

## **EL DORADO CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**February 3, 2025**

The El Dorado City Commission met in a regular session on February 3, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Commission Room with the following present: Mayor Bill Young, Commissioner Syndee Scribner, Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson, and City Manager David Dillner Absent: Commissioner Kelly Tetrick and Commissioner Leon Leachman

### **VISITORS**

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| 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 |
| Emily Connell    | El Dorado Main Street   | El Dorado, KS |
| Wendy McPhillips |                         | El Dorado, KS |
| Ashlyn Lindskog  | City Attorney           | El Dorado, KS |
| Greg Mudd        | El Dorado Chamber       | El Dorado, KS |
| Nicole Ensminger | El Dorado Main Street   | El Dorado, KS |

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bill Young called the February 3, 2025, meeting to order.

### **INVOCATION**

Mike Holton, Chief of Police, opened the meeting with invocation.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The City Commission led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITION**

Mayor Bill Young read a statement on behalf of the City Commission remembering those who lost their lives in the tragedy of Flight 5342 on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025, including two individuals who had roots in El Dorado.

### **PERSONAL APPEARANCE**

Mayor Bill Young opened the floor for Personal Appearances.

Emily Connell, El Dorado Main Street Director, highlighted Main Street's 2024 events.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Bill Young opened the floor for public comments.

Mayor Young closed Public Comment.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

City Commission Special Session Minutes from January 15, 2025, and City Commission Meeting Minutes from January 21, 2025.

Consideration of the Appointment of a Vice Mayor for the 2025 Term

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson moved to approve the consent agenda.

Mayor Bill Young seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

There was no Public Hearing.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSIDERATION OF SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON BEHALF OF THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONCERNING THE 12<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE BRIDGE PROJECT**

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is in the design phase to replace the 12th Avenue Bridge over the Walnut River as part of project 900-08 KA-6474-01. The bridge, nearing the end of its useful life, will be replaced to improve safety and accommodate future needs. The new bridge will include a shared-use path to enhance pedestrian and cyclist access, consistent with the City of El Dorado's transportation plan. Construction is scheduled to begin in Fall 2025, with detours utilizing US-77, US-54, and K-177. The project requires acquiring a small portion of right-of-way from 4(f) property, which includes lands designated for public parks, recreation, or wildlife and waterfowl refuges. In this case, the affected land is part of the El Dorado State Park. The acquisition is necessary to accommodate the shared-use path on the new bridge. To comply with federal requirements under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act, KDOT must demonstrate that the impact on this protected property is minimal and does not adversely affect its use or attributes. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) have reviewed the proposal and concurred that the impacts are not adverse. After the public comment period, KDOT will submit a formal de minimis request for this right-of-way acquisition.

Commissioner Syndee Scribner moved to set the public hearing for KDOT Project 900-08 KA-6474- 01 (El Dorado State Park Bridge Replacement/ 12th Ave.) on February 17, 2025, and authorize the 45-day public comment period to begin following publication in the official city newspaper.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE AQUATICS CENTER PLANNING SERVICES AGREEMENT**

City Manager David Dillner stated that recently the Commission authorized staff to move forward with contract negotiations with Garver concerning a scope of services for an Aquatics Center Master Plan. Garver returned the proposed agreement for the City's consideration. The scope will provide the City with the information needed to determine a location and conceptual layout for an aquatics center. The process will include opportunities for the public to provide input to help inform the City Commission's decision.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson moved to approve the Aquatic Center Planning Services Agreement as presented and direct the Mayor to sign the contract.

Commissioner Syndee Scribner 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 Main Street met and discussed the upcoming fundraising ideas.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager David Dillner stated that El Dorado Inc. and the City of El Dorado will soon be working with PEC to develop a master plan for Phase 1 of the Industrial Park. He stated that they will prepare a few exhibits so that we can have a plan and communicate how the Park will be laid out. He stated that they will do this at no charge to the City, however, they will provide a cost proposal for a more in-depth master plan.

City Manager Dillner stated that the Legislature is in session and is actively looking at different Bills that will affect several municipalities. He stated two were accepting testimony last week and those were Senate Bill 37 and House Bill 2025. He stated both deal with the extraterritorial zoning of cities, which is the 3-mile zone. He stated that no decision had been made yet.

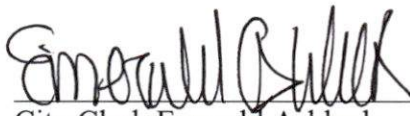
City Manager Dillner stated that the Chamber reached out to him this morning concerning the front facade of the building is deteriorating. He stated that staff are looking at that to develop different options

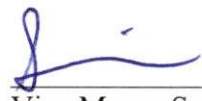
**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Syndee Scribner moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3– 0.

  
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City Clerk Emerald Ashlock

  
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Vice Mayor Syndee Scribner