

EL DORADO CITY SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING

June 1, 2022

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

VISITORS

Kevin Wishart	220 E 1 st Ave	El Dorado, KS
Mike Holton	128 N Vine	El Dorado, KS
Sarah McKee	128 N Vine	El Dorado, KS

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Kendra Wilkinson called the June 1, 2022 Special City Commission meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

WORK SESSION DISCUSSION ITEMS

POLICE RESPONSE TO MASS SHOOTINGS

Vice Mayor Kendra Wilkinson stated that she requested information from staff regarding their ability to respond to a mass shooting. She stated that Police Chief Mike Holton provided her with the training they had available and their plans for future training and equipment acquisition.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis asked if existing security on school campuses could prevent the Police Department from responding.

Chief Mike Holton stated that the presence of school security or police would not dictate their response.

Vice Mayor Wilkinson asked when they had trained in the schools and if they were familiar with the schools.

Chief Holton stated that they were familiar with the schools, it had been awhile since they had an active shooter training, but hoped they would be able to have another one this fall.

Vice Mayor Wilkinson asked what equipment they were short.

Chief Holton stated that they did not have equipment such as helmets and shields for all officers, but may be able to purchase them from budget this year or next.

City Manager David Dillner stated that Butler County has a SWAT team that can be called as well.

Commissioner Kelly Tetrick stated that he felt that the Police Department should have a team as well.

TALL WEEDS & GRASS AMENDMENT (NATIVE GRASS PLANTINGS)

City Manager David Dillner provided a brief background on the topic.

Officer Sarah McKee stated that the Ordinance would be amended to include prairie grasses that would be restricted to 18 inches and would have to be mowed once each year. She stated that property owners would have to apply for a permit through the Engineering Department that would include a plan describing the grass that would be planted. She stated that she has ten days to review the application and respond with permission.

Vice Mayor Kendra Wilkinson asked if there was a list of permitted grasses.

Officer McKee stated that there is a list of grasses native to Kansas included.

Commissioner Kelly Tetrick asked where the grass would be located.

Officer McKee stated that it would have to be in the back yard. She stated that staff provided the opportunity for the Commission to require fencing if they wanted. She stated that a buffer would be required so that the native grass didn't encroach on other properties.

Vice Mayor Wilkinson asked if the sculpture was approved by the City.

Officer McKee stated that they did not need permission for the sculpture unless there is a danger to the public.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis asked what kind of fence would be required.

Officer McKee stated that she would recommend a privacy fence because chain link would not provide enough buffer to other properties.

Vice Mayor Wilkinson asked what would happen with the Storandt property if this was passed.

Officer McKee stated that she would have to fill out a permit application and provide a description of all plants.

GOLF CART ORDINANCE

Police Chief Mike Holton stated that there have been many questions regarding the ordinance for Special Purpose Vehicles and staff would like to make some changes. He stated that he would like to remove the work site utility vehicle and micro utility truck. He stated that work site vehicles have a purpose on work sites or going to them, and do not need to be included in the Ordinance.

Commissioner Kelly Tetrick asked if the purpose of this Ordinance was to allow golf carts.

City Manager David Dillner stated that it was. He stated that what staff don't believe is necessary, is that the ATV's, UTV's and other side-by-sides should be on the streets.

Vice Mayor Kendra Wilkinson asked if golf carts could be operated on the bike path.

City Manager Dillner stated that the Ordinance does not allow golf carts on the bike path except for the section that is part of the golf course.

Police Chief Holton stated that if the Commission would like to include it, golf carts could be fit with light kits that allow them to operate after dark.

PARK CAPITAL PLAN

City Manager David Dillner stated that because the Mayor and Commissioner Leachman are not present, staff felt it would be more productive to discuss it with everyone present.

BASE GRANT FINANCE PLAN

City Manager David Dillner stated that this plan states how the local match will be provided. He stated that we must provide a Resolution to the State showing this plan. He stated that our local match will exceed the 25% required by the grant. He stated that the amount we will be required to bond will cost approximately \$126,000 per year in debt service payments for 20 years.

The City Commission felt it made more sense to do all of the projects at once.

REGULAR AGENDA PREVIEW

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

COMMISSION REPORTS

Vice Mayor Kendra Wilkinson asked how the Evergy project was going.

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that letters have been sent out. He stated that one has approved the project, some have requested changes, but others have said no to the easement or have expressed concern about the project. He stated that the dollar amount approved by the Commission for easements has not been met with good will.

Commissioner Kelly Tetrick asked how we can move forward on the project.

City Engineer Rickard stated that they could move forward with discussions with the property owners. He stated that the property owners understand the limits on the City's budget, they are just considering their losses.

City Manager Dillner stated that if the Commission is willing to authorize more funding, staff could go back to the property owners. He stated that this project is difficult because the urgency associated with the original project approval caused us to skip the preliminary planning stages.

The City Commission asked to discuss it at their next work session.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis asked what was happening with the animal shelter issue.

City Manager Dillner explained the issue. He stated that moving forward, staff are going to post the regulations in a clear format and a letter will be sent to the rescues regarding their behavior in the future.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager David Dillner stated that repairs are underway for the lighting. He stated that the lifeguards are on call and know that we hope to open the pool in the next few weeks.

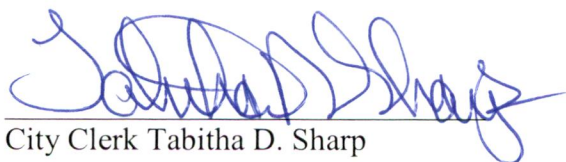
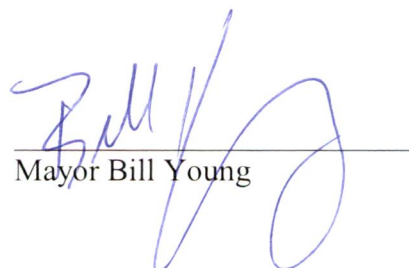
Parks and Recreation Director stated that the pool will take two days to fill and about a week to filter. He stated that in-service for the lifeguards will be scheduled for the 20th if all goes according to plan and we will open on the 21st.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kelly Tetrick moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3 – 0.


City Clerk Tabitha D. Sharp
Mayor Bill Young