibilities, and potential conflicts. After extensive discussion about the town's flood control needs and liability exposure, the council voted.

*Motion: Councilmember Lay made a motion to accept the Highland Ditch agreement for the remainder of the current year. Councilmember Crouch seconded. Motion Passed with Councilmember Shimek opposed the motion.*

**Item#4 Action item-Drain Lines-Greg Iverson-Greg Iverson** presented a comprehensive overview of Elwood's 110-year-old underground tile drain system, emphasizing its critical importance to the town's foundation and agricultural viability. He explained the extensive network of clay tile drains covering over 500 acres and warned of potential flooding and property damage if the system is not properly maintained and protected from development interference. Steve Woerner clarified that the town has protections in place requiring developers to locate and solid-pipe drain lines during subdivision development, and that the town has been effectively managing the drainage district due to its lack of funding.

**Item#5 Action Item-Rocky Mountain Power Agreement-Mayor Goodliffe-Gerald**, Regional Business Manager for Rocky Mountain Power, presented a 20-year franchise agreement similar to those with neighboring communities. The agreement includes provisions for liability protection, vegetation management, facility relocation, and amendment procedures. Mayor Goodliffe praised Rocky Mountain Power's responsive service to the community.

*Motion: Councilmember Shimek made a motion to authorize the mayor to sign the 20-year agreement with Rocky Mountain Power. Councilmember Crouch seconded. Motion Passed unanimously.*

### **Item#6 Action Item-Awarding the Secondary Water bid project-Steve Woerner**

Steve Woerner reported that Tag Construction was awarded the secondary water pond project as the low bidder at \$658,314, which remained under the previously approved budget of \$876,000 despite some scope adjustments including additional pumps.

*Motion: Councilmember Lay made a motion to accept Tag Construction as the contractor for the secondary water project. Councilmember Davis seconded. Motion Passed unanimously.*

### **Item#7 Action Item-Town Tractor- Steve Woerner**

Steve Woerner explained that tractor rental costs had increased from \$600 to \$6,000 annually, making purchase more economical. He presented options including a nearly new Coyote tractor for \$51,500 with full warranty. The council discussed equipment longevity and maintenance considerations.

*Motion: Councilmember Crouch made a motion to accept the Coyote tractor bid for \$51,500. Councilmember Shimek seconded. Motion Passed unanimously.*

**Item#8 Discussion Item-Planning Commission Report-**Quinn reported on ongoing rezoning efforts for the entire town, development of transient tax code, and subdivision ordinance improvements to prevent developers from cherry-picking premium lots while leaving difficult areas undeveloped.

**Item#9 Discussion Item-Sheriff's Department Report-** No report.

## Water

No items reported.

## Sewer

No items reported.

**Parks and Recreation Etc.-**Steve Woerner reported the park was open and being actively used, with Jason performing early season maintenance and mowing.

Councilmember Crouch reported forming a July 4th celebration committee with four couples volunteering and arrangements for helicopter candy drop. Mayor Goodliffe noted a \$1,000 grant application was submitted to Box Elder County for the celebration.

## Roads

Steve Woerner reported bridge construction was progressing and mentioned the state and county project to reconfigure the Y-intersection on the south end of town, expected to begin in July.

## Emergency Preparedness

No items reported.

## Other

Work meeting with the Planning Commission on April 28, 2026 at 7:00 pm

Mayor Goodliffe invited council members to attend a joint meeting with the planning commission and attorney to discuss the general plan and zoning issues.

## Adjournment

*Councilmember Lay made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Crouch seconded the motion and the remaining council members agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.*

The undersigned, duly acting and appointed clerk for Elwood Town Corporation, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Town Council meeting minutes held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026. Dated this the 12th day of May2026.

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Gina R Marble, Elwood Town Clerk