

Village of Elwood and Elwood Community Redevelopment Authority  
Town Hall Meeting Minutes, September 18, 2024

A town hall meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Elwood, Nebraska and the Elwood, Nebraska Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA), was held at the Gosper County Senior Center on September 18, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Village Clerk Jauken who acknowledged the Open Meeting Act was posted on the bulletin board at the Senior Center.

This being a town hall meeting designed to interact with the community, there was no quorum required of the Village Board of Trustees or the Elwood Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA), although present were Trustees Fong and Townsend of the Village Board, and Weissert, Schwarz and Houlden of the CRA Board.

West Central Nebraska Development District (WCNDD) was contracted by the Village to update Elwood's Comprehensive Plan ("Plan"), as a recent Plan is required in order for the Village to apply for grants to assist with community development.

Taylor Provost, with WCNDD, explained what a Comprehensive Plan is and how it works for a community. She invited the 35 guests to give their thoughts on the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT Analysis) for Elwood. Many ideas were shared regarding residents' thoughts on how to ensure that Elwood continues to thrive in the future.

Provost also explained how the Blight & Substandard Study works. A Blight & Substandard study will recommend which areas of the Village should be designated as blighted. This is an important determination as the CRA is limited to helping only blighted areas.

Provost expects the Comprehensive Plan and the Blight & Substandard Study to be completed by June of 2025. There will be more information available for public comments as the study progresses.

Laurie Jauken  
Village Clerk/Treasurer