

EL DORADO CITY COMMISSION MEETING

December 1, 2025

The El Dorado City Commission met in a regular session on November 17, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Commission Room with the following present: Mayor Bill Young, Commissioner Kelly Tetrick, Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson, and City Manager David Dillner. Absent: Commissioner Syndee Scribner, Commissioner Leon Leachman

VISITORS

Tabitha Sharp	Assistant City Manager	El Dorado, KS
Scott Rickard	Director of Engineering	El Dorado, KS
Jeff Murphy	Deputy Police Chief	El Dorado, KS
Emerald Ashlock	City Clerk	El Dorado, KS
Liz Blakely	Management Intern	El Dorado, KS
Billy Fanska	Prairie Cross	
Art Anderson		
Steve Fellers		
Gerald & Toni Owen		
Emily Connell	Main Street	El Dorado, KS
Ben Allen	Main Street	El Dorado, KS

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson called the December 1, 2025, meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Chaplain Billy Fanska opened the meeting with invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Commission led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITION

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson thanked Commissioner Kelly Tetrick for his four years of service on the City Commission.

ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE

Commissioner Leon Leachman moved to adjourn the City Commission meeting sine die.

Commissioner Kelly Tetrick seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3 – 0.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson called the meeting back to order.

SWEARING IN OF THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE CITY COMMISSION

City Clerk Emerald Ashlock swore in Commissioner Andrew Tipton and Commissioner Leon Leachman.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson opened the floor for Personal Appearances.

There were not Personal Appearances.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson opened the floor for public comments.

Gerald Owens addressed the City Commission requesting that the fee for the additional parking space added following the Central Avenue construction project be waived.

Art Anderson asked the Commission to reconsider the potential of the Aquatic Center and stated that the survey was too complex, noting that future surveys should be more direct for citizens to easily understand.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of City Commission Meeting Minutes from November 17, 2025.

Approval of 2026 Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses for the following locations:

On Premises CMB:

Two Brothers BBQ – 1701 W. Central Avenue

Off Premises CMB:

Dollar General – 536 N. Main Street

Dollar General – 2408 W. Central Avenue

Jump Start Store #08 – 1631 W. Central Avenue

Jump Start Stores Inc – 701 N. Main Street

QuikTrip #310 – 2314 W. Central Avenue

Casey's General Store #3331 – 2627 W. Central Avenue

Casey's General Store # 1810 – 1310 N. Main Street

Wal-Mart #186 – 301 S. Village Road

Dillons #29 – 700 N. Main Street

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Approval of Appropriation Ordinance No. 10-25 in the amount of \$2,315,562.77.

Approval of the 2026 Salary Schedule for the City of El Dorado, Kansas.

Commissioner Leon Leachman moved to approve the consent agenda.

Commissioner Andrew Tipton seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARING

Assistant City Manager Tabitha Sharp stated that Each year, the city has to update its budget if it needs to spend more money than it originally said it would. This year's budget update was posted on November 18th in the local newspaper (the Butler County Times Gazette) and on the city's website. Several city funds are being updated so the city can use fund balance to pay for building projects or to buy equipment. The funds being updated are: Senior Center, Major Streets, Stormwater, Special Parks and Recreation, Tourism Tax, Street Sales Tax, Excess Sales Tax, Building Demolition, Water, Sewer, and CNG. The Special Alcohol Program fund is being updated because the city collected more money than expected. By law, this money has to be given to groups that help people affected by domestic violence, such as shelters or support programs. The Prairie Trails fund (for the golf course) is being updated for two reasons: 1)The city's contract with the golf course operator says the city will spend up to \$50,000 each year on improvements at the golf course, and 2) Money was moved into this fund to pay property taxes, so everything related to the golf course is clearly shown in one place. The Data Processing fund is being updated to include software costs that were moved from other funds. This makes it easier to track them under new audit rules. Also, one part of this fund was left out by mistake earlier, so it's being fixed now. Money was moved from the Industrial Mill Levy fund to the Economic Development fund to help pay for future projects. These projects might happen in 2025, but if they don't, the budget might need another update in 2026

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson closed the public hearing.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF THE APPROVAL OF THE 2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT

Commissioner Leon Leachman moved to approve the 2025 Budget Amendment as presented.

Commissioner Andrew Tipton seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0

CONSIDERATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE VICE MAYOR FOR THE 2026 TERM

Commissioner Leon Leachman moved to appoint Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson as the Vice-Mayor for a term set to expire December 31, 2026.

Commissioner Andrew Tipton seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE LOW BID OF \$17,056.04 FROM H6 EXCAVATION AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PROCEED WITH DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURES AT 937 N. OAK (SOUTH BUILDING), 501 W. 12TH STREET, AND 1125 N WALNUT STREET.

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that bids were received on November 20, 2025, for the demolition of the previously condemned properties located at 937 N Oak (south building), 501 W 12th, 1125 N Walnut. The lowest combined bid of \$17,056.04 was submitted by H6 Excavation. Staff recommend acceptance of this bid to promptly abate the hazardous conditions by razing the structures and restoring the lots to a safe condition.

Commissioner Leon Leachman moved to accept the low bid of \$17,056.04 from H6 Excavation for demolition of the structures at 937 N. Oak Street (south building), 501 W. 12th Street, 1125 N. Walnut Street, and authorizing staff to proceed with the demolition.

Commissioner Andrew Tipton seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL AUTHORIZING STAFF TO PROCEED WITH DEMOLITION OF 918 N. GORDY STREET IN ACOORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION NO. 3030

No action needed on this item.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL AUTHORIZING STAFF TO PROCEED WITH DEMOLITION OF 920 N. GORDY STREET IN ACOORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION NO. 3031

City Engineer Scott Rickard reported that on November 3rd the Commission adopted Resolutions of Findings directing the repair or removal of 918 N. Gordy, 920 N. Gordy, and 502

W. 12th. If the owners do not comply, the City is authorized to raze the structures and assess the costs back to the properties. He explained that these homes were significantly damaged in the June 3, 2025 flood and are located in the Special Flood Hazard Area, requiring full compliance with floodplain standards for any repairs or re-occupancy. Because rehabilitation is not practical or feasible in most cases, demolition is the likely path forward.

Commissioner Andrew Tipton moved to authorize staff to proceed with demolition of 920 N. Gordy Street in accordance with Resolution No. 3031.

Commissioner Leon Leachman seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL AUTHORIZING STAFF TO PROCEED WITH DEMOLITION OF 502 W. 12TH STREET IN ACOORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION NO. 3032

Commissioner Leon Leachman moved to authorize staff to proceed with demolition of 502 W. 12th Avenue in accordance with Resolution No. 3032.

Commissioner Andrew Tipton seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

CONSIDERATION OF A FINANCE AGREEMENT WITH FRONTIER DEVELOPMENT, LLC AND EL DORADO INC. FOR THE REHABILITATION OF 124 S. MAIN STREET.

Commissioner Leon Leachman moved to table the item.

Commissioner Andrew Tipton seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

City Manager David Dillner stated that the Commission will be discussing Committee and Board appointments at an upcoming Commission meeting and requested that the commission review the packet that included the current openings we have.

COMMISSION TRAINING: KANSAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT

City Manager David Dillner reviews the Kansas Open Meeting Act with the City Commission.

REPORTS

CITY COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson stated that Main Street met and Craig Yaryan was named the new President of Main Street. She stated that the Christmas parade is this Saturday and encouraged everyone to go enjoy.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager David Dillner stated that DUI victim center of Kansas recently recognized the El Dorado Police Department with a Certificate of Greatness.

City Manager Dillner stated that Friday is the last day to return your survey to be considered for the drawing. He stated that the city has received around 500 surveys thus far.

City Manager Dillner stated that December is the month the city uses to calculate the annual sewer average because usage is lower in winter than in summer.

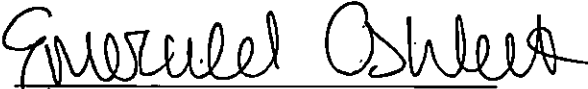
City Manager Dillner stated that the printing company made an error that resulted in some citizens receiving duplicate bills. He clarified that residents do not need to pay both bills, and if a duplicate payment is made, it will appear as credit on the account.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Leon Leachman moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Commissioner Andrew Tipton seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3 – 0.



City Clerk Emerald Ashlock



Mayor Bill Young