

EL DORADO CITY COMMISSION MEETING

April 1, 2024

The El Dorado City Commission met in a regular session on April 1, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Commission Room with the following present: Mayor Bill Young, Commissioner Kelly Tetrick, Commissioner Syndee Scribner, Commissioner Leon Leachman, Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson, City Manager David Dillner, Assistant City Manager Tabitha Sharp and City Engineer Scott Rickard. Absent: City Attorney Ashlyn Lindskog.

VISITORS

Mike Holton 220 E 1st Ave
Grandview Kindergarten and Families

El Dorado, KS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bill Young called the April 1, 2024, meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Leon Leachman opened the meeting with an invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Grandview Kindergarten lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITION

Mayor Bill Young read the proclamation declaring April “Child Abuse Prevention Month.”

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Mayor Bill Young opened the floor for Personal Appearances.

There were no public appearances.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Bill Young opened the floor for public comments.

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of City Commission Work Session Minutes from March 13, 2024, City Commission Meeting Minutes from March 18, 2024, and City Commission Special Session Minutes from March 20, 2024.

Commissioner Leon Leachman moved to approve the consent agenda.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

There were no public hearings scheduled.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESSs

CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EL DORADO, KANSAS, AMENDING TITLE 12 CHAPTER 12.12 PERTAINING TO EXCAVATIONS OF THE EL DORADO MUNICIPAL CODE.

City Manager David Dillner stated that The City of El Dorado regulates Public right-of-way excavations under Chapter 12.12 of the Municipal Code. This existing code regulates excavations, pavement cuts, and sidewalk removals within city streets, alleys, and public ways primarily by individuals doing repair or replacement work on private utility service lines; the most common occurrence would be a plumber replacing a private sewer service for a dwelling to the City Sanitary Sewer Main. Feedback from individuals doing this work and an evaluation of this ordinance by staff have revealed opportunities for improvement to align with the city's standards and provide better service to the permittees.

Commissioner Kelly Tetrick moved to approve an Ordinance of the City of El Dorado, Kansas, amending Title 12 Chapter 12.12 pertaining to excavations of the El Dorado Municipal Code.

Commissioner Syndee Scribner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXCESS SALES TAX COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE ALLOCATION OF THE EXCESS SALES TAX FUNDS

The Excess Sales Tax Committee has reviewed and provided recommendations for the use of Excess Sales Tax funds. They heard presentations from each of the requesting parties and also considered how the projects were ranked by the 410 respondents to the public survey.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson moved to accept the recommendations of the Excess Sales Tax Committee and approve the allocations as presented.

Commissioner Leon Leachman seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EL DORADO, KANSAS, PERTAINING TO THE DETERMINATION OF LICENSE FEES, PERMIT FEES, AND OTHER USER-RELATED FEES OR CHARGES ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF EL DORADO, KANSAS, AND AMENDING EXISTING CITY CODE SECTIONS

Assistant City Manager Tabitha Sharp stated that City staff propose to remove the fees from the Municipal Code and set fees by resolution annually. Setting fees by resolution rather than ordinance allows for more flexibility and efficiency. Resolutions are easier to amend, or revoke compared to ordinances. Resolutions do not require publication, which will reduce the City's publication expenses. The city will continue to publish the adopted resolution on the City's website and social media each year. It will also publish a copy on the website for public review throughout the year. Resolutions can also be adjusted temporarily when an emergency or economic challenge arises without requiring a permanent change in local laws. Utilizing a resolution will allow staff and the governing body to experiment with different fee models or structures by allowing a quicker response when something does not work as expected. This methodology allows the city to modify multiple fees simultaneously instead of requiring separate ordinances for each change.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson asked if the fees are the only things changing.

City Manager David Dillner stated that only fees are changing. He stated that this is creating a fee schedule so that all of the fees that the city charges will be in one document. He stated that the document will be changed every year as needed.

Commissioner Syndee Scriber moved to approve an Ordinance of the City of El Dorado, Kansas, pertaining to the Determination of License Fees, Permit Fees, and Other User-Related Fee charges Established by Ordinances of the City of El Dorado, Kansas, and Amending Existing City Code Sections.

Commissioner Kelly Tetrack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no discussion items.

REPORTS

CITY COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson stated that at the Main Street meeting, a volunteer put together a list of all of the grants available through for Main Street. She stated that there is a new vice president and board member. She stated the T-Mobile ceremony for District 142 is on Thursday, April 4th.

Commissioner Tetrick stated that the library will be having the Book and Bake sale at the end of April.

Mayor Bill Young stated that there will be an EFABC meeting next week. He stated he is excited about the \$50,000 grant from T-Mobile to help fund the District 142 project.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager David Dillner stated that KDHE conducted their inspection of the water reclamation plant and that it was operating well, well maintained, and clean.

Mr. Dillner stated that sales tax and compensated use tax are both down for the first quarter of the year.

Mr. Dillner stated that the City has started conversations with the College about having Gold Fest at BG stadium this year. He stated that there is a football game on the same day. He stated that they seem to be on board with the idea.

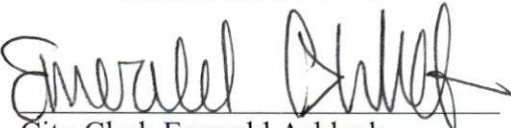
Mr. Dillner stated that Staff is working on an Economic Development Incentive Transparency database.

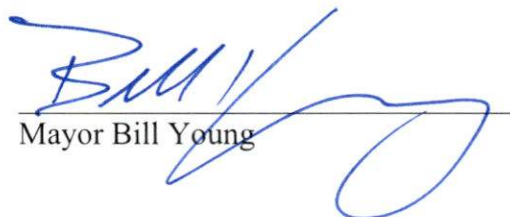
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Leon Leachman moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.


City Clerk Emerald Ashlock


Mayor Bill Young