

The El Dorado City Commission met in a special session on November 16, 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, Finance Director Tammy Schaffer, City Clerk Tabitha Sharp, Assistant City Engineer Scott Rickard and Assistant to the City Manager Brian Gartland. Absent: City Attorney Jim Murfin.

VISITORS

Julie Clements	Butler County Times Gazette	El Dorado, KS
David Broderick	Prairie Trails	El Dorado, KS
Frank Williams	4843 SW Country Club	El Dorado, KS
Kurt Bookout	2520 Kacy Ct	El Dorado, KS
Jason Hughey	1329 Terrace Dr	El Dorado, KS
Suzie Locke	220 E 1 st	El Dorado, KS
James Cook	719 Fredrick Dr	El Dorado, KS
Lauren Lowrey	918 W Kansas	El Dorado, KS
Curt Zieman	220 E 1 st	El Dorado, KS
Brad Meyer	220 E 1 st	El Dorado, KS
Jennifer Cook	220 E 1 st	El Dorado, KS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vince Haines called the November 16, 2015 meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Mother Christine Gilson, Trinity Episcopal Church, opened the meeting with prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Meyer’s Skelly Elementary 3rd Grade Class led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Jason Reiswig, Golf Course Superintendent, and David Broderick, General Manager of Prairie Trails presented the annual update for Prairie Trails Golf Course.

Commissioner Nick Badwey thanked city staff for their work. He stated that we were saving a lot of money doing the work internally.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis asked if there were a lot of complaints on the construction.

Mr. Reiswig stated that most people are excited about it, there haven’t been a lot of complaints.

Mayor Vince Haines asked about the mowing patterns on the course.

Mr. Reiswig stated that they will be mowing them down to about ten inches right now and will be managing them. He stated that this year, there was a lot rain and the native grass grew more than expected.

City Manager Herb Llewellyn stated that the course will be a lot different and will be more difficult for some golfers.

Commissioner Lewis asked if the golf carts had a computer system to keep people on the path.

Mr. Reiswig said they did not have gps.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that the cost was prohibitive.

Commissioner Lewis asked how many schools are using the course.

Mr. Broderick stated that Circle, El Dorado and Butler all use the course. He stated that they are working to manage that better due to the number of children.

Commissioner Badwey asked when the new greens would be ready.

Mr. Reiswig stated that he hoped they would be ready at the beginning of the summer.

Mr. Broderick stated that revenues might be a little slow because of the closure of the nine greens. He also stated that we are going to move the fiscal year to January thru December in order to be in line with the budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Vince Haines opened the floor for public comment.

There were no comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the City Commission minutes from November 2, 2015 and the Special City Commission meeting minutes from November 10, 2015.

Approval of the 2016 Cereal Malt Beverage applications for:

Sunny Stop West
2575 W. Central

Sunny Stop East
301 E. Central

Willie's LLC (McDonald Stadium)
98 N. Griffith

Jax's
124 W. Locust

Pizza Hut
2423 W. Central

Pizza Hut
729 N. Main

Dillons #29
700 N. Main

Jumpstart Central
1631 W. Central

Casey's General Store #1483
420 W. 6th

Casey's General Store #3331
2627 W. Central

Casey's General Store #1810
1310 N. Main St

Jumpstart North
701 N. Main St

Wal-Mart #186
301 S. Village Rd

Two Brothers BBQ
1701 W. Central

QuikTrip #310
2314 W. Central

Golden Asian Buffet, Inc.
2350 W. Central

Walgreens #10721
119 W. 6th Street

City of El Dorado dba Prairie Trails
1100 N. Country Club

La Casita Mexican Food and Bakery
124 S. Main St. Suite 102

Commissioner Gregg Lewis moved that the Consent Agenda, as presented, be approved.

Commissioner Nick Badwey seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

BIKE PATH PHASE III APPLICATION

Jennifer Cook, Marketing Manager, stated that funding is available for the transportation alternative projects in Kansas. She stated that staff are requesting the Commission allow us to fill out an application for funding.

Scott Rickard, Assistant City Engineer, stated that KDOT has opened up funding for these types of projects. He stated that this is the first year we have been able to apply. He showed the Commission the current bike path system and the plan for the future.

Mr. Rickard stated that the city is requesting funding for the first part of Phase III which would connect the bike path from along the river to East Park. He stated the goal is to get the bike path on the west and south side of El Dorado. He stated that the ultimate goal is to connect the path to the football stadium.

Mr. Rickard stated that there is not a lot of funding available at this time, so we have altered the project to make it smaller. He stated that if funding was awarded, we would be eligible for 90% of the funding necessary.

Mr. Rickard stated that staff are requesting a Resolution of support from the Commission. He stated that this Resolution states that the Commission is willing to continue maintenance and care after the project is completed.

City Manager Herb Llewellyn asked for a review of other projects we have used this money for.

Mr. Rickard stated that the City has used these funds for streetscape and the Train Depot remodel. He stated that bike paths are the things we get the most positive comments on.

Mayor Vince Haines asked how many miles of bike path are currently in place.

Mr. Rickard stated that the 10 foot bike path from the lake to North Main is about six miles. He stated that there is about a mile on North Main and another quarter mile on Towanda Avenue. He stated that they would like to continue the project on Towanda Avenue to the east.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson confirmed that they will pay ninety percent of the funding.

Mr. Rickard stated that she was correct. He stated that in the past the City has offered to pay more to get more points for the project. He stated that this is no longer something that they consider.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis asked if we could get the trailer park cleaned up that is by the nursing home on the trafficway.

Mr. Rickard stated that he knew it was a code enforcement problem.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that they are always on the list of offenses.

Mr. Rickard stated that the proposed line on the map is very conceptual in nature, it has not been defined yet.

Commissioner Nick Badwey moved that Resolution No. 2812, a resolution declaring the eligibility of the City to submit an application for the pedestrian/bicycle path Phase III, be approved, and authorize the City Engineer to sign the application.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

Mayor Haines stated that this was an excellent proposal for these funds.

SANITARY SEWER REPAIRS AND REHABILITATION – PROJECT NO. 392

Jennifer Cook, Marketing Manager, stated that the staff have received the bids on the contract for the CDBG project and are requesting approval.

Scott Rickard, Assistant City Engineer, stated that the City was awarded \$500,000 for sanitary sewer rehabilitation in the southwest portion of El Dorado. He stated that there

is some aging infrastructure that needs to be replaced to prevent the numerous backups in the area.

Mr. Rickard stated that they will be bursting the existing pipe and going through with new lines. He stated that the bids came in higher than expected, but that the project has grown as well. He stated that due to the special nature of the work, only two contractors were able to bid. He stated that the city has been in contact with the State of Kansas to increase their revolving loan funds.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis asked where the project is located.

Mr. Rickard stated that it was to the north of Skelly School, east of Edgemoor to Race.

Mayor Haines confirmed that the \$900,000 would be paid for with Revolving Loan Funds.

Mr. Rickard stated that he was correct. He stated that there is a ten percent contingency included in his estimate, he hopes to use some of those funds for some other areas while the specialized contractors are here.

Commissioner Chase Locke moved that as Nowak Construction has submitted the lowest and best bid for Project No. 392 in the amount of \$1,093,695.00, the City Manager be directed to award the contract contingent on receiving additional funds from the State Revolving Loan Program through the Kansas Department of Health & Environment and providing that the company furnish the proper bonds.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Nick Badwey wished the citizens a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson asked when Central would be done.

Scott Rickard, Assistant City Engineer, stated that the pavement marketing needed to be completed as well as some work to the man holes. He stated that Central is a KDOT project, and anything off of Central becomes a City project. He stated that there are some difficulties that the City has to work through because it is controlled by KDOT.

Mayor Haines asked if he thought it would be a few weeks still.

Mr. Rickard stated that they are waiting on approval for the pavement marking. He stated that when that is done, the City plans to freshen up the pavement marking on Central to the west.

City Manager Herb Llewellyn asked if the work had been done on Haverhill.

Mr. Rickard stated that some of that had been done, they are still working.

Mayor Haines stated that a few months ago they discussed the land bank, he asked what the status was.

Mr. Rickard stated that when they received word back from KOTA, the project was pushed back because cost wasn't an issue. He stated that the paperwork is completed, and they can bring it to Commission soon.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that there is interest in the lots we have available such as Griler Addition.

Mr. Rickard stated that there are thirteen ready to build lots in that addition.

Mayor Haines asked if that would leave room for parks still.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that those lots are just the ones that have road access right now. He stated that the rest is still there for development.

Mayor Haines stated that in light of the discussion last week about water, he would like something from the Corp of Engineers stating what the life of the project was.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that it is stated what the life of the project was.

Kurt Bookout, Public Utilities Director, stated that he has clarified with those involved in the writing of the contract. He stated that he could clarify with the Corp as well. He stated that they are looking for the studies to address the questions as well.

Mayor Haines stated that he would like to make sure that the Corp of Engineers agrees, so he would like them to add it to the existing contract.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that staff will ask, they do not typically move quickly on our requests.

Mayor Haines asked about the lights out in front of City Hall.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that we have reported the outage. He stated that Amanda Stalnaker is our contact and so anyone who has a light out can report it to her and she will report it to Westar.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Jennifer Cook, Marketing Manager, stated that the NJCAA announced that El Dorado will be the host of the 2016 National Championship. She stated that the meet requires approximately 100 volunteers. She stated that the typical hotel stay for the event is one to two nights and brings in quite a few people. She stated that the Butler coach will work with the staff at Prairie Trails on the event.

Commissioner Nick Badwey confirmed that the event would be at Prairie Trails.

Ms. Cook stated that it would be.

Commissioner Badwey asked who was responsible for keeping spectators off of the new greens.

Ms. Cook stated that everything is roped off. She stated that from her observations, it looked like the spectators followed the race pretty closely.

Mayor Vince Haines asked if there were 100 men and women teams.

Ms. Cook stated that there were 50 of each.

Mayor Haines stated that it sounded like around 700 runners. He stated that he really did have a concern about the golf course.

Ms. Cook stated that there were roughly 1,000 spectators.

Mayor Haines stated that he is excited about the event, he stated that he is just concerned about having it on the new golf course.

Ms. Cook stated that she stated that she had pictures of the course if the Commission would like to see.

Mayor Haines asked if we were locked in to the meet at Prairie Trails.

Ms. Cook stated the city is locked in, she was unsure about the location being locked in.

Mayor Haines stated that he was happy that we have the event, he was concerned about it being on the golf course.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that the staff at the golf course was okay with it, so the Commission should be comfortable with the event.

Mayor Haines stated that he has seen the events at Wamego and what their course looks like, so he is uncomfortable with the event.

City Manager Llewellyn asked the golf course staff if they were concerned.

Jason Reiswig, Golf Course Superintendent, stated that he was not concerned about the runners, he was more concerned about the spectators and the logistics of the race. He stated that he has spoken to the Wamego course and that their only problems are with the spectators.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that Wamego has hosted the event for several years and so the damage must not be enough to concern them.

Mr. Reiswig stated that Wamego reserves the right to move the tournament if there has been inadequate weather.

Ms. Cook stated that Fort Dodge is a nice course and they try to get the meet every time they can. She stated that other sites have always re-bid it when they can, which is every three years.

Ms. Cook stated that they are also bidding on a half marathon, outdoor track championship and another cross country event.

Scott Rickard, Assistant City Engineer, gave an update on the street projects for 2015. He stated that we have projects on Central near completion; Summit will be milled and overlaid from Central to Olive this week; High Street, Pine and Emporia are complete; and Topeka from 1st to Central will begin soon.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Nick Badwey moved to recess into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing legal matters and matters pertaining to non-elected personnel, and to reconvene the regularly scheduled meeting in the City Commission room at 8:22 p.m.

Commissioner Chase Locke seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

Mayor Vince Haines called the meeting back to order at 8:24 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Nick Badwey moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Commissioner Chase Locke seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

City Clerk Tabitha D. Sharp

Mayor Vince Haines