EL DORADO CITY COMMISSION MEETING **August 3, 2015**

The El Dorado City Commission met in a special session on August 3, 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, Human Resources Director Suzie Locke, Assistant City Engineer Scott Rickard and City Clerk Tabitha Sharp.

VISITORS

Julie Clements	Times-Gazette	El Dorado, KS
Linda Jolly	El Dorado Inc.	El Dorado, KS
Brad Meyer	220 E 1st	El Dorado, KS
Dan Jones	128 N Vine	El Dorado, KS
James Cook	719 Fredrick Dr	El Dorado, KS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vince Haines called the August 3, 2015 meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Mayor Vince Haines opened the meeting with prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Commission led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Public Works Director Brad Meyer stated that there was recently one of our summer employees was hit by a truck while painting curbs. He asked that citizens take care in work zones by slowing down and giving workers plenty of space on the roads.

Linda Jolly, El Dorado Inc., stated that the KDOT presentation the previous Friday went very well and that they were working on additional items requested by the committee.

Mayor Vince Haines stated that he thought the presentation was well received.

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 20, 2015 and Special City Commission Meeting Minutes from July 1, July 15, and July 25, 2015.

Approval of Appropriation Ordinance 07-15 in the amount of $2,054,304.86.

Commissioner Chase Locke moved that the Consent Agenda, as presented, be approved.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

PROJECT NO. 471-KLINK RESURFACING CENTRAL (SUMMIT TO EMPORIA) (GRIFFITH TO WALNUT RIVER BRIDGE)

Assistant City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that bids were received on the project for repaving Central Avenue from Summit to Emporia and Griffith to the Walnut River Bridge. He stated that this project will tie into the geometric improvement project from Topeka to Denver that will add a turning lane in front of the hospital. He stated that the portion from Griffith to Walnut River Bridge will just be a mill and overlay project.

Mr. Rickard stated that bids were received from APAC Kansas and Cornejo and Sons in the amounts of $284,882.80 and $306,385.74 respectively. He recommended that the bid be awarded to APAC Kansas as they submitted the lowest and best bid as well as being under the Engineer's Estimate of $313,290.00.

Mr. Rickard stated that the funds will include a reimbursement from KDOT for construction and engineering costs as well as sales tax monies.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson asked where Griffith Street was.

Mr. Rickard stated that it was the street that ran beside Sunny Stop East and Dairy Queen.

Mayor Vince Haines asked when the project would begin.

Mr. Rickard stated that it would start in September, they are waiting until the sewer repairs have been completed.

Mayor Haines asked how long the project would take.

Mr. Rickard stated that the portion from Griffith to the Walnut River Bridge would take one to two weeks, they will mill the current surface and follow directly behind with the overlay. He stated that the work in front of the hospital will take longer because they have to work in the taper from five lanes to four.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson moved that as APAC-Kansas has submitted the lowest and best bid for Project No. 471 of $284,882.80 and was under the Engineer's Estimate, the City Manager be directed to award the contract to said contractor providing that the company furnish the proper bonds.

Commissioner Nick Badwey seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

WESTAR FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

Mayor Vince Haines stated that as part of the 2016 budget process, the Commission decided to request a one percent increase in franchise fees.

City Manager Herb Llewellyn stated that Westar Energy has agreed to the increase in franchise fees from 5 – 6%.

Commissioner Nick Badwey asked about the other franchise agreements.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that Kansas Gas prefers to limits cities to five percent, but they are willing to discuss it with us. He stated that they are in discussions with Cox and AT&T as well. He stated that the cable industry has a ruling that is all inclusive for state and federal government, so that will take some more work.

Commissioner Badwey asked when the Westar agreement would go into effect.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that it would probably take about 90 days.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis moved that Ordinance No. S-1346, an ordinance authorizing a change in the franchise agreement with Kansas Gas and Electric Company, doing business as Westar Energy, and the City of El Dorado, Kansas; for the purpose of increasing the fee collected from the distribution of the electric energy and paid directly to the City of El Dorado, from 5% to 6%.

Commissioner Nick Badwey seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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
Position No. 2	Commissioner Gregg Lewis	Yes

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Vince Haines asked how the budget would be affected if we do not get other franchise agreements increased.

City Manager Herb Llewellyn stated that staff will self-regulate, if we do not receive the revenues, we will not approve the expenses. He stated that if they are referring to outside agencies, the intent is to pay them based on the direction of the Commission after the meeting between those groups has been held.

Mayor Haines clarified that the presented budget included a mill levy increase and not a franchise fee increase.

City Clerk Tabitha Sharp stated that the finance director included the franchise fee increase, she did not include a mill levy increase.

Commissioner Chase Locke thanked the volunteers for Frontier Western Celebration.

Commissioner Locke asked if the Commission would review the proposed MOU between the YMCA and the City.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that the MOU will go to the Recreation Advisory Board first and then will come to the Commission in September. He stated that the MOU reaffirms the need for the City and the YMCA to work together.

Commissioner Nick Badwey asked citizens to be careful in school zones now that the school year is about to begin.

Mayor Haines stated that he has received complaints about trucks downtown. He asked if the Commission would consider a panel to provide recommendations to work with the trucking industry and to determine if our signage is adequate.

Commissioner Badwey stated that they have discussed the signs in the past and all of ours are at the required size or larger than the KDOT requirements.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that he would like to see what comes out of his meeting with John Prather in the coming week. He also stated that our signage is more than what is required by State law.

Commissioner Badwey stated that they had also raised the fines to discourage trucks off route.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that most trucks follow the truck route, some have trouble with their GPS being updated properly.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis stated that he has seen the presentation being put together by Mr. Prather and that his company serves on the committee Mr. Prather put together.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that he did not think a task force was necessary at this time if Mr. Prather has already done the work.

Mayor Haines asked if the Commission would be interested in developing a fireworks task force to see if they can come up with new suggestions for the issue.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that they could do that. He stated that generally once there have been no changes in the number of complaints, the Commission does not discuss it further.

Commissioner Badwey stated that if they were going to have a discussion, they needed to do it soon so that if anything changed, the groups that relied on funding raised from those tents would be able to plan for it.

Mayor Haines stated that his intent would be to have it done by the first of the year.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that staff would gather the information from previous years.

Commissioner Lewis stated that he did not want to eliminate the fireworks.

Mayor Haines stated that he did not either, he just wanted to limit the problems.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson stated that the phone calls she received indicated that no one was calling the police.

Commissioner Locke stated that the issue was with people who don't follow the rules. He stated that he would not be opposed to a conversation.

Mayor Haines asked if it could be included on an upcoming work session.

Commissioner Wilkinson asked if there was information available from other cities.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that others have done it the same way we do.

Mayor Haines asked when they would receive an update on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Commissioner Locke stated that the Recreation Advisory Board would have another discussion and then it would come to the Commission. He stated that he welcomed thoughts from the other Commissioners and would share them at the meeting.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that the Parks and Recreation Director will be sharing thoughts from the retreat at the next advisory board meeting on Wednesday the 19th at 5:30 p.m.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Herb Llewellyn presented a chart showing bond activity over the last 24 months. He stated that the majority of bonds are being sold at a 3.8% rate, and we received 1.8% due to our financial management.

Mayor Vince Haines asked what the indicators were for a low rate.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that they look at debt versus revenue, the legal debt limits, reserves and our financial management policies.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that the City received an award for our participation in the Relay for Life.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis asked when the City would be changing Oak Street to gravel.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that we do not have permission because the petition has not been received.

Commissioner Lewis asked how far the project would go.

Assistant City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that it was planned to go from 7th to 12th street.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that it would go to the train tracks and include patches on 8th and 10th streets.

Mayor Haines stated that the gravel would only be a temporary solution, he asked if the petition would be for paving.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that it was not, but that was an option. He stated that the area from 12th Street to the train tracks should be concrete because it is a truck route and trucks are hard on asphalt.

Commissioner Lewis asked how wide the street would be.

Mr. Rickard stated that it would be 31 feet wide.

Commissioner Lewis asked if the price quoted was for the concrete area.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that it was for the whole street.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson asked about the progress on Towanda Avenue.

Mr. Rickard stated that there is some work left on the storm sewers, the dirt grade is done. He stated that they will follow up with base, curb and gutter and then asphalt. He stated that the rain has slowed them down and the second phase had a lot of pipe to set.

Human Resources Director Suzie Locke stated that the trash schedule is one the website and citizens can sign up to get alerts for changes in the schedule. She stated that Darcia Beavers, the Public Works Secretary has done a lot of work on that.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Nick Badwey moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Commissioner Chase Locke seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

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City Clerk Tabitha D. Sharp Mayor Vince Haines