

The El Dorado City Commission met in a regular session on September 20, 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, Finance Director Alyssa Warner, City Engineer Scott Rickard and City Clerk Tabitha Sharp. Absent: City Attorney Ashlyn Lindskog.

VISITORS

Curt Zieman	128 N Vine	El Dorado, KS
Syndee Scribner	826 W 4 th	El Dorado, KS
Jason Patty	220 E 1 st Ave	El Dorado, KS
Leon Leachman	El Dorado Main Street	El Dorado, KS
Phil Benedict	El Dorado Chamber of Commerce	El Dorado, KS
Emily Connell	El Dorado Main Street	El Dorado, KS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bill Young called the September 20, 2021 meeting to order.

INVOCATION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Commission led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Bill Young opened the floor for public comments.

There were no comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of City Commission Minutes from September 7, 2021 and Special City Commission Minutes from August 11, 2021.

Approval of a cleaning contract beginning October 1, 2021.

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

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4 – 0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2022 BUDGET HEARING AND ADOPTION

City Manager David Dillner gave a brief presentation on the budget process and the proposed budget for 2022. He stated that staff have presented the Commission with a budget that includes the increase in the mill levy of 1.8 mills in order to fund the two additional positions in Parks and Recreation. He stated that the total budget authority being requested for all funds is \$33,549,287 which includes fund balances which are not planned to be spent.

Mayor Bill Young opened the public hearing.

There were no comments.

Mayor Young closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson moved to approve Ordinance No. S-1332, an ordinance attesting to an increase in tax revenues for budget year 2022 for the City of El Dorado, Kansas.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES GRANT

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that as was discussed at the work session last week, the City had previously been awarded a grant to extend the bike path, but we have been unable to receive approval from BNSF. He stated that staff are requesting to withdraw the application and resubmit in the future.

Commissioner Nick Badwey moved to withdraw the current request from the Transportation Alternatives grant and resubmit the application for a different location.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie seconded the motion.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie asked what the timeline would be for the future application.

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that staff will get together to determine the best alternative and bring it back to the Commission when the grant cycle opens again in the spring of 2022.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

EMPLOYEE BONUS PROGRAM

City Manager David Dillner stated that as previously discussed in a work session, staff have worked above and beyond normal service delivery expectations over the last year. He stated that their dedicated service has kept public services operating while being exposed to the virus because we are unable to perform the majority of our tasks from home. He stated that staff are recommending a bonus for each employee for a total of up to \$300,000 to be paid from the General Fund balance.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis moved to accept the recommendation of staff and approve up to \$300,000 towards an employee bonus program.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie seconded the motion.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie clarified that these funds come from the American Rescue Plan.

City Manager Dillner stated that they would come from the lost revenue being put back into the General Fund using the American Rescue Plan funds.

Commissioner Guthrie stated that he felt that this was one of the best uses of these funds after all that our staff have been through over the last year and a half.

Mayor Bill Young agreed, he stated that we wouldn't be in the position we were today without the work of staff and as this is one of the allowed purposes of that money, he felt it was a good use of the funds as well.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

REPORTS

CITY COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson thanked staff and the citizens for a great time on the 150th.

Commissioner Nick Badwey stated that the library board met last week and have officially appointed Mica Hunter as the new library director. He stated that Friends of the Library had their book sale and it was very successful. He stated that the stained glass windows that were taken down before the remodel have been re-hung and they look great.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie stated that he would like to echo Commissioner Wilkinson's comments on the 150th, he stated that he had a great time.

Commissioner Guthrie stated that he was approached by a citizen regarding the pit bull ordinance asking if we could take the extra portions of that ordinance out of the law. He asked if staff could look at it and bring it back to the Commission.

Commissioner Guthrie stated that he went to the tent rally last Sunday and stated that it was a great event.

Mayor Bill Young stated that the he received a lot of comments about the tent rally and how great it was.

Mayor Young stated that he is appreciative of the work that staff did for the 150th, he stated that it was awesome and he looks forward to the next event.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

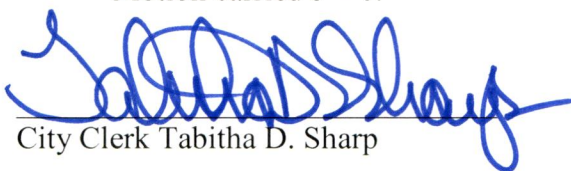
City Manager David Dillner stated that we have been asked many times about if we plan to do 150FEST again. He stated that staff are meeting this week to plan another event next year. He stated that we will return with that information at a later date.

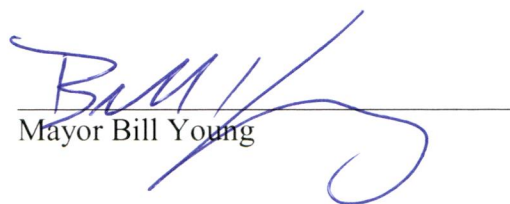
ADJOURNMENT

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


Mayor Bill Young