

The El Dorado City Commission met in a regular session on March 7, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Room 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**

|                |                           |               |
|----------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| Mike Holton    | 220 E 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave | El Dorado, KS |
| Curt Zieman    | 220 E 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave | El Dorado, KS |
| Phil Benedict  | Chamber of Commerce       | El Dorado, KS |
| Jim Wishart    | KS ESGR                   |               |
| Haley Remsberg | 220 E 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave | El Dorado, KS |
| Jeff Murphy    | 220 E 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave | El Dorado, KS |
| Travis Pierce  | 220 E 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave | El Dorado, KS |
| Mike Holton    | 220 E 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave | El Dorado, KS |
| Scott Roberts  | 220 E 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave | El Dorado, KS |
| Julie Clements | 220 E 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave | El Dorado, KS |
| Brett Sanchez  | 220 E 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave | El Dorado, KS |
| Wade Wilkinson | 1100 S Denver             | El Dorado, KS |

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bill Young called the March 7, 2022 meeting to order.

**INVOCATION**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The City Commission led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Mayor Bill Young read a proclamation declaring March 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, Severe Weather Awareness Week in El Dorado.

Jim Wishart, Kansas Committee for Employer Sponsored Reserve, presented Police Chief Curt Zieman with the Patriot Award for his support of employees in the Reserve Forces.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Bill Young opened the floor for public comments.

Wade Wilkinson, 1100 S Denver, asked the Commission to re-visit a regulation they adopted regarding the size of house allowed on infill lots.

City Engineer Scott Rickard clarified if he was referring to the one that sets a ratio of the homes on the block to determine what size home is allowed on the lot.

Mr. Wilkinson stated that he was correct.

City Engineer Rickard stated that this gave us the most flexibility to determine the size of homes.

The City Commission requested that information on the Ordinance be given to them at an upcoming work session.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of the City Commission minutes from February 21, 2022 City Commission Work Session Minutes from February 16, 2022.

Approval of the appointment of Steve Fellers and Mel Arnold to the Excess Sales Tax Committee for a term ending December 31, 2022.

Commissioner Leon Leachman moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MYERS EAST 2<sup>ND</sup> ADDITION RE-PLAT**

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that we have received a request to re-plat Myers East 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition. He stated that staff are requesting that the Commission accept the easement and right-of-way dedications in the new plat.

Commissioner Kelly Tetrick moved to accept the right-of-way and easement dedications in the Myers East 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition Final Plat.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis seconded the motion.

Mayor Bill Young stated that he has received questions regarding the size of home being built there.

City Engineer Rickard stated that they are open lots. Interested buyers can contact the Engineering Department and they will pass their information to the developer. He stated that he anticipated them being ready to build on by this summer.

Commissioner Leon Leachman asked if there would be minimum sizes for the houses.

City Engineer Rickard stated that he did not know if the developer had drafted any covenants yet.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS**

City Manager David Dillner stated that the City will receive approximately \$1.9 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds. He stated that staff are requesting that the Commission designate these funds as lost revenue, which will give us more flexibility than if we stay within the five categories of eligible projects.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson moved to designate the City's ARPA allocation as "reduced revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency," as provided in the Final Rule concerning Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds promulgated by the Department of Treasury with an effective date of April 1, 2022.

Commissioner Leon Leachman seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

**FIRST RESPONDER RADIOS**

City Manager David Dillner stated that the first item we would like to spend the funding designated as lost revenue on replacing first responder radios. He stated that we will also be using funds from the Bond passed in November of 2021 for six radios.



Commissioner Gregg Lewis moved to authorize the use of up to \$145,000 for the purchase of handheld radios for the Police and Fire Departments.

Commissioner Kelly Tetrick seconded the motion.

Mayor Bill Young asked what the life expectancy is of these radios.

Police Chief Curt Zieman stated it was about ten years.

Mayor Young asked if we should purchase more now to outfit all of the first responders.

Police Chief Zieman stated that we have already received 13 new radios from the County's most recent purchase. He stated that we will keep what we have now in reserve just in case something breaks.

Mayor Young confirmed that the two departments will be fully outfitted.

City Manager Dillner stated that these are only for handheld radios, the car radios are separate and will be purchased as necessary.

Commissioner Kelly Tetrick asked if this would cover all positions, including the current vacancies.

Police Chief Zieman stated that it would.

## **REPORTS**

### **CITY COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES**

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson stated that she attended the Main Street meeting and they have a new fundraiser coming up called the home garden tour. She stated that the Shopper's Guide would be providing a new page for Main Street businesses and activities only. She stated that there will be some movement downtown, Trunk 2 Treasures will move to the old Wells Designs building and Kelly's will be expanding into their old space. She stated that there is also a new business going into the Dutton's Kutton's building. She stated that they are working on filling the empty spaces downtown.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis stated that Wichita Food and Booze page recently highlighted Club Vaudeville.

Commissioner Lewis commended the Fire and Police Departments working several fire issues over the last few days.

Mayor Bill Young stated that the First Responders have been very busy and he was glad the radios were on the agenda tonight and they could make sure our staff understand that they desire to give them the right tools to do their jobs.

Mayor Young thanked Chief Zieman for his work and said that the award he received tonight was well deserved.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager David Dillner reminded citizens that tomorrow was the statewide tornado drill at 10:30 a.m. He reiterated that the sirens are outdoor warning sirens, citizens should make sure they have a proper alert system available.

City Manager Dillner stated that KDOT will begin work on the North Main Bridge on April 4<sup>th</sup> and it will be reduced to two lanes during this time. He stated that driveways from 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> will be impacted during this time as well.

## EL DORADO CITY COMMISSION MEETING

March 7, 2022

City Manager Dillner stated that last month, the City received the highest amount of sales tax on record for one month. He stated that we are currently about 18% above where we were last year.

City Manager Dillner stated that the KDOT 254 study has been approved. He stated that they will plan for safety improvements as well as better traffic flow.

City Manager Dillner stated that Evergy has provided the City with the locations of the transformer pads for the downtown underground electric project. He stated that the locations will be where the trash pads are and so those will have to move. He stated that staff anticipate that the downtown areas will lose approximately 20-30 parking spaces.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis asked how truck traffic would be accommodated during the North Main construction.

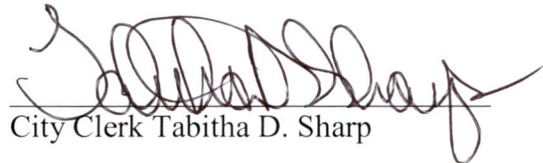
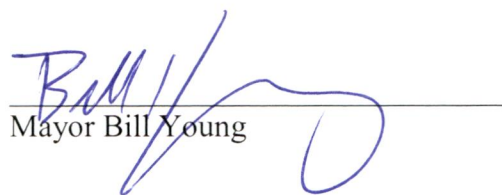
City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that there will be no right turn on red from Vine to North Main, the left turn onto Vine will be congested a little because of the two lanes. He pointed out that this is 40 working days, so Monday through Friday in good weather could be closer to two months.

### ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Leon Leachman moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Commissioner Kelly Tetrick seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

  
City Clerk Tabitha D. Sharp  
Mayor Bill Young