

EL DORADO CITY SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING

October 2, 2019

The El Dorado City Commission met in special session on October 2, 2019 at 5:00 pm at City Hall with the following present: Vice Mayor Kendra Wilkinson, Commissioner Matt Guthrie, Commissioner Nick Badwey, City Manager David Dillner, City Engineer Scott Rickard and City Clerk Tabitha Sharp. Absent: Mayor Vince Haines and Commissioner Gregg Lewis

VISITORS

Curt Zieman	128 N Vine	El Dorado, KS
Kevin Wishart	220 E 1 st	El Dorado, KS
Linda Jolly	El Dorado Inc.	El Dorado, KS
Frank Patton	El Dorado Main Street	El Dorado, KS
Linda Baines	253 E Post Rd	El Dorado, KS

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Kendra Wilkinson called the October 2, 2019 Special City Commission meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

DOWNTOWN PLANTERS

Vice Mayor Kendra Wilkinson stated that she had received a message from Mayor Haines stating that the Main Street Director had asked him for more time for the downtown community to discuss the planters.

City Manager David Dillner stated that staff were beginning with the Commission because they didn't want the public to make a recommendation that was outside of the scope of what the Commission wanted. He stated that they are looking for some direction from the Commission and then plan to take it to the public.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie confirmed that the proposal was for a reduction from 65 planters to 12.

Kevin Wishart, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that 12 was the starting point for staff. He stated that they have already removed the worst of the planters and taken an inventory of the remaining ones. He stated that of the 65, there are 8 or 10 with a serious irrigation issue and another 25 that the boxes need to be replaced soon.

Commissioner Guthrie asked if they would be able to be saved when we remove them.

Mr. Wishart stated that they are so old that they are likely going to crumble when they are moved.

Commissioner Guthrie asked if city staff are responsible for all maintenance and care.

Mr. Wishart stated that the master gardening group helped on the front end of the project, but staff maintain them annually.

Commissioner Guthrie stated that if there are fewer planter boxes, he would like to see more baskets.

Vice Mayor Wilkinson stated that she would like to add more boxes, maybe in the middle of the blocks the proposed ones are in.

Mr. Wishart stated that 12 was also a starting point because the corners are easiest to maintain and get irrigation to.

Commissioner Nick Badwey stated that he was in favor of reducing the number of planters.

Staff agreed to return with a plan for moving forward.

CEMETERY REGULATIONS

Kevin Wishart, Parks and Recreation Director, presented some changes to the cemetery rules and regulations. He stated that they were primarily grammar changes that needed to be cleaned up. He also provided a new fee structure that simplified the existing fees and changed the infant burial fee to the full cost as the same amount of work is required.

FITNESS COURT

Kevin Wishart, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that the City was made aware of a grant for a fitness court. He stated that staff had presented it to the Parks and Recreation Board, but they did not want to move forward with it if City funds had to be utilized.

The consensus amongst the City Commission was that they did not want to continue with this project at the current time.

KDOT COST SHARE PROGRAM

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that the State of Kansas has made a program available for transportation project funding. He stated that there is additional money available, but an application would be due by October 10th.

City Engineer Rickard stated that staff would like to propose a round-a-bout at Main Street and McCollum Road. He stated that the area does not meet warrants for a signal, but that this plan could calm the conditions during the school year. He stated that it would also help if a northwest trafficway was added in the future. He stated that staff have

added some additional work on 12th Avenue in order to make our matching funds more attractive.

The City Commission agreed that the application should be sent in.

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN RENEWAL

City Engineer Scott Rickard presented the statistics requested at the previous work session. He stated that there are currently 165 parcels in the Neighborhood Revitalization Program and that the current appraised value of those parcels is approximately \$29 million. He stated that the number of new homes has decreased over the past few years.

City Engineer Rickard stated that staff have included a few changes: adding properties in the Opportunity Zone in the plan; striking new homes from the plan and changing the rebate from ten to fifteen years.

The City Commission discussed options and reviewed a memo provided by Mayor Vince Haines in his absence. They decided to proceed with the plan as presented.

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

City Manager David Dillner reviewed the upcoming agenda.

REPORTS

Vice Mayor Kendra Wilkinson asked about a question she had received regarding Velocity.

City Manager David Dillner stated that Velocity had discussed the issue with the City and would be talking to their employees about a better way to address questions regarding service in El Dorado in the future. He stated that staff will be discussing it internally as well.

City Manager Dillner stated that due to the condition of the old tennis courts, staff would like to begin removing them.

There was consensus to remove the old courts.

City Manager Dillner stated that Andy Waller has approached staff regarding the City purchasing a property he owns on Orient.

The City Commission instructed staff to find out what he wants for the property.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Nick Badwey moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3 – 0.

City Clerk Tabitha D. Sharp

Mayor Vince Haines