

EL DORADO CITY COMMISSION MEETING

August 21, 2023

The El Dorado City Commission met in a regular session on August 21, 2023 at 5:30 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 Administration Director Tabitha Sharp. Absent: City Attorney Ashlyn Lindskog

VISITORS

Mike Holton	220 E 1 st Ave	El Dorado, KS
Jason Patty	220 E 1 st Ave	El Dorado, KS
Joe Haag	220 E 1 st Ave	El Dorado, KS
Jack Zimmerman	220 E 1 st Ave	El Dorado, KS
Caleb Fistler	220 E 1 st Ave	El Dorado, KS
Alecia Darrow	220 E 1 st Ave	El Dorado, KS
Jennifer Davis	USD 490 Superintendent	El Dorado, KS
Phil Benedict	Chamber of Commerce	El Dorado, KS
Dr. Mercy Umeri	Wichita State University	Wichita, KS
Dr David Guo	Wichita State University	Wichita, KS
Emily Connell	El Dorado Main Street	El Dorado, KS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bill Young called the August 21, 2023 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.

RECOGNITIONS

Staff from Wichita State University presented Police Chief Mike Holton, Fire Chief Joe Haag and Public Utilities Director Jason Patty with certificates of completion for the Mini MPA.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Jennifer Davis, USD 490 Superintendent, presented some information on USD 490 to the City Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Bill Young opened the floor for public comments.

There were no comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of City Commission Meeting Minutes from July 17 and August 7, and Special City Commission Minutes from August 2, 2023.

Approval of the Gold Fest liquor permit Resolution.

Appointment of Debi LaForge to the Planning Commission for a term to expire on May 1, 2026.

Approval of the Sunflower AMCA Road Run liquor permit Resolution.

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

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE DEMOLITION OF DILAPIDATED HOMES AT 320 N EMPORIA, 1108 S SHELDEN, AND 724 N TOPEKA

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson moved to table the item.

Commissioner Leon Leachman Seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

AMENDMENTS TO TAXABLE INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS FOR DAYS INN

City Manager David Dillner stated that the ownership of the hotel is being transferred to one of the current owners. He stated that because they have Industrial Revenue Bonds through the City of El Dorado, the City must approve a new Resolution. He stated that there is no fiscal responsibility for the City of El Dorado for this project, we simply serve as a pass through for the

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property tax incentive. He stated that the CID payments will continue for the duration of the original contract.

Commissioner Kelly Tetrick moved to approve a Resolution authorizing the City of El Dorado, Kansas to amend the supplement of its taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds, Series A, 2016 and Series B, 2016 (Days Inn Hotel and Suites) for the purpose of the acquisition, construction and equipping of a hotel facility; and authorizing certain other documents and actions in connection therewith.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

WALNUT RIVER LIFT STATION DESIGN SERVICES

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that in 2026, KDOT is considering a realignment of the Walnut River Bridge. He stated that they will be hosting a public hearing to gather feedback regarding the project. He stated that as part of the project, there is a sanitary sewer force main attached to the bridge that will need to be relocated. He stated that the replacement of the lift station there is in a CIP request for the future.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis moved to accept the recommendation and direct the City Manager to execute the contract.

Commissioner Kelly Tetrick seconded the motion.

Mayor Bill Young asked whether the sanitary sewer project would take place before the bridge.

City Engineer Rickard stated that it would take place when they do the bridge.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson asked if anyone was answering the questions being asked on Facebook.

City Engineer Rickard stated that those projects were to keep the bridge functional until they could do the larger project.

Commissioner Kelly Tetrick asked if there will be an increase in capacity.

City Engineer Rickard stated that they will be elevating the wet well to prevent flooding issues, but the size of the main will remain the same based off of the limited future growth.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

CDBG GRANT EXTENSION 142 N MAIN

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that the developer has requested an extension through February of 2024. He stated that a majority of the work has been completed, but there is some struggle with fitting the elevator in the existing space.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Contract Amendment for the Kansas Department of Commerce CDBG Commercial Rehab Grant.

Commissioner Kelly Tetrick seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no discussion items.

REPORTS

CITY COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES

Commissioner Leon Leachman stated that he appreciated the help of the Commission and volunteers for the Grizzly Gold parade on Saturday.

Mayor Bill Young stated that he was very proud of the recipients of the Mini MPA recipients and stated that he is glad to see the dedication to continued development.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager David Dillner stated that the Chamber of Commerce has invited the City Commission to the opening of Numana.

City Manager Dillner stated that KDOT is planning to replace the bridge over 12th Avenue, he stated that staff are advocating for some more pedestrian access. He stated that KDOT stated that they are willing to consider it if the Governing Body will provide a Resolution of Support. He stated that staff will be providing that Resolution of a future meeting.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson asked who would be paying for it.

City Manager Dillner stated that the State will be paying for the bridge and the area around it, the City will pay for the extension of the path to Jason Drive.

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that there are funding opportunities available.

Commissioner Leon Leachman asked if they were doing both bridges at the same time.

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City Manager Dillner stated that it was in the beginning of planning, so it would likely happen after the others.

City Engineer Rickard stated that the bridge work on Main will not be the same as last time, because it is a realignment project, traffic will continue on the current lanes as normal.

City Manager Dillner stated that there was a delay, but they anticipate tearing down the old concession/restroom facilities soon, scoreboards have been delivered and will be installed soon, and the turf project is moving along.

City Manager Dillner stated that the pre-construction meeting for the airport is, tomorrow August 22 and that project is scheduled to start the second week of September.

City Manager Dillner stated that the nutrient trading project is happening and they will be planting on 500 acres this fall to help with this program. He stated that private investment is expected to increase to about \$450,000 over the next few years, and as that increases, the cost to the City will decrease.

City Manager Dillner stated that the Building Official, Scott Pechin, unexpectedly passed away over the weekend and asked the community to give the Engineering Department some grace while they consider how to move forward. He stated that our thoughts and prayers are with Scott's family.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Leon Leachman moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

City Clerk Tabitha D. Sharp

Mayor Bill Young