

The El Dorado City Commission met in a work session on November 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 Leon Leachman, Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson, and City Manager David Dillner.

VISITORS

Tabitha Sharp	Assistant City Manager	El Dorado, KS
Sam Cooper	Management Intern	El Dorado, KS

CALL TO ORDER

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

WORK SESSION DISCUSSION ITEMS**FEE SCHEDULE**

Assistant City Manager Tabitha Sharp reviewed the proposed changes to the 2025 Fee Schedule.

Commissioner Syndee Scribner asked how much could be brought in by these increases.

Assistant City Manager Sharp stated that the refuse rate increase is estimated to bring in approximately \$124,000. The water rate increase will provide an additional \$300,000 in revenue that can be used to pay the debt service on the AMI project and to move forward with other capital projects. The sewer increase would bring in about \$100,000 which will also be used for capital projects.

City Manager David Dillner stated that most of the other fees were specific to certain situations, e.g. the amount we bring in for building permits varies from year to year because of changes in the construction industry and the needs of our local citizens or we might do one internment this year but five next year.

2024 PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENT

Assistant City Manager Tabitha Sharp stated that we would be amending five funds for 2024. She provided the following information:

- Fund 013 – Prairie Trails is being amended to allow for the expenses agreed to in the contract signed with Troy Palmer in September of 2023. The 2024 budget had already been submitted by then and did not include expenses for the golf course. The total new budget will be \$110,000.
- Fund 026 – Ordinance Street Sales Tax will be amended to spend the available balance on the maintenance project taking place this month. We are increasing the expenditures by \$400,000.

- Fund 028 - Excess Sales Tax is being amended to allow for \$2,300,000 in expenses. She stated that we amended that fund in 2023, but because the committee did not meet until 2024, we had to amend again to be able to spend the fund balance.
- Fund 069 - CNG is being amended by approximately \$4,000 to allow for the repair of a compressor that failed earlier this year. She stated that the CNG fund does not have enough to cover the whole cost and so Major Streets, a primary user of CNG, will be paying the rest of that cost.
- Fund 072 – Data Processing is being amended by approximately \$50,000 to account for the increase in software costs and to spend the fund balance on some building repairs.

Assistant City Manager Sharp stated that the amendment has been published and will come to the Commission on December 2nd for a public hearing.

REGULAR AGENDA PREVIEW

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

COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Kelly Tetrick stated that the aquatic center committee has been meeting and that they are very motivated to get a project moving forward. He stated that the committee received the proposals for the RFQ this week and will provide a recommendation to the City Manager next week.

Commissioner Leon Leachman asked about the pavilion at Gordy Park and how that would affect the band shell.

City Manager David Dillner stated that we are awaiting some options from the architect and after we receive those, we will put them through a public input process, especially within that neighborhood. He stated that the band shell is hard to maintain because not many people do the work required on that kind of facility. He stated that the conversation regarding the band shell will depend on what happens with the pool.

City Manager Dillner also stated that the Animal Shelter RFQ is out and due in the first part of December. He stated that we sent the document to 140 organizations.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

City Manager David Dillner asked if the City Commission was interested in moving forward with the request for goats within the city limits.

There was a consensus that they did not want to allow goats within the city limits.

City Manager Dillner stated that the Management Intern is working on a new ordinance for pit bulls within the city limits.

ADJOURNMENT

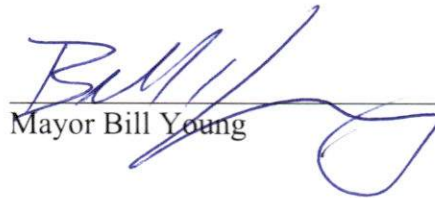
Commissioner Leon Leachman moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 PM.

Commissioner Kelly Tetrick seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.



City Clerk Emerald Ashlock



Mayor Bill Young