

EL DORADO CITY COMMISSION MEETING

September 16, 2024

The El Dorado City Commission met in a regular session on September 16, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Commission Room with the following present: Mayor Bill Young (via Teams), Commissioner Kelly Tetrick, Commissioner Syndee Scribner, Commissioner Leon Leachman, Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson, and City Manager David Dillner Absent: None

VISITORS

Mike Holton	Police Chief	El Dorado, KS
Tabitha Sharp	Assistant City Manager	El Dorado, KS
Scott Rickard	Director of Engineering	El Dorado, KS
Sam Cooper	Management Intern	El Dorado, KS
Ben Wheeler	Walnut River Brewing Co.	El Dorado, KS
Sharon Decker	Daughters of the American Resolution	El Dorado, KS
Patrick Todd		El Dorado, KS
Jeremy Sundgren		El Dorado, KS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bill Young called the September 16, 2024, meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Pastor Stan Martin, First Presbyterian Church, opened the meeting with an invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Commission led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITION

Commissioner Leon Leachman read a proclamation recognizing October 9th, 2024, as Warbeard Day.

Ben Wheeler, with Walnut River Brewing Company, gave a quick explanation of the celebration of Warbeard Day.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson read a proclamation declaring September 17th through September 23rd as Constitution Week.

Sharon Decker, Daughters of the American Resolution invited the Commission to attend the Constitution Day Ceremony and explained why we celebrate Constitution Week.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Mayor Bill Young opened the floor for Personal Appearances.

There were no personal appearances.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Bill Young opened the floor for public comments.

Jeremy Sundgren and Patrick Todd asked the Commission to start the process of creating an Aquatic Center.

The Commission discussed the different possibilities with Patrick and Jeremy.

Mayor Bill Young closed public comment.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Bill Young opened the floor for the Public Hearing Concerning the City's Intent to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate.

Darren Schwindt addressed the Commission about the proposed Mill Levy increase. He stated that he owns several rental properties and will have to pass the increases on to his renters. He asked the Commission to have staff manage the expenses more closely.

Kara stated that she was confused regarding the continued increases in the valuation of her home.

Staff encouraged her to contact the Butler County Appraiser's office with her questions.

Mayor Bill Young closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor Bill Young opened the floor for the Public Hearing Regarding the Proposed 2025 Budget of the City of El Dorado, Kansas.

Mayor Bill Young closed the Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

City Commission Work Session Minutes from August 28, 2024, and City Commission Minutes from September 3, 2024.

Approval of Appropriation Ordinance No. 08-24 in the amount of \$3,016,762.00

Rotary Club of El Dorado Liquor Resolution.

Commissioner Leon Leachman moved to approve the consent agenda.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO EXCEED THE REVENUE-NEUTRAL RATE

City Manager David Dillner stated Per state law, the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) is the mill levy that would generate the same amount of property tax revenue as the prior year when changes in assessed valuation are considered. For example, the City's Revenue Neutral Rate of 55 would generate approximately \$4.7 million, which is the same amount of property taxes generated for 2024. The City Commission indicated their Intent to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate on July 15, 2024, at a rate of 65.704 mills. However, staff have since worked through the budget and intend to remain at the current mill levy rate of 57.922.

Commissioner Kelly Tetrick moved to approve a Resolution of the City of El Dorado, Kansas to levy a property tax rate exceeding the revenue-neutral rate.

Commissioner Syndee Scribner seconded the motion

Roll Call Vote:

	Mayor Bill Young:	Yes
Position No. 1	Commissioner Kelly Tetrick:	Yes
Position No. 2	Commissioner Syndee Scribner:	Yes
Position No. 3	Commissioner Leon Leachman:	Yes
Position No. 4	Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson:	Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF EL DORADO, KANSAS

City Manager David Dillner gave a quick overview of the 2025 Budget for the City of El Dorado, Kansas.

Commissioner Leon Leachman moves to approve the 2025 Budget for the City of El Dorado, Kansas, as presented by the City Manager.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconds the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE ZONING CERTAIN LAND IN THE CITY OF EL DORADO, KANSAS, R-2 RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM-DENSITY DISTRICT AND EMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY.

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that the Planning Commission held a public hearing on August 22, 2024, to review an application to rezone the lot located at 319 S Taylor from R-1 Residential Low-Density District to R-2 Residential Medium-Density District. The applicant, Engles Property Management, representing KJA Enterprises LLC, proposes to split the lot and build two duplexes. After reviewing the case, the Planning Commission unanimously approved the rezoning request.

Commissioner Kelly Tetrick moved to approve an ordinance for Case No. 24-08 REZ requesting a rezoning of 319 S Taylor to R-2 Residential Medium-Density District.

Commissioner Syndee Scribner seconded the motion

Motion carried 5-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

POOL PROJECT

The Commission discussed how they want to proceed with the potential Aquatic Center project.

Commissioner Syndee Scribner moved to authorize Commissioner Kelly Tetrick to assist the group in moving forward with the planning process.

Commissioner Leon Leachman seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS

CITY COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES

Commissioner Kelly Tetrick stated that Library has a few fundraisers coming up in October.

Commissioner Syndee Scribner stated that there is a job fair at the Civic Center tomorrow morning from 10 am- 2 pm.

Commissioner Leon Leachman stated that Gold Fest is next week. He stated that he has a parks and recreation meeting on Wednesday.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson stated that there was an EFABC meeting on Wednesday. She said there have been several comments that athletes and players are loving the new turf.

Mayor Bill Young stated that there is new scoreboard signage going up and there are still two scoreboard signage spots available.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager David Dillner stated that the city got three responses back for the Commercial Real Estate proposal. He stated they will be reviewing those and making a recommendation to the Commission soon.

City Manager Dillner stated that the US Army Core of Engineers has invited the Commission to attend a tour of the El Dorado Lake Gate Tour. That is scheduled for October 16th at 5 PM.

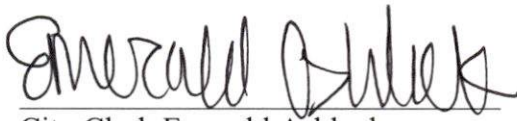
City Manager Dillner stated that he is considering creating a Housing Task Force to look at different strategies. He asked the Commission to let him know if they knew of anyone who would be interested in serving on this task force.

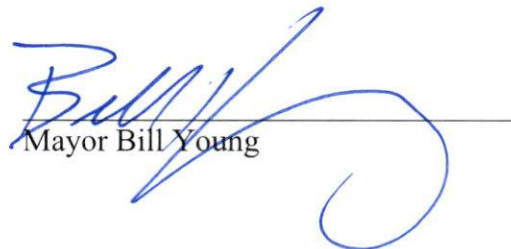
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner moved Leon Leachman to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.


City Clerk Emerald Ashlock


Mayor Bill Young