

The El Dorado City Commission met in a regular session on March 1, 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
Belinda & James Crenshaw	3337 SE Sage	El Dorado, KS
Sara Grove	1509 Country Club	El Dorado, KS
Michael Cartmell	622 N Topkea	El Dorado, KS
Emily Connell	El Dorado Main Street	El Dorado, KS
Linda Jolly	El Dorado Inc.	El Dorado, KS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bill Young called the March 1, 2021 meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Father John Lanzrath, St John Catholic Church, opened the meeting with an invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Commission led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITION

Mayor Bill Young read the proclamation recognizing Severe Weather Awareness Week.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Bill Young opened the floor for public comments.

There were no comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of City Commission Minutes from February 1, 2021 and Special City Commission Minutes from January 27, 2021 and February 10, 2021.

Approval of Appropriation Ordinance No. 01-21 in the amount of \$1,545,090.24.

Approval of the appointment of Frank Hughes to the Planning Commission.

Approval of a one-year lease for a John Deere Skid-Steer in the amount of \$6,885.

Approval of a one-year lease for a John Deere Excavation with thumb and hammer attachments in the amount of \$7,845.

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

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

MASK MANDATE CONTINUATION

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Gayle Crenshaw, 3337 SE Sage, stated that she was present this evening to request that the Commission discontinue the mask mandate. She stated that she believed that citizens should be able to choose for themselves whether or not they would like to wear a mask.

Sarah Grover, 1509 Country Club Road, asked the Commission to vote against the mask mandate. She felt that the numbers were not indicative of a mask mandate.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson stated that she understands that the numbers have decreased, but will vote in favor of the mask mandate one more time because of concerns in the Health Department about the new strains in Wichita. She stated that she would like to extend it one more time through May 1st.

Mayor Bill Young stated that he felt the comments from the two individuals were indicative of the others he had heard in the community. He stated that he felt the mask mandate was placing an undue burden on the citizens. He stated that he will vote no to extending the mandate. He asked what the end goal for continuing the ordinance was, he didn't believe we could get to zero cases in that time.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie stated that a significant percentage of the cases are still in El Dorado. He stated that he was concerned about the individuals who have not been able to get the vaccination. He stated that he was for the mandate for one more round, he felt that in phase three he will be more comfortable eliminating it.

Commissioner Nick Badwey stated that he had a tough time voting for it again when it wasn't being properly enforced.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis stated that he felt a mask was necessary

Michael Cartmel, 622 N Topeka, asked how many people have been cited.

Mayor Young stated that no one had.

Commissioner Wilkinson stated that while no one had been cited, the police had held conversations with several individuals and businesses and there was compliance after the conversation.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson moved to approve Ordinance No. G-1346, an Ordinance continuing the requirement for the wearing of masks or other face coverings in public spaces in El Dorado, Kansas.

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	No
Position No. 1	Commissioner Matt Guthrie	Yes

DEPARTMENT PRESENTATIONS

City Clerk Tabitha Sharp presented information on the Administration Department.

EL DORADO INC. WORK PLAN

City Manager David Dillner stated that staff have worked with El Dorado Inc. to provide a work plan for the coming year. He reviewed some of the items included in the plan.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie moved to approve the work plan as presented.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

**KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (KDOT) AGREEMENT –
RESURFACING PROJECT ON CENTRAL (TAYLOR AVE TO GRIFFITH ST)**

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that the City was fortunate to receive a 90/10 grant from KDOT for repairs to Central from Taylor to Griffith. He stated that this agreement will allow us to move forward with the bid process for this summer.

Mayor Bill Young confirmed that the funds would be from the annual street sales tax dollars.

City Engineer Rickard stated that he was correct. He stated that we haven't received a KLINK funded project in a few years because they were funding projects in smaller communities, but it is exciting to get some funding back in El Dorado. He stated that he and the City Manager will be discussing ideas for the next round of funding later this week.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis asked if this was a KLINK project.

City Engineer Rickard stated it is, a State Connecting Links project. He stated that the funds we receive from the State do not cover the work we are required to do on the nearly 34 lane miles of Highway within the City of El Dorado.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis moved to authorize the Mayor to execute for and on behalf of the City of El Dorado, Agreement 49-21 between the City and the Kansas Department of Transportation.

Commissioner Nick Badwey seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

EXCESS SALES TAX GRANT AGREEMENT WITH WADE WILKINSON

City Manager David Dillner stated that the Commission approved a grant from excess sales tax for an 18-hole miniature golf course. He stated that a site plan was submitted for a 16-hole course this year and so the Commission must decide if they are going to move forward with the whole amount previously granted or reduce that amount based on the reduced number of holes.

Commissioner Nick Badwey stated that he didn't think he could get two more holes in because of drainage issues.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie stated that in the letter from Mr. Wilkinson he said 18 holes, but he felt that the new design offered more. He stated that he was okay with the change.

Mayor Bill Young stated that he would be in favor of reducing the number of holes and leaving the grant agreement the same.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis agreed that they should leave the dollar amount the same.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie moved to authorize the City Manager to amend a grant agreement with Mr. Wade Wilkinson concerning a modified scope to sixteen holes for an excess sales tax project for a miniature golf course.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

STRATEGIC PLAN

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City Manager David Dillner stated that after soliciting input from the public and staff, the attached strategic plan was developed. He stated that staff will return with periodic reports on how they are proceeding with the plan.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson moved to approve the 2021 Strategic Plan as presented by the City Manager.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

BUSINESS PARK LOT SALE

City Manager David Dillner stated that there has been an offer made on the Business Park lots G, H, I, J and Q for \$100,000. He stated that the road that is currently platted would dead end at the north end of the property after the area is re-platted and egress would instead be off of Towanda Avenue.

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that re-platting the area will allow us to loop the road around to Walnut Valley so that there is still an exit for other vehicles.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis asked how trucks would access the property.

City Engineer Rickard stated that staff have talked to the County Engineer and he has stated that they could discuss removing the restriction for trucks off of Highway 96 and Purity Springs so that they can access that area.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie asked what would be on the property.

City Engineer Rickard stated that it will be light industrial.

Commissioner Nick Badwey moved to authorize the City Manager to negotiate the sale of certain property within the El Dorado Business Park, as presented, for economic development purposes.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

REPORTS

CITY COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES

Commissioner Matt Guthrie stated that the CTC has met twice in the last month. He stated that they have been discussing the plans for the 150th Anniversary.

Commissioner Guthrie stated that the State met with him and the City Manager regarding the lake development plans. He stated that they have agreed to move forward with an RFP.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis stated that the K254 meeting was held and they plan to make some changes to some areas of 254 around Webb and in El Dorado at the interchange.

Commissioner Nick Badwey asked if there was an update on the stadium.

City Manager David Dillner stated that they hope to have an estimate at the end of the week. He stated that they will be moving forward with Simpson Construction.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson stated that the Parks and Recreation Board met and heard a proposal to work on recreation programming from the YMCA. He stated that the recreation board tabled the discussion until their March meeting. She stated that the step challenge from the Recreation Department is out for the public. She stated that they are also working on a talent show, kite day, and Pitch Hit and Run. She stated that the equipment at

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Riverview Park is done and they are awaiting work on the shore line before replacing it. She stated that they need part-time employees for the summer.

Mayor Bill Young stated that there are some concerns in El Dorado regarding unpermitted work at some of the hotels/motels in town.

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that about two years ago, the Fire Department Inspectors notified the building department about some work at the Holiday Inn. He stated that they met with the Building Official and he explained the process and he felt that they had met code. He stated that if there are other instances and they could provide them, the Building Official would look into it.

Mayor Young asked if there is recourse for the City for businesses who do not pull a building permit.

City Engineer Rickard stated that there was.

City Manager Dillner stated that staff will return with more information for the City Commission on this topic.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager David Dillner stated that tomorrow at 10 a.m. is the Statewide Tornado Drill. They will also trigger the weather alert radios.

City Manager Dillner stated that the price of trash bags will increase on March 15th for trash bags to \$7 in order to cover an increase to the wholesale cost.

City Manager Dillner stated that he will be hosting three things to know about the City on our Facebook page on Friday afternoon.

City Manager Dillner stated that road work on South Main will begin this week, he stated that traffic would be down to one lane while the utility company completes its work.

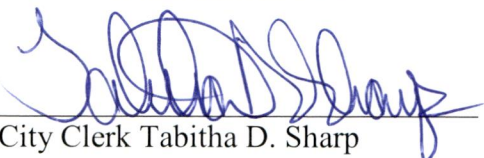
City Manager Dillner stated that seasonal jobs are available in the Parks and Recreation department, applications can be found on our website. He stated that there are also job openings available in the Public Works and Police Department as well as the Destination Services and Public Utilities Director positions.

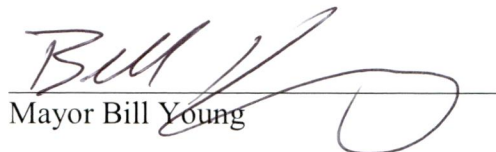
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Nick Badwey moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.


City Clerk Tabitha D. Sharp


Mayor Bill Young