

Town Council Meeting

Jan 13, 2026 Meeting minutes

The Elwood Town Council met at the Elwood Town Hall, 5235 West 8800 North, Elwood, Utah, at 7:00, Nov 12, 2025. The following members were present consisting of a quorum.

Scott Goodliffe	Councilmember	Mark Lay	Councilmember
Mike Pace	Councilmember		

Staff present at this meeting

Gina Marble	Town Clerk
Steve Woerner	Public Works

Others present at this meeting

John Weidman	Dirk Anderson	Greg Iverson	Lynae Winkler
Brian Davis	Ron Jacques	Phil Kelli, Dallin, Lilly, Maylee Shimek	
Rue Rasmussen	Tyler Allen	Joan Whitaker	Aaron Whitaker
Britton Hayden	Karen Goodliffe		

Welcome

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

Administration

Approve the Minutes for Nov 10 & 13, and Dec 9, 2025, Town Council meeting

Mayor Goodliffe presented the minutes from the November 10th, 12th, and December 9th, 2025, meetings. With noted editorial comments on the November 12th minutes, the Council approved the minutes.

Motion: Councilmember Pace moved to approve the minutes from November 10th, 12th, and December 9th, 2025. Councilmember Lay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Swearing In The New Mayor And New Councilmembers

Town Clerk Marble administered the oath of office to newly elected Mayor Scott Goodliffe and Councilmembers Brian Davis and Phil Shimek. Each expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve the community.

2025 Audit

David Rogers presented the audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. The audit showed a clean opinion with financial statements properly reported. Notable findings included:

- The utility fund has an operating loss of \$63,881, though cash flow is better due to depreciation not being a cash expense
- The utility fund ended with a deficit unrestricted fund balance of \$34,214, requiring transfers from the general fund
- The unassigned general fund balance exceeds the state-allowed 35% maximum

Mr. Rogers recommended transferring \$100,000 from the general fund to the utility fund and another \$100,000 to the capital projects fund to address these compliance issues.

Advertising For Open Town Council Seat

The Council voted to advertise for the vacant council seat created by Scott Goodliffe's election as mayor. Applications will be accepted for 30 days, after which applicants will be interviewed by the Council who will select the new member.

Motion: Councilmember Shimek moved to open an advertisement for the open town council seat. Councilmember Lay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Highland Ditch

Mr. John Wiedman, President of Highland Ditch Company, requested renewal of a previous agreement allowing the town to use the ditch for flood control. The original 1993 agreement had expired after five years. The ditch company requested:

- A one-year extension of the previous agreement while a new comprehensive agreement is developed
- \$5,000 for maintenance assistance
- \$1,000 toward legal costs already incurred

The Council tabled the decision until budget numbers could be reviewed.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Davis to table the discussion of the Highland Ditch fee until the following month. Councilmember Shimek seconded and passed unanimously.

Town Council Assignments

Mayor Goodliffe assigned council responsibilities:

- Councilmember Lay: Mayor Pro Tem, Roads and Storm Water
- Councilmember Shimek: Planning Commission Liaison, Economic Development, Buildings, Emergency Preparedness
- Councilmember Davis: Water, Sewer, and Secondary Water
- Future Councilmember: Parks and Cemetery

Planning Commission Report

Planning Commission Chair Hayden reported on:

- New leadership with Curtis Crouch as co-chair
- Development of a new town zoning map to address split-zoned properties

- Work on redefining lot size calculations in RD1 and RD2 zones
- Developing code language to prevent developers from "cherry picking" easy parts of development

The Planning Commission requested new members as they are down to three.

Sheriff's Department Report

No issues were reported.

Hansen Park Rental For The Year

The Council discussed overnight camping at Hansen Park and voted to maintain the restriction on overnight camping. The primary concerns were the lack of facilities for large overnight groups and the impact on regular park use by residents.

Motion: Councilmember Lay moved to continue the restriction on overnight camping at Hansen Park. Councilmember Shimek seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Roads

The Public Works Director Steve Woerner provided an update on bridge replacements scheduled to begin in March. The contractor had requested closing all three bridges simultaneously, which was denied due to concerns about emergency access and bus routes. The total cost for all three bridges is approximately \$12,000,000. Mayor Goodliffe and Public Works Director Steve Woerner discussed plans to repair potholes with cold-mix asphalt.

Councilmember Shimek made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Lay seconded the motion, and the remaining council members agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 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 13th day of January 2026. Dated this the 10th day of Feb 2026.

Gina R Marble, Elwood Town Clerk