

EL DORADO CITY SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING

December 15, 2021

The El Dorado City Commission met in special session on December 15, 2021 at 5:00 pm at 220 E 1st Avenue with the following present: Mayor Bill Young, Commissioner Kelly Tetrick, Commissioner Gregg Lewis, Commissioner Leon Leachman, 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
Kevin Wishart	220 E 1 st Ave	El Dorado, KS
Jason Patty	220 E 1 st Ave	El Dorado, KS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bill Young called the December 15, 2021 Special City Commission meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

WORK SESSION DISCUSSION ITEMS

COMMISSION ORIENTATION

City Manager David Dillner provide the Commission with an orientation and gave them items to review before the next meeting. He asked them to consider what they might want to adopt as Strategic Priorities for the next year.

Mayor Bill Young stated that he would like to list housing development and an update to the comprehensive plan.

Commissioner Leon Leachman stated that he would like to talk about the homeless problem, creative ways to generate lake revenue and the swimming pool.

Commissioner Kelly Tetrick stated that he would like to include approaches to lake debt.

EL DORADO HOTEL INCENTIVE DISCUSSION

City Manager David Dillner stated that the City had been contacted regarding a new development east of El Dorado. He stated that they had requested that the City pay for a sewer extension, but the City's policy is that we pay for water and some street items, but sewer is paid for by the developer. He stated that there would be no benefit to any other property with this project. He stated that in order to allow this, the City Commission would need to change the infrastructure policy.

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that staff have attempted to reach out to him, but we have not heard back from him.

The City Commission stated that they were not willing to adjust the policy at this time.

9TH AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Mayor Bill Young stated that he had asked staff to put this on the agenda. He stated that due to the cost of this project, he wanted to know if there was an alternative way to do the project so that the funds for this project could be spent elsewhere.

City Manager David Dillner stated that very recently, staff were able to get in touch with the railroad and after they came out and looked at the project, they have verbally agreed to pay \$300,000.

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that the total cost of the project is about \$1.2 million, the benefit district responsibility is about \$500,000 and the City-at-large is \$150,000. He stated that there are some things unique to the project that have added about \$200,000 to the City cost.

He stated that with the railroad agreeing to pay \$300,000 on the project the City-at-large portion will be reduced to \$400,000.

The City Commission agreed to move forward with the project as planned.

LAKE RECREATION MASTER PLAN

Mayor Bill Young stated that he was concerned about spending so much money on a master plan for the lake when it doesn't benefit the tax base of El Dorado. He stated that with the regulations put in place by the State of Kansas, much of the development that we would be interested in is not possible. He asked if the rest of the Commission wanted to continue with the project.

The City Commission agreed that they could come up with other ways to work with the lake without spending these funds.

REGULAR AGENDA PREVIEW

The City Commission reviewed the items to be placed on a future agenda.

COMMISSION REPORTS

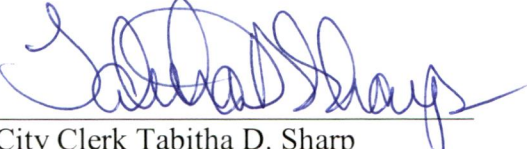
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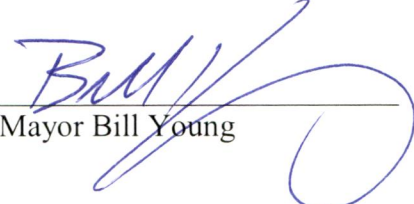
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Commissioner Leon Leachman seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.


City Clerk Tabitha D. Sharp


Mayor Bill Young