

EL DORADO WORK SESSION MEETING

March 13, 2024

The El Dorado City Commission met in a work session on March 13, 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 Manager David Dillner, City Clerk Emerald Ashlock and Assistant City Manager Tabitha Sharp. Absent: City Attorney Ashlyn Lindskog

VISITORS

Mike Holton	Police Chief	El Dorado, KS
Scott Rickard	City Engineer	El Dorado, KS
Jason Patty	Public Utilities Director	El Dorado, KS
Kevin Wishart	Parks & Recreation Director	El Dorado, KS
Joe Haag	Fire Chief	El Dorado, KS
Brad Meyer	Public Works Director	El Dorado, KS
Phil Benedict	El Dorado Chamber	El Dorado, KS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bill Young called the March 13, 2024, meeting to order.

WORK SESSION DISCUSSION ITEMS

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD GUIDANCE

City Manager David Dillner stated this discussion will focus on Commission priorities and guidance for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board in preparation for the March 20th joint meeting.

The Commission discussed different priorities for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

EXCESS SALES TAX COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

City Manager David Dillner stated that the Excess Sales Tax Committee has reviewed and provided recommendations for the use of the 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.

REFUSE RATES

Assistant City Manager Tabitha Sharp that at the November 10th, 2021, City Commission work session, City Manager David Dillner stated that competition with other agencies and local businesses in the refuse division has not come out in our favor, and we are struggling to recruit new employees and retain current ones. He stated that proposing two options, one to keep refusing and work on a phased approach to increasing wages and refuse rates. Tabitha Sharp stated that this was not brought to the Commission for consideration at a regular meeting when

originally planned. She stated that the refuse fund has been able to carry the increased costs for the last two years but is now in the position that the increase is necessary to not the year with a negative fund balance. Tabitha stated that on July 1st there would be a \$1 increase for residential and the commercial rate would be a 20% increase.

Commissioner Syndee Scribner asked why industrial accounts were not seeing an increase,

Public Works Director Brad Meyer stated that it is more of a competitive market.

Commissioner Scribner asked if the city has considered using a private company to do the trash.

Brad Meyer stated we do it to help the citizens. He stated the sanitation department can help elderly people by picking up bags from the porch. He stated that if the city were to hire a private company to do trash services, then they would have no control of what trucks are on the streets.

STREET CUT POLICY

Public Works Director Brad Meyer stated that The City regulates Public right-of-way excavations under Chapter 12.12 of the Municipal Code. He stated the 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.

City Engineer Scott Rickard that nothing major changes. He stated that the dollar amount is on the permit request form. He stated that it also says who they need to contact. He also stated that it gives transparency to customers.

FOOD TRUCK ORDINANCE

Assistant City Manager Tabitha Sharp stated that food trucks provide many benefits to our community. She stated that they provide dining options that might not otherwise be available, create additional sales tax opportunities, provide opportunities for community engagement and tourism, and they encourage local entrepreneurship. Tabitha stated that food trucks can also create conflict with brick-and-mortar establishments who pay property tax, they can create noise and other environmental concerns, and can add to parking or traffic issues. She stated that the city has taken a primarily "hands-off" approach to food trucks in the past few years, but with the increased popularity, staff feels that it is necessary to regulate them to some extent.

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that food trucks are allowed everywhere except residential areas, and they must have permission from the property owners to park on their property.

Tabitha Sharp stated that we would now require an application and the food truck would pay \$50 a month or \$200 a year.

The Commission as a collective asked that staff make some edits to this Ordinance.

FEE SCHEDULE

Assistant City Manager Tabitha Sharp stated that City Staff are proposing to remove fees from the Municipal Code and instead, set those fees by Resolution annually.

REGULAR AGENDA PREVIEW

The City Commission reviewed the upcoming agenda for March 18, 2024.

COMMISSION REPORTS

There was no report.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

There was no report.

ADJOURNMENT

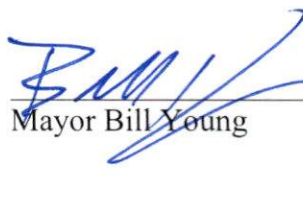
Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 PM.

Commissioner Syndee Scribner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4 – 0.



City Clerk Emerald Ashlock



Mayor Bill Young