

EL DORADO CITY COMMISSION MEETING

August 16, 2021

The El Dorado City Commission met in a regular session on August 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Room with the following present: Vice Mayor Gregg Lewis, Commissioner Matt Guthrie, Commissioner Nick Badwey, Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson, City Manager David Dillner, City Engineer Scott Rickard and City Clerk Tabitha Sharp. Absent: Mayor Bill Young and City Attorney Ashlyn Lindskog.

VISITORS

Curt Zieman	128 N Vine	El Dorado, KS
Syndee Scribner	826 W 4 th	El Dorado, KS
David Crook	First Southern Baptist	El Dorado, KS
Alyssa Warner	220 E 1 st	El Dorado, KS

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Gregg Lewis called the August 16, 2021 meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Mark Somerville, Family Worship Center, opened the meeting with an invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Commission led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Pastor David Crook, First Southern Baptist Church, invited the city to the Big Tent Rally, 6:30 p.m. nightly, September 12-18, 2021.

Vice Mayor Gregg Lewis asked if he needed a special event permit.

Staff stated that it will need an application.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice Mayor Gregg Lewis opened the floor for public comments.

There were no comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of City Commission Minutes from August 2, 2021 and Special City Commission Minutes from July 28, 2021.

Approval of Appropriation Ordinance 07-21 in the amount of \$1,483,868.04.

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

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND FINANCING OF FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT

City Manager David Dillner stated that the proposed resolution will provide for the purchase of a new fire engine. He stated that due to the expense of a fire truck, they are not included in the City's equipment replacement plan. He stated that we could do a lease-purchase

with the bank or finance it through a bond. He stated that the interest rate on a lease would be higher than the anticipated rate on the upcoming bond. He stated that if included in the bond, the bond and interest fund will absorb the payment and we will not need to increase the mill levy.

City Manager Dillner stated that if approved, we will replace Engine 9 which will be placed into reserve status. He stated that the current reserve engine will then be sold.

City Manager Dillner stated that in order to include it in the bond, we must first receive authorization to purchase the equipment. He stated that this resolution will begin a sixty-day protest period after which we can move forward with the bond.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie asked if there were any other fire trucks purchased through bonds.

City Manager Dillner stated that there were not right now. He stated that we are considering a hazmat vehicle with the County, but we are exploring options for payment on that piece of equipment.

Commissioner Nick Badwey moved to approve Resolution No. 2830, a resolution declaring it necessary to acquire firefighting equipment for use by the Fire Department of the City of El Dorado, Kansas, and to issue General Obligation Bonds of said City to pay the costs thereof; and providing for the giving of Notice of Intention to acquire said equipment and to issue said General Obligation Bonds therefor.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4 – 0.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SCHEDULING OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON OCTOBER 4, 2021 AT 6:30 PM FOR THE PURPOSE OF ABATING OR REMOVING DANGEROUS STRUCTURES

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that as discussed at the previous work session, there are six homes we would like to set a public hearing for the purpose of demolition. He stated that they are 624 N Atchison, 626 W Carr, 513 W 5th, 519 W 5th, 814 N Railroad, and 320 W Towanda. He stated that all interested parties will be notified of the public hearing via mail. He stated that if we have to remove the property, the owner will be assessed the cost of removal.

Commissioner Nick Badwey asked about the visits by the police department to the property on Railroad.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie stated that they received an e-mail from a citizen today stating that there are many issues including trespassing, drug use and other problems.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson moved to approve Resolution No.2831 a resolution authorizing the scheduling of a public hearing on October 4, 2021 at 6:30 for the purpose of abating or removing the dangerous structures at 624 N Atchison, 626 W Carr, 513 W 5th, 519 W 5th, 814 N Railroad, and 320 W Towanda.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4 – 0.

REPORTS

CITY COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson stated that there was an EFABC meeting last Wednesday. She stated that they considered a fee schedule for use of the facility by smaller groups. She stated that they will continue the discussion for larger groups at the next meeting.

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Commissioner Nick Badwey asked if there was an estimate on replacing the air conditioning units.

City Manager David Dillner stated that they are still collecting estimates.

Vice-Mayor Gregg Lewis stated that Evergy can give a report on lightning strikes to determine if that was the issue.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie stated that the Experience El Dorado committee met today. He stated that they discussed upcoming events including the jet ski competition and 150Fest. He stated that this weekend there is a downtown carnival and the Miss El Dorado pageant. He stated that the schedule of events is posted on the website for the 150th. He stated that bed tax receipts were up for the 2nd quarter.

Commissioner Guthrie stated that he was concerned about the house on Railroad. He asked if we should get the attorney involved to make sure we do everything that is required.

Commissioner Guthrie stated that there is something in the creek down by Riverside. He also stated that he would like the city to take a look at the ditches in the area up in Riverside.

City Manager Dillner stated that on unimproved roads, there is no stormwater system, and in order to improve those, we need a petition from the neighborhood.

Commissioner Guthrie stated that he thought we had done the work in other areas and so we needed to consider it there.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager David Dillner stated that we have had some issues with traffic signals. He stated that anyone experiencing issues should contact the City so we can go check them out.

City Manager Dillner stated that the playground equipment will be installed at Riverview next week.

City Manager Dillner stated that according to the new Census population estimates, El Dorado has decreased in size by 1.2%.

City Manager Dillner reminded the Commission that the Revenue Neutral Hearing and Budget Hearing will be on Tuesday, September 7th at 6:30 p.m.

City Manager Dillner introduced Alyssa Warner, the new Finance Director.

City Manager Dillner encouraged residents to participate in the 150th events.

City Manager Dillner encouraged residents to vote for their favorite photo in the Experience El Dorado photo contest.

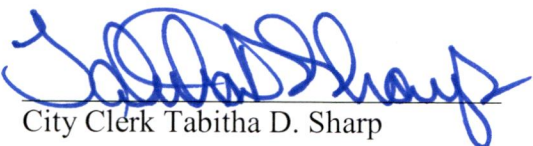
City Manager Dillner stated that the library's book sale is August 25th thru the 28th.

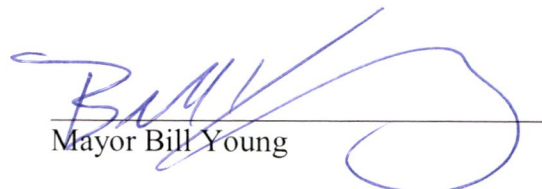
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Nick Badwey moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4 – 0.


City Clerk Tabitha D. Sharp


Mayor Bill Young