

The El Dorado City Commission met in special session on March 30, 2022 at 5:00 pm at 220 E 1st Avenue with the following present: Mayor Bill Young, Commissioner Kelly Tetrick, Commissioner Leon Leachman, Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson, City Manager David Dillner, City Attorney Ashlyn Lindskog, City Engineer Scott Rickard and City Clerk Tabitha Sharp. Absent: Commissioner Gregg Lewis

VISITORS

Jason Patty	220 E 1 st Ave	El Dorado, KS
Mike Holton	128 N Vine	El Dorado, KS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bill Young called the March 30, 2021 Special City Commission meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

WORK SESSION DISCUSSION ITEMS

OVERVIEW OF POLICE DEPARTMENT REORGANIZATION

Police Chief Mike Holton stated that after taking his position as Police Chief, he has moved his previous Lieutenant position into the Detective division as a detective. He stated that there are now five detectives and his goal is to move toward 8 total detectives within five years.

Police Chief Holton stated that the El Dorado Police Department answered 14,000 calls last year which is more than any other agency, including the Sherriff’s department. He stated that by increasing the detective staff, he believed that we would be able to interact more with victims and the community.

MUNICIPAL COURT OPERATIONS OVERVIEW

City Attorney Ashlyn Lindskog reviewed the operations of the Municipal Court.

REGULAR AGENDA PREVIEW

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

Commissioner Leon Leachman asked if there was a reason we lease the equipment on the agenda.

City Manager David Dillner stated that we are able to have newer equipment and not pay for repairs.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson asked if there was more information from the KDHE sewer testing.

Jason Patty, Public Utilities Director, stated that when the sewer testing started for COVID, the City began to be a testing site for KDHE. He stated that they wanted to continue to study and that is why they were here last week.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager David Dillner stated that he would like to know if there was a desire to change the downtown electric project based on the meeting last night.

Commissioner Leon Leachman stated that he felt like they all want it to be done, but they do not want to lose parking.

Commissioner Kelly Tetrick stated that they were supportive, but would like to see some diagonal parking on First Avenue and Josh Hall stated that he was willing to move his trash corral closer to his building to help provide space for more parking.

City Manager Dillner stated that there are a few items such as the trash corrals and easements that we will have to pay for and those were not included in the Evergy estimate.

Commissioner Tetrick asked if we anticipate any easement issues.

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that he does anticipate a few because they do not want to lose private parking or are afraid of what could happen in the future. He stated that he began conversations with those businesses downtown prior to last night's meeting to get the process moving forward.

Mayor Bill Young asked if there were any concerns about moving forward.

Commissioner Tetrick stated that his only concern was that if the cost of the easements becomes prohibitive.

City Engineer Rickard stated that he told one of the owners that he would share her concern. He stated that the owner of BrewCo was concerned that if we take away her parking spots that are close to the building, she will lose business to places where they can drive thru easier.

Commissioner Leachman asked if there was any progress on the 9th Avenue project.

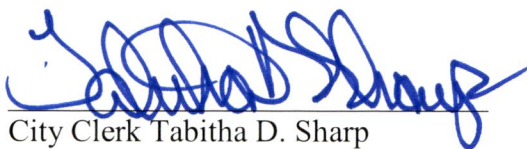
City Engineer Rickard stated that they are working on design and they anticipate construction beginning next summer.

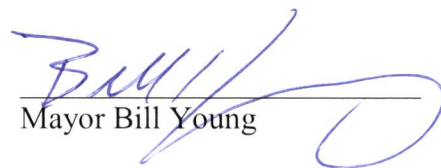
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

Commissioner Kelly Tetrick seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4 – 0.


City Clerk Tabitha D. Sharp


Mayor Bill Young