

The El Dorado City Commission met in a special session on April 4, 2016 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, and Assistant City Engineer Scott Rickard. Absent: City Clerk Tabitha Sharp

VISITORS

Grace Ramsey	1326 Joyce	El Dorado, KS
Heather Head	222 Random Rd	El Dorado, KS
Julie Clements	Butler County Times Gazette	El Dorado, KS
Tom Kaleko	9229 Ward Pdwy	Kansas City, MO
LaDonna and Lonnie Snook	3998 NE Cole Creek Rd	El Dorado, KS
Brian Gartland	220 E 1 st	El Dorado, KS
James Cook	719 Fredrick	El Dorado, KS
Maris and Robert Simmons	518 Houser	El Dorado, KS
Curt Zieman	128 N Vine	El Dorado, KS
Brett Perry	1509 SW HWY 77	El Dorado, KS
Tim Baker	128 N Vine	El Dorado, KS
Kurt Bookout	220 E 1 st	El Dorado, KS
Kathy Walter	505 S Walnut Valley Dr	El Dorado, KS
Gary Taylor	720 Oak St	El Dorado, KS
Tom Tibbets	1117 W Kansas	El Dorado, KS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vince Haines called the April 4, 2016 meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Chase Locke opened the meeting with prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Weaver’s 2nd Grade class from Lincoln Elementary led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Vince Haines read the proclamation declaring April Fair Housing Month.

Mayor Vince Haines read the proclamation declaring April Child Abuse Awareness Month.

Mayor Haines stated that both items were important to think about all year long.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Kurt Bookout, Public Utilities Director, stated that city employee Bob Simmons recently received an award for dedication to provide quality water and quality of life in El Dorado.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Vince Haines opened the floor for Public Comment.

Lonnie Snook, 3998 NE Cole Creek Rd., stated that he had never received information from the County regarding the gun range. He stated that they found the proposal for the gun range on their website. He stated that the range will be overseen by Wildlife and Parks but run by Friends of the Gun Range. He was concerned that it would be operated by volunteers and not professionals. He also asked if the Planning Commission would be reviewing the issue.

Mayor Vince Haines stated that they have directed staff to investigate and report back.

City Manager Herb Llewellyn stated that we have requested information from the County and Wildlife and Parks. We have received information from the County and are waiting on the electronic version from Parks and Recreation.

Scott Rickard, Assistant City Engineer, stated that there are three environmental studies and an acoustical study as well as other information.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that we hope to have the information out this week. He stated the soonest the Planning Commission could see it is in May, then it goes to the County Commission and then back to City Commission. He thought that the soonest it would be to the City Commission would be June or July.

Mr. Snook asked if the City had addressed the problem of the range coming to the City instead of the County.

Mayor Haines stated that this is what staff are looking into now. He stated that he has also discussed the issue with a few members of the Friends of the Gun Range and they are hoping to model it after Hillsdale and are working to address any issues.

Mr. Snook stated that the sound tests appear to be taken with only one gun at a time. He stated that there could be as many as 50 guns shooting at the same time which would be much louder.

Tom Tibbetts, 1117 W Kansas, stated he wants to talk to Herb and had questions regarding the police department.

Jim Murfin, City Attorney, stated that there is an allegation in municipal court and it is best taken care of through the court. He will have opportunity to express his concerns there.

City Manager Llewellyn clarified that he is unable to discuss the case before the court. He stated that he does not interfere with an active judicial process.

Mr. Tibbetts stated that he has tried to discuss an issue with an officer speeding through the school zone, but has not received a call back.

Kathy Walter, Flinthills Services, stated that she is present to discuss the proposed improvements to Oak Street. She stated that they have two large group homes there. She stated that when they first put the homes in, there were a lot of misconceptions and fears regarding those homes but they have overcome those issues. She stated that while some of the homes that are worse off have been torn down, the neighborhood is still in need of a good street. She stated that Flinthills Services is more than willing to pay their share of the cost of the street and hopes that the project goes forward.

Mr. Snook asked if they can ask for a cease and desist order until everyone has their work together.

Mayor Haines stated that was part of the ongoing work.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that they are aware of the consequences of the land use issue and are considering that in their work.

Mr. Rickard stated that the plan was currently to finish in 2017.

Mayor Haines asked if they could find the plan online.

Mr. Rickard stated that it was part of what was being provided to the City Commission.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that they will be providing all of the written communication to the City Commission from the County and Wildlife and Parks.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the City Commission minutes from March 21, 2016.

Approval of Appropriation Ordinance 03-16 in the amount of \$2,095,095.39.

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

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 - 0.

CHARTER ORDINANCE EXEMPTING THE CITY OF EL DORADO FROM K.S.A. 12-617

Tom Kaleko, Springsted Financial Advisors, stated that they routinely look at outstanding debt to look at ways to save money. He stated that recently one of our water loans came to his attention. Kansas Water Pollution Control Loan #1639, which financed the waste water lift station and treatment plant improvements was originally \$11,606,957.75. He stated that \$6,618,469.83 in principal remains outstanding.

Mr. Kaleko stated that they looked at doing a refunding of that project using general obligation bonds. He stated that the time of the debt will be the same, the interest rate would be 1.8% as opposed to 2.8%. He stated that the savings are subject to market movement, but the rate environment is relatively stable right now.

Mr. Kaleko stated that the Kansas State Statutes do not give cities the authority to finance this type of loan with a G. O. Bond, but the statute is non uniform and so cities may charter out. The ordinance requires a 2/3 majority vote, 2 publications in the paper and a 60 day protest period. He stated that if it is approved, we will have the ability to do this with other loans in the future.

Commissioner Nick Badwey confirmed that we would not have to do this if the rate went up and that bond counsel had approved the ordinance.

Mr. Kaleko stated that he was correct.

Mayor Haines stated that we have up to the date of the execution to change our minds.

Mr. Kaleko stated that the city has the right to refuse all bids if the savings is not significant.

Mayor Haines confirmed that they would be receiving bids.

City Manager Herb Llewellyn stated that they would receive the bids at a meeting for approval and the Commission can decide whether or not to accept them.

Mayor Haines asked where the payment is coming from now and will the savings be passed on to taxpayers.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that it is paid from the sewer fund and would allow the department to operate more efficiently.

Commissioner Badwey stated that it could possibly hold off future increases.

Mr. Kaleko stated that on a yearly basis it is not a game changer for the utility, but over the ten years it is significant.

Commissioner Nick Badwey moved to approve Charter Ordinance 21, an ordinance exempting the City of El Dorado, Kansas, from the provisions of K.S.A. 12-617 et seq. and providing substitute and additional provisions on the same subject relating to sewer improvements and the issuance of bonds for the purpose of paying for said improvements.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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
Position No. 3	Commissioner Nick Badwey	Yes

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Vince Haines stated that he has asked the Commission to begin giving an update on the board meetings that they attend as a City Commissioner.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson stated that she serves on the Parks and Recreation Board who met last week. She stated that they did a project update: staff are relamping at McDonald Stadium, bleachers scoreboard and temporary fencing have been ordered and should be arriving in April for the lake diamonds, they are closing the mud volleyball pits to allow for extension of the pond, they have closed the road on the south side of the fields at East Park in order to plant grass that will create more warm up areas and possibly another batting cage. They have added a new bull pen at Red Day Field and the ceiling at the activity center has been completed.

Commissioner Wilkinson stated that they are discussing the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and moving forward with it. They discussed financing and she stated that they are still investigating that.

Commissioner Wilkinson stated that the Airport provides an excellent monthly newsletter and meets every other month.

Commissioner Nick Badwey stated that there has been a report from the Prairie Trails advisory board since their last meeting so he has nothing new.

Mayor Haines stated that El Dorado Inc. has been working on their budget, and they will be hosting a meeting in a few weeks regarding the Oil and Gas sector.

Mayor Haines stated that he has been appointed to the Executive Committee of REAP but they have not met yet.

Mayor Haines stated that the Main Street Board has not met recently.

Mayor Haines stated that he was unable to make the Library Board meeting last week.

Commissioner Chase Locke stated that the Youth Commission meets every other Monday night. They discuss the Commission agenda. He stated that it is set up to get young people involved in local government.

Commissioner Locke stated that the Youth Commission tries to do a quarterly service project including fireworks and the Walnut River Festival. He stated that they have discussed the Parks and Recreation Master Plan a lot. He provides clarification to them on what is going on in El Dorado.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis asked when the Parks and Recreation board meets.

Commissioner Wilkinson stated that they meet the third Thursday of the month in the conference room at 5:30.

Mayor Haines asked if the Youth Commission would be willing to take on the issue of the skating rink.

Commissioner Locke stated that they would like to do that. He stated that anyone who has a project for young people, they should bring it to the Youth Commission.

Commissioner Locke thanked the fire fighters for their work with the fires over the last few weeks. He stated that he has received a lot of compliments about how easy and nice they are to work with.

Commissioner Wilkinson asked if anyone was addressing the empty spaces on the North main Plaza.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that Linda Jolly with El Dorado Inc. works with the agent of the owners. She has tried to encourage improvements and customers. He stated that historically they have had enough customers that they have priced themselves out of the market. He stated that Linda has recently heard from them and they are interested in making some improvements.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that it may be a good place to consider a Community Investment District. He stated that it is a busy important intersection in the city.

Mayor Haines stated that he would like a better understanding of what the Commission's role in an emergency situation is.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that in the event of a disaster, the city has several plans on how to deal with it. He stated that we use the Incident Command System that is used nationally, otherwise known as NIMS. He stated that in an incident like Hesston, we would set up an incident command center. A weather event is managed through the

command center downstairs at City Hall. He stated that the director in the incident is dependent upon what type of incident it is.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that the Commission does not have an assigned role in any emergency event. He stated that the public information officer, the city clerk in El Dorado, only releases information as the incident commander sees fit.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that staff are required by law to have training, there is also information for elected officials that we can provide but has to be altered because we have a different form of government than they assume in NIMS.

Commissioner Locke stated that he appreciates that anytime there is an emergency or something out of the ordinary, an e-mail goes out pretty quickly to the City Commission.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that he will always pass along the information as soon as he receives it.

Mayor Haines and Commissioner Locke stated that they would both be interested in the NIMS training.

Mayor Haines asked if City Manager Llewellyn would share information on mill levy cap and abandoned property.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that last year the State put a cap on the mill levy that should go into effect in 2018. He stated that the realtors association has levied to put the cap into effect this year. He stated that after their vacation, they will be meeting in committee and anticipate that it will pass. He stated that he has been in contact with our legislators.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that it might not affect El Dorado much because we have not raised the mill levy in many years. He stated that we have applied for a grant for new fire fighters for a few years and then we would raise the mill levy to pay for them. He stated in this environment he would recommend taking the small increase each year because they might not have the ability to raise the mill levy in three years.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that there is legislation making it easier to take over or acquire abandoned property. He stated that it will be a useful tool for cities. He stated that El Dorado has had good success with working with property owners. He stated that the biggest impact for El Dorado would be to increase the demolition budget.

Mayor Haines stated that they were making changes with the economic development exemptions.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that the new bill would not allow us to capture the properties as they come off their incentive programs.

Mayor Haines stated that the Chamber's legislative lunch will be Thursday, he encouraged people to talk to them about these issues.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Herb Llewellyn stated that they would like to have a work session to discuss funding sources for the parks and recreation master plan and the core development plan next Wednesday.

There was agreement amongst the Commission.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that he will be visiting with the EFABC regarding the re-development of the Legion property.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Nick Badwey moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Commissioner Chase Locke seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

City Clerk Tabitha D. Sharp

Mayor Vince Haines