

The El Dorado City Commission met in a regular session on May 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Room with the following present: Mayor Bill Young, Commissioner Matt Guthrie, Commissioner Gregg Lewis, Commissioner Nick Badwey, Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson, City Manager David Dillner, City Engineer Scott Rickard and City Clerk Tabitha Sharp. Absent: City Attorney Ashlyn Lindskog

**VISITORS**

Curt Zieman	128 N Vine	El Dorado, KS
Dr. Kim Krull	Butler Community College	El Dorado, KS
Wade Wilkinson	Excess Sales Tax Committee	El Dorado, KS
Linda Jolly	El Dorado Inc.	El Dorado, KS
Sarah Hoefgen	El Dorado Inc.	El Dorado, KS

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bill Young called the May 17, 2021 meeting to order.

**INVOCATION**

Pastor David Crook, First Southern Baptist Church, opened the meeting with an invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The City Commission led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PERSONAL APPEARANCE**

Dr. Kim Krull, Butler Community College, presented information on the Kansas Promise program, a scholarship program providing funds for local high school graduates who enter certain areas of study after high school. The program is geared at developing a workforce in occupations that are struggling to recruit employees.

Mayor Bill Young asked how the college is advertising this program.

Dr. Krull stated that after their program is approved, the college has planned for a large marketing effort to get word out on the program including social media, website and outreach meetings.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Bill Young opened the floor for public comments.

There were no comments.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of City Commission Minutes from May 3, 2021.

Approval of Appropriation Ordinance 04-21 in the amount of \$2,085,043.76.

Approval of Resolution No. 2924 – 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Liquor Permit.

Approval of Resolution No. 2926 – El Dorado Main Street Liquor Permit.

Approval of Cereal Malt Beverage License for El Dorado Community Partners at 206 North Griffith on November 12, 2021

Commissioner Nick Badwey moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**EXCESS SALES TAX PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS**

City Clerk Tabitha Sharp stated that the 2021 Excess Sales Tax Committee met to discuss the allocation of funds collected in 2020. She stated that a total of \$2,683,572 was collected and after ordinance items were removed, a total of \$334,812 is available to be allocated. She stated that the Chair of the committee, Wade Wilkinson, is present to discuss the items they are recommending.

Wade Wilkinson, Excess Sales Tax Committee Chair, reviewed the following projects.

<b>Proposed Projects</b>	<b>Amount</b>
McDonald Stadium Project Bank	\$50,000
Chelsea Bike Path	\$19,890
Central/East/Lake Bleachers	\$55,000
Band Shell Improvements	\$80,000
Paving South Side of Sunset Cemetery	\$92,439
Concession/Restroom Facility TBD	\$37,483
<b>TOTAL PROPOSED AMOUNT</b>	<b>\$334,812</b>

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson asked why the road at Sunset Cemetery needed to be paved.

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that the roads in the cemetery were in bad shape. He stated that they are not part of our regular street program and so staff requested funds from sales tax as they had done in the past.

City Clerk Tabitha Sharp stated that the previous road project in the cemetery was very well received by the citizens of El Dorado.

Mayor Bill Young stated that he felt there was a need to repair many of the recreation facilities. He stated that he thought it might be appropriate to begin dedicating more of the excess sales tax funds to those large projects. He stated that putting money towards these projects a little at a time was only putting off the project to a time where it might be even more expensive. He stated that he would like to have a discussion about utilizing the excess sales tax funds differently.

City Manager David Dillner stated that the challenge is that the sales tax is on a five-year cycle and dependent upon the approval of future ballot questions.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis stated that he gets e-mails about the restrooms at East Park after every softball game.

Mayor Young stated that he felt these funds could be leveraged differently. He stated that perhaps staff could get election results from the previous sales tax renewals.

Commissioner Nick Badwey confirmed that the excess sales tax committee was putting in half so that the college would put in half.

City Manager Dillner stated that the MOU with the college states that capital projects will be discussed amongst the two entities.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie confirmed that the reason the cemetery roads were in the plan is because there is not a funding mechanism for them.

City Engineer Rickard stated that he was correct.

Commissioner Badwey stated that he felt the roads at the cemetery were important because they are in bad shape and while they are not used a lot, they are used by many people several times a year.

Commissioner Guthrie stated he supported having a conversation, but he felt that the other projects that are currently supported by sales tax are also important.

Mayor Young stated that he didn't want to take all of the funds away from the other projects, but did not want to piece together funding for the larger projects. He stated that those larger projects could support events that will provide more excess sales tax funds.

Commissioner Guthrie asked Mr. Wilkinson what the committee would do if they were only presented a few projects each year.

Mr. Wilkinson stated that he felt that we could do some larger projects, but he felt that there were benefits with both approaches.

Mayor Young stated that he spoke specifically about McDonald Stadium and the softball fields because they had been discussed recently, but he felt that there were other projects in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan that could be completed quickly.

Commissioner Nick Badwey moved to accept the recommendation of the Excess Sales Tax Committee.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie seconded the motion.

Motion failed 2 – 3 (Mayor Bill Young, Commissioners Gregg Lewis and Kendra Wilkinson voted against).

**APPLICATION TO REZONE (C-1 TO C-2) AT 120 EAST 4<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE**

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that the Planning Commission received a request to rezone the property currently known as the Blue Goose. He stated that the applicant desires to expand their current property and aren't allowed under the current setbacks.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie asked what the purpose of the expansion is.

City Engineer Rickard stated that they would like to put in a kitchen.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis moved to approve Case No. 21-02-REZ, requesting a rezoning of 120 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue to C-2 Central Business District and that Ordinance No. G-1352 be approved.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote**

Position No. 2	Commissioner Gregg Lewis	Yes
Position No. 3	Commissioner Nick Badwey	Yes
Position No. 4	Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson	Yes
	Mayor Bill Young	Yes
Position No. 1	Commissioner Matt Guthrie	Yes

**BID OPENING PROJECT 571 – CIVIC CENTER PARKING MILL AND OVERLAY AND ADDITIONAL LOT CONSTRUCTION**

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that this was a previously authorized excess sales tax project. He stated that the engineer's estimate was \$162,294.50, which included new lighting. The new lighting was done by city staff and a local electrician. Bids were received for the mill and overlay, and APAC, KS was determined the lowest and best at \$110,609.42. He stated that the blue outline is an overlay of the existing parking and the yellow outline will provide additional parking and a better entrance for the ramp on the east side of the building.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis asked what was done with the old solar lights.

City Engineer Rickard stated that he was unsure, but the solar lights have been replaced with new electric lights.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie asked what would be done with the funding difference between the cost awarded to the project and what it actually was.

City Engineer Rickard stated that there is some work that needs to be done to the front of the building, staff are working on a proposal.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis moved that since APAC, KS has submitted the lowest and best bid of \$110,609.42 for Project No. 571, the City Manager be directed to award the contract to said contractor providing that the company furnish the proper bonds.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

**BID APPROVAL FOR PROJECT 582 – SOUTHWEST TRAFFICWAY MILL AND OVERLAY**

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that this project will be completed with the street rehabilitation funds provided by the sales tax funds. He stated that this section of the truck route is in need of rehabilitation and it will receive a two inch mill and overlay.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie stated that citizens in the area have asked about the turn from Kansas south on the trafficway.

City Engineer Rickard stated that he would look into it.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis asked if the County would do the other portion.

City Engineer Rickard stated that they will not be doing their portion. He stated that they have requested some funding for road projects and if they receive it, will possibly do some work with it later this year or next.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie moved that since APAC, KS has submitted the lowest and best bid of \$218,964.37 for Project No. 582, the City Manager be directed to award the contract to said contractor providing that the company furnish the proper bonds.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

**SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR ASSESSMENTS FOR PROJECT 533 – PAVING OIL HILL/ROCKY ROAD**

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that the project, which was part of the BG Products expansion, has been completed. He stated that final costs were \$558,131, the City-at-Large portion is \$173,020.61. He stated that staff are requesting a public hearing be set to spread the special assessments.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis moved to set the public hearing for 6:30 p.m. on June 7, 2021 to be held for the purpose of considering the proposed assessments of the cost of Project No. 533, and further direct individual mailings to each owner liable for the special assessments.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie seconded the motion.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie confirmed that there were two properties and that they were both in favor of the project.

City Engineer Rickard stated that they were.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

**SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR ASSESSMENTS FOR PROJECT 542 – PAVING DOUGLAS ROAD**

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that the paving project for Douglas Road is complete. He stated that the improvement district costs came in lower than what was estimated at the beginning of the project, they will receive letters with the new amounts after this meeting. He stated that city costs were more than originally anticipated due to the addition of a sidewalk in the project.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie moved that Resolution No.2925 a resolution amending resolution no. 2872; determining the advisability of the making of certain internal improvements for the City of El Dorado, Kansas; making certain findings with respect thereto; and authorizing and providing for the making of the improvements in accordance with such findings (paving improvements/paving Douglas Rd - project 542).

Commissioner Gregg Lewis seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie moved to set the public hearing for 6:30 p.m. on June 7, 2021 to be held for the purpose of considering the proposed assessments of the cost of Project No. 542, and further direct individual mailings to each owner liable for the special assessments.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

**REPORTS**

**CITY COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES**

Commissioner Nick Badwey stated that the library board met and have relaxed the mask requirements in the library. He stated that the Library Director has turned in her notice effective June 18<sup>th</sup> and the board will be meeting next week to begin the search for a new director.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis stated that the new assistant director for El Dorado Inc., Sarah Hoefgen, has started full time.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie stated that the CTC met and will be providing announcements regarding the line-up of bands for the 150<sup>th</sup> soon.

Commissioner Guthrie congratulated all of the students on their graduations.

Commissioner Guthrie asked if the cold weather shelter has submitted anything regarding their opening later this year.

City Manager Dillner stated that we have not received anything.

Commissioner Badwey asked if that required an SUP or a zoning change.

City Engineer Rickard stated that it would require a zoning change.

Mayor Bill Young stated that his understanding was also that they needed to return to the Planning Commission with a new request.

Mayor Young stated that the EFABC met last week. He stated that the work to repair the flood damage should be done within the next week. He stated that conversations are continuing

on events and new sources of revenue. He stated that he felt the group is working to address the concerns of the city.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson stated that the conversation around edits to the fee schedule provide more opportunity for events to return to the stadium.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager David Dillner stated that there was a failure with the traffic signal at Central and Boyer. He stated that staff are working to repair the problem, but the intersection needs an upgrade. He stated that staff would like to ask for an approval for the purchase of the new equipment in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the replacement of the signals.

Commissioner Nick Badwey moved to approve an expenditure not to exceed \$50,000 for the purpose of replacing the signals at this intersection.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie seconded

Motion carried 5 – 0.

City Manager David Dillner stated that there is a packet included in the Commission agenda, the purpose of the Economic Development incentives packet is to educate the public on what is available.

City Manager Dillner stated that the property at District 142 has been approved for another CDBG project in the amount of \$250,000 for the purpose of replacing windows and placing an elevator in the building.

City Manager Dillner stated that the pool and splash parks will open on Memorial Day weekend. He stated that tennis sign-ups for the youth clinics are available at City Hall.

City Manager Dillner stated that vandalism is on the rise in the parks. He encouraged citizens to say something if they see anything happening.

City Manager Dillner stated that there is a crack sealing project on Country Club Road.

City Manager Dillner stated that the 2021 click it or ticket campaign begins on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

City Manager Dillner stated that the city has received a \$13,000 grant for the airport from the coronavirus funds.

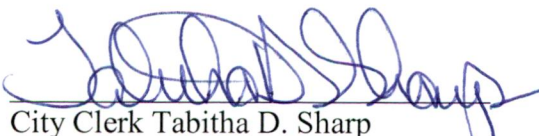
City Manager Dillner stated that the EHS art class has painted a mural honoring the City's 150<sup>th</sup>. He stated that the project is part of the Powell City Pride fund through the PIE organization.

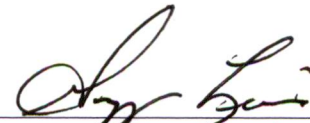
**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Nick Badwey moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

  
City Clerk Tabitha D. Sharp

  
Vice Mayor Gregg Lewis