

EL DORADO CITY COMMISSION MEETING

March 4, 2024

The El Dorado City Commission met in a regular session on March 4, 2024, at 5:30 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 Manager David Dillner, Assistant City Manager Tabitha Sharp and City Engineer Scott Rickard. Absent: City Attorney Ashlyn Lindskog.

VISITORS

Mike Holton	220 E 1 st Ave	El Dorado, KS
Emily Connell	El Dorado Main Street	El Dorado, KS
Phil Benedict	El Dorado Chamber	El Dorado, KS
Ashlie Jack	Excess Sales Tax Committee	El Dorado, KS
Austin Letts	State Farm	El Dorado, KS
Kevin Wishart	220 E 1 st Ave	El Dorado, KS
Danielle Busenitz		El Dorado, KS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bill Young called the March 4, 2024, meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Pastor Debbie McCluer, Church of the Nazarene, opened the meeting with an invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Commission leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITION

Mayor Bill Young read the Proclamation for Severe Weather Preparedness Week.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

EXCESS SALES TAX COMMITTEE SALES TAX RECOMMENDATION

Ashlie Jack from the Excess Sales Tax Committee presented the Committee's recommendation on how to use the Excess Sales Tax.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Bill Young opened the floor for public comments.

Danielle Busenitz asked the Commission for permission to have 12 quails on her property as a source of protein for her children with severe allergies.

Mayor Bill Young stated that staff will look into the matter and that someone will reach out to inform you of the decision.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of City Commission Meeting minutes from February 19, 2024.

Approval of a temporary Cereal Malt Beverage License for Butler Community College on March 29, 2024, to expire at 11:00 PM on that same day.

Commissioner Leon Leachman moved to approve the consent agenda.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

There were no public hearings scheduled.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF THE REQUEST TO SET THE PUBLIC HEARINGS TO CONSIDER THE DEMOLITION OF DILAPIDATED HOMES AT 434 W. CAVE SPRINGS AVENUE, 1108 SHELDEN STREET, 308 N. TAYLOR STREET, 724 N. TOPEKA STREET, 616 W. TOWANDA AVENUE, 817 N. WASHINGTON STREET, AND 619 N. TAYLOR STREET.

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that to address dangerous and unfit structures, staff have determined six properties that an ultimate resolution needs to be addressed. Those properties are 434 W. Cave Springs Avenue, 1108 Shelden Street, 308 N. Taylor Street, 724 N. Topeka Street, 616 W. Towanda Avenue, and 817 N. Washington Street. Chapter 15.16 of the El Dorado Municipal Code sets forth the process to address dilapidated structures.

Commission Kendra Wilkinson asked why the public hearing is set for two and a half months from now.

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that from past experiences. He stated that the date is up in the air and can be as soon as the first meeting in April.

Commissioner Leon Leachman asked how long staff has been dealing with these properties.

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that some have been a few years and others have been less.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson moved to approve the resolution authorizing the scheduling of a public hearing on May 20, 2024, at 5:30 pm to abate or remove dangerous structures located at 434 W. Cave Springs Avenue, 1108 Sheldon Street, 308 N. Taylor Street, 724 N. Topeka Street, 616 W. Towanda Avenue, and 817 N. Washington Street.

Commissioner Kelly Tetrick seconded the motion.

CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT THE BID OF \$699,655.55 FROM APAC-KANSAS, INC. AND AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE RESURFACING OF N. MAIN STREET FROM 6TH AVENUE TO MCCOLLUM ROAD.

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that The Engineering Department received bids for a resurfacing preservation project on N. Main Street. The project will provide a two-inch mill and overlay on N. Main Street from 6th Avenue to McCollum Road. The project received \$400,000 from the Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) City Connecting Link Improvement Program (CCLIP). This program provides funds to assist municipalities with the cost of resurfacing state highways running through town.

Commissioner Kelly Tetrick moved that since APAC-Kansas, Inc. has submitted the lowest and best bid of \$699,655.55 for Project No. 610, the City Manager be directed to award the contract to said contractor, providing that the company furnish the proper bonds.

Commissioner Syndee Scribner seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no discussion items.

REPORTS

CITY COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson stated that at the Main Street Board meeting the members were presented the budget. She stated that the Parks and Recreation Department needs umpires for the spring and summer.

Commissioner Leon Leachman stated that the Parks and Recreation Board meeting stated that there is a lot of good things happening within that department.

Commissioner Kelly Tetrick stated that the library got new furniture.

Mayor Bill Young stated that EFABC meets on Wednesday March 6th and will be meeting monthly as they are working through the turf and track project.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager David Dillner stated that there was a Walk-Through for the restroom and concession facilities at East Park. He stated that there are a few things that the contractor needs to finish up at Central Park before those facilities will be ready to go. He stated that the handwashing base has not been installed because of the freezing temperatures but they expect to be done with that in the next few days. He stated that they are still waiting for the proof for the wrap design for the outside of the metal containers.

City Manager Dillner stated that the Central Avenue water project is currently out for bid. The bid opening will take place on March 26th at 10 AM. He stated that it will be on the following City Commission meeting.

City Manager Dillner stated that EFABC received three quotes from turf and track vendors ranging from \$930,000 to about \$1.2 Million. He stated that this information will be brought to the EFABC board so that they can decide how they want to move forward.

City Manager Dillner stated that the water billing has faced a few challenges lately. He stated that we changed our billing cycle from two to one. He stated that part of that is because of the Automated Meter Reading Infrastructure. He stated that the second thing is that one of our meter readers was hit by a car, so we are down a meter reader. He stated that we have been having issues with the printing of the bills and with the post office. He stated that we have been having to average bills. He stated that some of them have been overestimated, so staff is going in and correcting that. He stated that we are looking at options at different systems for the mailing issue.

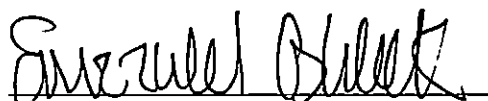
The City Manager encouraged everyone to pick up their dump passes and sign up for the dump truck program.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Leon Leachman moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Syndee Scribner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4 – 0.


City Clerk Emerald Ashlock


Mayor Bill Young