

The El Dorado City Commission met in special session on February 16, 2022 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
Mike Holton	128 N Vine	El Dorado, KS
Jason Patty	220 E 1 st Ave	El Dorado, KS
Vince Haines	El Dorado Inc.	El Dorado, KS
Phil Benedict	Chamber of Commerce	El Dorado, KS
Javan Gonzalez	220 E 1 st Ave	El Dorado, KS
Emily Connell	El Dorado Main Street	El Dorado, KS
Tiya Tonn	Butler County History Museum	El Dorado, KS
Sarah Hoefgen	El Dorado Inc.	El Dorado, KS
Steve Waite	El Dorado Main Street	El Dorado, KS
Jeff Christensen	El Dorado Main Street	El Dorado, KS
Linda Jolly	El Dorado Inc.	El Dorado, KS
Kim Krull	Butler Community College	El Dorado, KS
Kelly North	El Dorado Main Street	El Dorado, KS
Shannon Beal	Chamber of Commerce	El Dorado, KS
Joe Goedert	El Dorado Inc.	El Dorado, KS
Glen Buckholz	El Dorado Inc.	El Dorado, KS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bill Young called the February 16, 2021 Special City Commission meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

WORK SESSION DISCUSSION ITEMS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OVERVIEW

Phil Benedict, Chamber of Commerce Director, presented information on the Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis asked if the mock interview process was available for adults.

Mr. Benedict stated that it was available in the afternoon.

Sarah Hoefgen, El Dorado Inc. Director, presented information on the activities of El Dorado Inc.

Jeff Christensen, El Dorado Main Street President, gave a review of Main Street activities.

Mayor Bill Young asked what the timeline was for the Master Plan.

Mr. Christensen stated that it was going to the executive committee next week and hope to have it to the City Manager by March 1st.

Javan Gonzalez, Destination Services Coordinator, presented the Commission with an overview of the Experience El Dorado division.

Mayor Young asked when the community meeting on the festival would be.

Mr. Gonzalez stated that it would be on Tuesday, February 22nd at 5:30 p.m. here in the Commission room.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis stated that he felt with all of the promotion of the City of El Dorado, we may want to revisit the water canning process to help market the water.

DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND INCENTIVES

City Engineer Scott Rickard discussed ways that the Engineering Department works closely with all of the partners to identify projects that the City can assist with.

Commissioner Leon Leachman asked how the railroad was involved.

City Engineer Rickard stated that they have worked with them on several projects over the years and numerous potential opportunities.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis stated that the potential prospects look at the Commission before they come in and so it is better if they are working together well.

City Manager David Dillner stated that he was correct, the potential businesses look at all aspects of a community before they come in.

BASE (BUILDING A STRONGER ECONOMY) GRANT APPLICATION PROJECTS

City Manager David Dillner stated that the State of Kansas has allocated \$100 million of the funding they got from the Federal Government to projects that help promote and build the economy. He stated that they will fund up to 75% of the approved projects. He stated that we can submit up to three projects and so staff would like direction from the Commission so that we can turn in the application by the end of the month.

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that staff looked at shovel-ready projects. He stated that the first project would be the expansion of the Water Treatment Plant. He stated that as flow increases, we have noticed deficiencies that we will need to address. He stated that expanding the plant would allow for additional water sales up to three million gallons per day.

Jason Patty, Public Utilities Director, stated that this project would allow us more capacity for circulation which will help the deficiencies we have been experiencing.

City Engineer Rickard stated that the second project can be in tandem, or alone, but he recommended that it accompany any water treatment plant expansion. He stated that staff are proposing a new sixteen inch water main on Central from Griffith to Denver. He stated that the lines downtown are all part of the oldest infrastructure in the City and there is somewhat of a bottleneck there because of the different sized lines.

City Engineer Rickard stated that the third project would be to expand sewer interceptors. He stated that they would upsize the existing sewer lines on the west side of town up to Central. He stated that this project would be \$3.5 million.

City Manager Dillner stated that the third project will likely have to be done regardless of the grant in the very near future.

Mayor Young asked how staff wanted to proceed.

City Manager Dillner stated that they would like to submit the first two together, because while the State has indicated that they are interested in large projects, we don't want the project thrown out because it is too large. He stated that as another option, we have submitted the sewer line project to the SPARK grant.

The City Commission agreed to submit an application for all three together, one for the water plant and the water transmission line together, and one for the sewer project.

REGULAR AGENDA PREVIEW

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

COMMISSION REPORTS

There were no reports.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

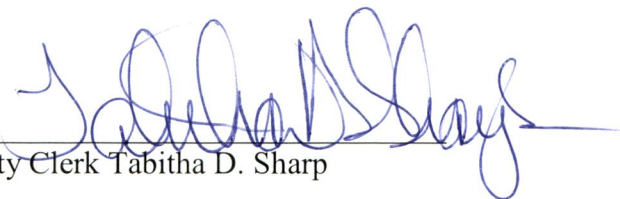
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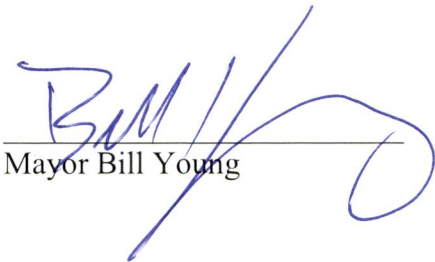
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Commissioner Kelly Tetrick seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.


City Clerk Tabitha D. Sharp


Mayor Bill Young