

The El Dorado City Commission met in special session on 15, 2023 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 Administration Director Tabitha Sharp. Absent: City Attorney Ashlyn Lindskog

VISITORS

Mike Holton	220 E. 1 st Ave	El Dorado, KS
Emily Connell	El Dorado Main Street	El Dorado, KS
Sherry Hagemeister	El Dorado Main Street	El Dorado, KS
Phil Benedict	El Dorado Chamber of Commerce	El Dorado, KS
Javan Gonzalez	220 E 1 st Ave	El Dorado, KS
Sarah Hoefgen	El Dorado Inc.	El Dorado, KS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bill Young called the February 15, 2023 Special City Commission meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

WORK SESSION DISCUSSION ITEMS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS REVIEW

Phil Benedict, Emily Connell and Sherry Hagemeister, Sarah Hoefgen and Javan Gonzalez with the Chamber of Commerce, El Dorado Main Street, El Dorado Inc. and Experience El Dorado provided the Commission with presentations on their activities.

EMPLOYEE SATISFACTION SURVEY

City Manager David Dillner presented the results of the employee satisfaction survey.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson asked how many would be on the committee.

City Manager Dillner stated that there would be 9 – 11.

Commissioner Wilkinson asked if any would be part of the dissatisfied group.

City Manager Dillner stated that because the survey is anonymous, we will not know for sure, but we have encouraged those who want to see change to apply for the committee.

Commissioner Wilkinson asked if we could tell if it was the same people in the dissatisfied people category in each question.

City Manager Dillner stated that some were obvious because they referenced their department in the comments.

Commissioner Kelly Tetrick asked how many took the survey.

City Manager Dillner stated that there were 78 people.

Commissioner Tetrick stated that he felt that one in four people being dissatisfied with the leadership was alarming.

Commissioner Leon Leachman stated that the open and honest communication was concerning.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis stated that he asked if it was truly going to be anonymous, and David had told him that it was in order to encourage honest responses.

Commissioner Wilkinson stated that her concern was with the advisory board. She stated that they needed to be heard and not just ignored once they make a recommendation.

City Manager Dillner stated that is why he felt it was important to go back and explain why we either accept or decline a recommendation.

Mayor Bill Young stated that he hoped concentrating on communication would help move those who are indifferent to the satisfied columns.

TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN

City Manager David Dillner stated that the idea behind a transportation master plan is to figure out where connection points for economic development are in the community. He stated that the first phase would determine things that are good for the current community, but would benefit us in the future.

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that we have accomplished most of the achievable goals in the previous study done in 2005. Those items included the widening of Vine and Central and 6th and Main.

Mayor Bill Young asked if the study would only look at roads for industrial areas.

City Manager Dillner stated that they will look at items for industrial development, but will also look at the overall infrastructure and how we can benefit current and future residents.

City Engineer Rickard stated that the study will also help us qualify for funds such as the State and Federal highway dollars.

Commissioner Leon Leachman asked how we would move forward now.

City Manager Dillner stated that staff will bring an approval for an RFQ/RFP to the City Commission on Monday. That will be pushed out to the community the day after it is approved. He stated that we are doing it that way so the public knows what is happening.

UPCOMING AGENDA REVIEW

The Commission reviewed the upcoming agenda.

The City Commission recommended an increase of the Parks and Recreation board to 7 and the Experience El Dorado board to 9 members.

REPORTS

Commissioner Gregg Lewis asked if staff could look at sidewalk from High to Emporia on Towanda and on Summit from Towanda north one block.

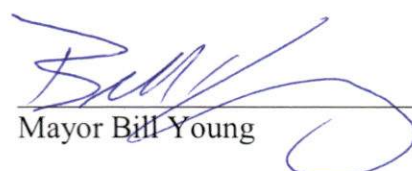
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Leon Leachman moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.


City Clerk Tabitha D. Sharp


Mayor Bill Young