

EL DORADO CITY SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING

July 12, 2023

The El Dorado City Commission met in special session on July 12, 2023 at 5:00 pm at 220 E 1st Avenue with the following present: Mayor Bill Young, Commissioner Kelly Tetrick, Commissioner Gregg Lewis, Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson, Commissioner Leon Leachman, City Manager David Dillner, City Engineer Scott Rickard and Administration Director Tabitha Sharp.

VISITORS

Mike Holton	128 N Vine	El Dorado, KS
Kevin Wishart	220 E 1 st Ave	El Dorado, KS
Jason Patty	220 E 1 st Ave	El Dorado, KS
Brad Meyer	220 E 1 st Ave	El Dorado, KS
Emily Connell	El Dorado Main St.	El Dorado, KS
Doug White	Sprinturf	

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bill Young called the July 12, 2023 Special City Commission meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

SET THE PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR THE EL DORADO PLAZA CID PETITION

Commissioner Leon Leachman moved to approve a Resolution calling a public hearing on the advisability of creating a Community Improvement District within the City of El Dorado, Kansas; establishing a Community Improvement District Sales Tax to finance improvements within such district; and providing for the giving of notice of such public hearing.

Commissioner Kelly Tetrick seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

SALES TAX BALLOT QUESTION

City Manager David Dillner reviewed the sales tax question presentation that was given to the sales tax committee and their recommendation.

The City Commission discussed the recommendation of the sales tax committee.

Mayor Bill Young suggested that the sales tax be made continuous, leaving the property tax reduction amount, moving the economic development money to streets for a total of \$700,000 and leaving the remainder in excess. He recommended changing how the excess sales tax funds are distributed.

The City Commission agreed to vote on the question on Monday.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

City Manager David Dillner reviewed the mill levy supported funds budget for 2024.

Commissioner Leon Leachman stated that he considered what David had requested at the last meeting and his requests were that at a minimum, we maintain our current level of services, provide a COLA/merit between 3 and 5%, he wanted to look at why people are leaving, and look at used equipment.

City Manager Dillner stated that we are looking at a lease program for equipment and vehicles to assist with those costs.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis stated that he wanted the employment package to be attractive to potential employees.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson stated that while she thought all of the employees deserved 6, she didn't think we could afford it and thought a 5 was more reasonable.

Mayor Bill Young and Commissioner Kelly Tetrick stated that they wanted at least five percent.

Commissioner Lewis asked if they were considering three new firefighters.

City Manager Dillner stated that we have applied for a grant and will find out later in the year. If we do it without the grant, it will require a mill levy increase.

Commissioner Wilkinson stated that as David had requested, she went back and looked at the areas that need the most attention. She stated that tall grass and weeds, vacant properties, broken down cars or other junk in yards were the biggest complaints she received. She stated that they needed another code enforcement officer.

REGULAR AGENDA PREVIEW

The Commission reviewed the items on Monday's agenda.

REPORTS

Commissioner Gregg Lewis recommended that the City Manager bring a revised policy to the Commission allowing him to approve expenses higher than \$50,000.

The City Commission agreed to review the policy.

Commissioner Lewis asked what the progress was on the tree removal in the industrial park.

City Manager Dillner stated that the Economic Development Director hadn't been able to complete the bid and the City Engineer was working on the BASE grant. Staff will get the bid done as soon as we are able.

Commissioner Lewis asked why the progress on the residential developments has stopped.

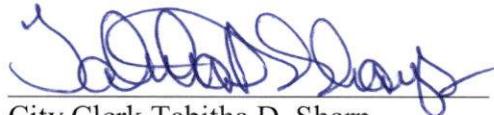
City Manager Dillner stated that he would find out.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Leon Leachman moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.



City Clerk Tabitha D. Sharp

Mayor Bill Young