

EL DORADO CITY COMMISSION MEETING

July 20, 2015

The El Dorado City Commission met in a special session on July 20, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Room with the following present: Mayor Vince Haines, Commissioner Chase Locke, Commissioner Gregg Lewis, Commissioner Nick Badwey, Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson, City Manager Herb Llewellyn, City Attorney Jim Murfin, Finance Director Tammy Schaffer, Human Resources Director Suzie Locke, and City Clerk Tabitha Sharp. Absent: Assistant City Engineer Scott Rickard

VISITORS

Julie Clements	Times-Gazette	El Dorado, KS
Linda Jolly	El Dorado Inc.	El Dorado, KS
Kurt Bookout	220 E 1 st	El Dorado, KS
Sarah Vaughan	Arc of Butler	Derby, KS
Dave & Kim Matthews	109 S Emporia	El Dorado, KS
Alecia Lewis	1260 S Emporia	El Dorado, KS
Sara Dietler	408 N Atchison	El Dorado, KS
Bryson Schwartz	1260 S Emporia	El Dorado, KS
Brian Gartland	220 E 1 st	El Dorado, KS
Anthony Davis	220 E 1 st	El Dorado, KS
James Cook	719 Fredrick Dr	El Dorado, KS
Tom Kaleko	Springstead Financial	Kansas City, MO

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vince Haines called the July 20, 2015 meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Chase Locke opened the meeting with prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Commission led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Public Utilities Director Kurt Bookout requested that citizens be mindful of what is flushed down their toilets. Baby wipes and other similar projects cause damage to our sewer system.

Public Works Director Brad Meyer presented an update on the Public Works Department.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Vince Haines opened the floor for Public Comment.

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the City Commission minutes from July 6, 2015.

Commissioner Nick Badwey moved that the Consent Agenda, as presented, be approved.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND SALE

Tom Kaleko, Springsted Financial, stated that the City received bids on the 2015A Bond Series today. He stated that the Bond Series included the refunded 2008 bonds in order to capture some interest savings and eleven new projects. The amount of the bond was \$3,937,000 which will be financed for ten years at 1.88% true interest costs by Piper Jaffray & Co. He stated that the refunding will only have an eight year term.

Mr. Kaleko stated that the City was looking at a savings of approximately \$98,500 on interest for the refunded bonds. He stated that he felt that this bid is aggressive and competitive in comparison to other cities and bonds of similar size.

Mr. Kaleko stated that the City's new AA- rating was reflected in the low interest rate.

Mayor Vince Haines asked if Mr. Kaleko was comfortable with the bid.

Mr. Kaleko stated that he was, our bid was similar to other bids received today and the market index.

Mayor Haines asked if any local banks bid.

Mr. Kaleko stated that the regional banks of Commerce, UMB and Country Club all bid.

Commissioner Nick Badwey thanked Springstead and the City staff for their work on the new rating and the bond.

MOTION ONE

Commissioner Chase Locke moved to award the firm of Piper Jaffray & Co the sale of General Obligation Bond Issue, Series 2015A with an average interest rate of 3.05% with a total interest of \$710,560.67, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the bid form.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

MOTION TWO

Commissioner Nick Badwey moved that Ordinance No. S-1345, an ordinance authorizing and providing for the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2015A, of the City of El Dorado, Kansas; for the purpose of providing funds to refund the City's Outstanding General Obligation Bonds; providing for the levy and collection of an annual tax for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on said bonds as they become due; authorizing certain other documents and actions in connection therewith; and making certain covenants with respect thereto, be approved.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Position No. 2	Commissioner Gregg Lewis	Yes
Position No. 3	Commissioner Nick Badwey	Yes
Position No. 4	Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson	Yes
	Mayor Vince Haines	Yes
Position No. 1	Commissioner Chase Locke	Yes

MOTION THREE

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson moved that Resolution No. 2807, a resolution authorizing and directing the issuance, sale and delivery of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2015A, of the City of El Dorado, Kansas; providing for the levy and collection of an annual tax for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on said bonds as they become due; making certain covenants and agreements to provide for the payment and security thereof; and authorizing certain other documents and actions connected therewith, be approved

Commissioner Chase Locke seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

GENERAL BUDGET DISCUSSION

City Manager Herb Llewellyn stated that he had contact the utility companies regarding the franchise fee increase as requested by Commission. He stated that Westar has agreed to the increase, which should bring in the equivalent of approximately two mills. He stated that staff are still in discussions with the other utilities, Kansas Gas said no to the increase originally, but are willing to continue talking about it.

Mayor Vince Haines clarified that in the work sessions regarding the 2016 proposed budget, it was decided that increasing franchise fees was a better method of distributing the increase to all citizens.

Commissioner Nick Badwey stated that in his opinion, it allows citizens some control because they are able to monitor utility use, and spreads the burden to more than just property owners.

Mayor Haines stated that they have been facing a challenge to increase revenue to provide the same services but not increase the mill levy. He stated that valuations have dropped in El Dorado but he is hoping that the new trends in the housing market will help valuations increase.

Commissioner Badwey credited staff for cutting their budgets without decreasing services over the last few years.

Mayor Haines asked when the next meeting was.

Finance Director Tammy Schaffer stated that she would have the forms completed and to the Commission for review later in the week.

Mayor Haines stated that he was not comfortable with publishing the state forms before they reviewed them one last time, he asked if staff could push the publication and final decision to the second meeting in August.

Ms. Schaffer stated that she could.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Vince Haines stated that he wanted to announce that El Dorado has been nominated as one of seven finalists by KDOT for the opportunity to receive a new shipping hub. He congratulated staff and El Dorado Inc. for their work on the project.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson asked what the next step in the project would be.

Linda Jolly, El Dorado Inc., stated that there is a presentation on the 31st for the transload facility project. She stated that the project has a lot of potential in our area. We have highways and rail service that are well place, and the site has potential for expansion.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis asked if she could explain to the citizens what the project was.

Ms. Jolly stated that materials would be loaded from truck to rail or rail to truck. There might also be a distribution center or manufacturing plant included.

City Manager Herb Llewellyn stated that our financial advisor did the work for a similar project in Gardner.

Mayor Haines asked what it means to have been selected.

Ms. Jolly stated that a committee reviewed and selected sites based on the applications. El Dorado is the only site in the South Central Kansas area. The location will be valuable to the city, State and region.

Mayor Haines stated that it was a testimony to the private/public partnerships in El Dorado.

Ms. Jolly stated that we need to view this as a regional effort from our partners in South Central Kansas.

Mayor Haines stated that we would be looking at infrastructure changes across the board.

City Manager Herb Llewellyn stated that KDOT has identified funds for this development, possibly a 90-10 match for infrastructure both in and around the plant.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that KDOT has recently had discussions with high school students in our area as well. They are considering a turning area near the high school in order to help with traffic flow based on the comments of those students.

Commissioner Chase Locke stated that the family of the man who fell in the river over the weekend was in their thoughts and prayers. He thanked responders for their work in looking for him.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that there has been an outpouring of support from the community. He stated that individuals have come forward with food and water for the responders and family.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Herb Llewellyn stated that he received a question about the fading lines on our streets, he stated that there is a plan for completing the striping on Central once that work is done. He stated that staff plan to request an addition to that bid to complete painting around town.

Mayor Haines asked if North Main to McCollum was on the list.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that he would ensure it was on the list.

Commissioner Nick Badwey asked if it was possible to spray for mosquitoes in the alleyways. He asked if it was harmful to domestic pets.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that it is safe for pets. He would request that we do some work in those areas.

Commissioner Badwey stated that there is a lot of standing water in those areas.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that if citizens had questions, they could call the city and ask for Darcia or Public Works.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Nick Badwey moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Commissioner Chase Locke seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

City Clerk Tabitha D. Sharp

Mayor Vince Haines