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Elton Town Council Meeting Minutes

Date: August 6, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM

Where: Council Chambers at 1302 Main Street

1. Call to Order by Mike Pierrotti at 6:03 PM
2. Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence led by Council Kim Thibodeaux
3. Roll Call by Town Clerk Sandrez West
Erica Francis-Present
Tony Guillory-Present
Kim Thibodeaux-Present
Trudy Patterson-Present
Kay Hebert-Present
Quorum attained for meeting
4. Public Comments on Adoption of Agenda: Residents questioned if water/sewer rates are increasing-Mayor stated this will be addressed later point in the meeting
5. Motion to add an agenda item on Adoption of Servline Ordinance increasing rates on fee scheduled and trash services increase by Kay Hebert, seconded by Erica Francis with allowance for Public Comment on addition of this item Yeas-5 Nays-0
No Public comments on this item
6. Motion to Adopt Servline administrative fee increase of \$2.61 Residential and \$6.60 for Commercial and increasing trash service to \$26.00 by Kay Hebert, seconded by Erica Francis Yeas-5 Nays-0
7. Motion to approve minutes of July 2, 2025 as is and dismiss with reading of the same by Kay Hebert, seconded by Erica Francis Yeas-5 Nays-0
8. Motion to transfer funds and pay bills by Kay Hebert, seconded by Trudy Patterson Yeas-5 Nays-0
9. Acknowledgement of Ken Kirchner, Town Water & Wastewater Supervisor who recently received Production Certification
10. Announcement of Mayor's Court change from monthly to quarterly beginning October 1, 2025-the first Wednesday of each quarter
11. Announcement: charges for actual costs for new services and will provide to the community
12. Introduction to amend Water/Sewer Ordinance # 100-08-2025-20 to reflect new rates
Public Comment: Timeframe for institution is as soon as passed at the next special meeting for the next cycle billing; TOE will work with billing issues; Hebert explained the



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sustainability factor which mandates the rate increase with increase of 20% this year and incremental increases in the upcoming years based on 2024 numbers

13. Resolution to raise trash collection to \$26 by Kay Hebert, seconded by Trudy Patterson
Yeas-5 Nays-0

Public Comment: Residents complained about bulk trash not being picked up & trash cans being thrown around and breaking; residents encouraged to notify City Hall and it will be reported; also pointed out part of the TOE contract states broken cans will be replaced or fixed at no cost to the town or resident.

14. Motion to accept amendments to a previously introduced Camping Regulation Ordinance #100-06-2025-01 which is An Ordinance to Provide Relative to Regulating the Use of Recreational Vehicles and Campers Trailers as Dwelling Places or Abodes within the Town of Elton by Kay Hebert, seconded by Tony Guillory
Yeas-5 Nays-0

15. Motion to adopt said Ordinance as amended by Kay Hebert, seconded by Kim Thibodeaux
Yeas-5 Nays-0

Roll Call Vote: Kim Thibodeaux-Yes Kay Hebert-Yes
Erica Francis-Yes Tony Guillory-Yes
Trudy Patterson-Yes

Public Comment: Residents had difference between condemnation and code enforcement with the police department;

16. Motion to accept amendments to the previously introduced Ordinance #100 06-2025-02 an Ordinance Relative to Regulating Residential Mobile Homes, House Trailers, and Manufactured Houses in the Town of Elton by Kay Hebert, seconded by Erica Francis
Yeas-5 Nays-0

17. Motion to adopt the Ordinance as amended by Kay Hebert, seconded by Kim Thibodeaux

Roll Call Vote: Kim Thibodeaux-Yes Kay Hebert-Yes
Erica Francis-Yes Tony Guillory-Yes
Tony Guillory-Yes

18. Resolution to declare Sharp Copier Model # MK C300W, One Chevy Double Cab Truck bearing VIN #1GCGC13U35F921076, one 2015 4-door Tahoe bearing VIN # 1GNLC2KC9FR299359 (Sport Utility Vehicle) and place for sale on LAMATS

19. Grants Updates: Kay Hebert stated the demo grant has all paperwork completed and the town is waiting for bids to be returned by Friday, August 15, 2025 by 4:00PM. The dog Pound grant is cleared and we have applied for the first draw of the funds. Police Department grant has been cleared and Police Vehicle is in possession.



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20. Clerk Sandrez/Kay Hebert attended LMA Conference: Clerk stated the water sector is to be treated as a business and any adjustments on sewer/water are violations of law, rate study are based on 2024 numbers; Hebert spoke on the availability of grants and what TOE must do to apply for grants again which is to have repayment with the IRS for past issues.
21. Motion to change Mayor Pro Tem from Tony Guillory to Kay Hebert and to remove Guillory name and add Kay Hebert signature on all Town of Elton accounts and in addition, allow Kay Hebert full access to online banking as required by Tony Guillory, seconded by Erica Francis
Yeas-5 Nays-0
22. Police Report: (1.) Chief requests removal of his name from the STED account
Resolution to remove Chief Bruce Lemelle from the STED account at Home Bank as requested by Kay Hebert
Yeas-5 Nays-0
- (2.) Chief Lemelle questioned items on his budget; Kay Hebert stated that the austerity budget was put into place and was made known to him, citing Council's downsize requests of Dispatchers the year previous; also cited the Resolution against hiring or overtime, cited hiring of a part time officer when requested to reduce overtime despite resolution; cited continued overtime; cited meeting with him in person to discuss shrinking budget; Mayor stated he sent request for plan in writing to address the issue; officers present stated Council should have given them a heads up on circumstances; Council members stated the Chief was the one to do this as the department head, as Council does not have authority to do so and reminded them that several of those officers questioning this were in several meetings where budget concerns were made; Hebert cited that Chief had never sent written notice of being within 5% of budget or plan of action as required by law; Council stated they have no authority to lay off officers; Resident commented Chief is the one responsible for the expenditures of his department; Clerk cited that officers called about separation paperwork PRIOR to official layoffs by the Chief; Council may accept recommendation of the Chief to layoffs
- (3.) Chief stated to call the Sheriff's Department at 911 if needing an officer
- (4.) Sheriff Department will not have a 24-7 presence in Elton, and TOE must expect longer response times
- (5.) Chief Lemelle made recommendation to the council to lay off all police department employees
- Motion to accept Chief Lemell's recommendations to lay off all TOE police department employees
By Kay Hebert, seconded by Kim Thibodeaux
Yeas-5 Nays-0



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- 23. Motion to enter Executive Session by Kay Hebert, seconded by Kim Thibodeaux
- 24. Motion to end executive session and return to public meeting by Kay Hebert, seconded by Erica Francis
- 25. Motion to adjourn by Kay Hebert, seconded by Tony Guillory.
- 26. Meeting Adjourned at 8:34 PM

Mike Pierotti
Mayor Town of Elton

August 21, 2025

Kay Hebert
Town Council

August 21, 2025