

The El Dorado City Commission met in a work session on December 11, 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, City Attorney Ashlyn Lindskog, and City Manager David Dillner. Absent:

**VISITORS**

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| Tabitha Sharp | Assistant City Manager      | El Dorado, KS |
| Sam Cooper    | Management Intern           | El Dorado, KS |
| Mike Holton   | El Dorado Police Department | El Dorado, KS |
| Greg Mudd     | El Dorado Chamber           | El Dorado, KS |
| Emily Connell | El Dorado Main Street       | El Dorado, KS |
| Scott Rickard | City Engineer               | El Dorado, KS |
| Derek Kling   | Public Utilities            | El Dorado, KS |

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bill Young called the January 15, 2025, meeting to order.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSIDERATION OF THE APPROVAL OF AN EXTENSION ON THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECT AT DISTRICT 142**

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that construction is almost complete at 142 N Main, for which the Kansas Department of Commerce awarded a CDBG Commercial Rehabilitation Grant. The scheduled completion date was December 30, 2024, but we would like to extend it to March 30, 2024.

Commissioner Leon Leachman moved to authorize the mayor to sign the Contract Amendment for the Kansas Department of Commerce CDBG Commercial Rehab Grant.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

**WORK SESSION DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**CENTRAL AVENUE PROJECT AND DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES**

City Manager David Dillner stated that the Engineering Department has made numerous contacts with businesses downtown during and throughout the project. He stated that before the project started, they explained the project and the timeline to each business. He stated that they have given information on how to find updates on the project along with making periodic visits to the businesses. He stated that there is updated information on the website.

City Manager Dillner stated that one of the problems that businesses have expressed is the city helping market their openness and business. He stated that is something that we could have done to help downtown businesses.

City Manager Dillner stated that staff will be working on planning some events for re-energizing downtown once the Central Avenue Project is complete.

Commissioner Kelly Tetrick asked when the project will be completed.

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated May 27<sup>th</sup>.

City Manager Dillner stated that overall staff has done a good job of giving businesses updates and information throughout the project.

**WHOLESALE NO. 8 RURAL WATER CONTRACT**

City Manager David Dillner stated that several of the Rural Water Districts are up for renewal.

Water Treatment Superintendent Derek Kling stated that over the last 5 years, staff have taken an average of the maximum of what they have used and added 10 percent and used that as the allocation for the new contract. He stated that previously those contracts were way over-allocated.

Commissioner Syndee Scribner asked if 40 years was typical. She stated that 40 years seems like a long time.

City Manager Dillner stated that it is typical. He stated that a Rural Water District wants certainty on their water supply.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson asked if there was a possibility to increase rates while in the 40-year contract.

City Manager Dillner stated that it does allow for a possible increase in the cost of water. He stated that at any point the customer can request additional water based on their water needs.

City Manager Dillner stated that the City of El Dorado sells water to approximately 52,000 people within our county and region.

**ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

Commissioner Kelly Tetrick said he would like to nominate Brett Remsberg again.

Commissioner Leon Leachman said he would like to appoint Wilfredo Blanco-Diaz.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Syndee Scribner moved to recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) for the purposes of discussing non-elected personnel and to reconvene the meeting at 6:02 p.m. in the City Commission Room.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

**REGULAR AGENDA PREVIEW**

The City Commission reviewed the upcoming agenda for January 21, 2025.

**COMMISSION REPORTS**

There were no reports.

**CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

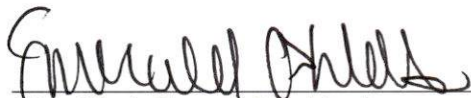
There were no reports.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Syndee Scribner moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 PM.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

  
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City Clerk Emerald Ashlock

  
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Mayor Bill Young