

EL DORADO WORK SESSION MEETING

January 10, 2024

The El Dorado City Commission met in a work session on January 10, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the Commission Room with the following present: Mayor Bill Young, Commissioner Kelly Tetrick, Commissioner Syndee Scribner, Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson, City Clerk Emerald Ashlock, and City Manager David Dillner. Absent: City Attorney Ashlyn Lindskog, Assistant City Manager Tabitha Sharp, and Commissioner Leon Leachman

VISITORS

Mike Holton	220 E 1 st Ave	El Dorado, KS
Kevin Wishart	220 E 1 st Ave	El Dorado, KS
Emily Connell	El Dorado Main Street	El Dorado, KS
Wilfredo Blanco- Diaz		El Dorado, KS
Debbie LaForge		El Dorado, KS
Craig Yaryan		El Dorado, KS
Patsy Boyce		El Dorado, KS
Brett Remsberg		El Dorado, KS
Ashlie Jacks		El Dorado, KS
BHI Administrators		El Dorado, KS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bill Young called the January 10, 2024, meeting to order.

WORK SESSION DISCUSSION ITEMS

JOINT MEETING WITH THE EXCESS SALES TAX COMMITTEE

David Dillner stated the city wants to have a joint meeting with all of the committees and advisory boards. He stated that they wanted to start with the excess sales tax committee since their work was going to start quickly. He stated that this is a brainstorming session with the commission to talk about priorities and answer any questions that they might have.

The Committee introduced themselves.

Mayor Young stated that the commission appreciates the committee members for serving. He stated that the city sent out a survey and that the committee would get the results at their first meeting.

Debbie LaForge asked if the items on the survey are the only items that the Committee can consider.

City Manager David Dillner stated that those are not the only projects they can consider. He stated that City staff came up with a list of projects and they are presented to the committee and the committee then decides and brings it to the Commission for approval. He stated the funds need to be used for city service.

Mayor Young stated that the list that was sent out in the survey is not the only thing that they can vote on. He stated that the funds are city oriented. He stated that outside agencies used to be able to request funds.

Commissioner Wilkinson stated that she and Commissioner Tetrick will be acting as the liaisons for the committee and will be at meetings to answer questions.

Debbie asked how much money was available and how they knew the amount of money.

Craig asked if it is always two years' worth of funds.

David Dillner stated that we know the amount. He stated that what happens is that the 2023 and 2022 dollars are ready for allocation and that the committee will decide on that. He stated that if they allocate it in 2024, they can use it in 2025.

Debbie LaForge asked how the decision is ultimately made.

David Dillner stated that the Committee will review the information and make a recommendation and then present it to the City Commission.

Debbie LaForge asked if the meetings are open to the public and if the community can give more input.

Commissioner Wilkinson stated that if the Committee receives other recommendations, then they should bring them to the City Manager so it can be discussed to see if it's feasible or already on the list.

Craig Yaryan asked if there was a deadline for making the recommendation to the commission.

Mayor Young stated that in the past the final recommendation came around April or May.

Wilfredo Blanco- Diaz asked if the money was only for the year 2025.

Mayor Young stated that the excess sales tax must be approved on how it was used each year.

Patsy Boyce asked if there was an example of what money cannot be used for.

City Manager David Dillner stated that it cannot be given to other governmental agencies or private enterprises. He also stated that staff will be at the meetings and will be able to help with what is acceptable.

Commissioner Scribner asked what other projects the funds have been used for.

Mayor Young gave examples of what it has been used for in the past.

City Clerk Emerald Ashlock informed the Committee and two ex-officio's that they will meet for their first meeting on January 24th at 5:30 PM

EMERGENCY COLD-WEATHER SHELTER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

City Manager David Dillner stated that the Butler Homeless Initiative has approached the city on several occasions seeking a temporary homeless shelter. He stated that they put together a memorandum of understanding. He stated that it allows them to open a temporary shelter under certain circumstances. He stated that it will be at 202 N Taylor which is the location of the First Nazarene Church. He stated that nothing can supersede anything at the state and federal level.

The Commission discussed the Emergency Cold-Weather MOU and decided to allow City Manager David Dillner to activate the city's Emergency Operations Plan.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MEDICAID EXPANSION

City Manager David Dillner stated that Caroline Sharp from Governor Kelly's office contacted the city requesting consideration for a resolution or proclamation in support of Medicaid expansion. He stated that we don't directly benefit from it, but it could potentially benefit some of our citizens.

The Commission discussed the Medicaid expansion plan and decided they needed more information and decided not to move forward with the resolution.

ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Discussion was had over advisory board appointments.

REGULAR AGENDA PREVIEW

The City Commission reviewed the upcoming agenda for January 16, 2024.

COMMISSION REPORTS

There was no report.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

The City Manager informed the Commission of a grant we received from KDOT.

ADJOURNMENT

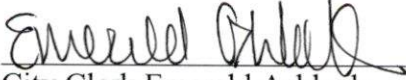
Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM.

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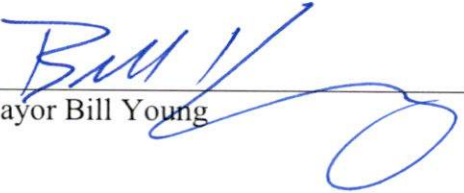
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Commissioner Syndee Scribner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4 – 0.



City Clerk Emerald Ashlock



Mayor Bill Young