

The El Dorado City Commission met in a regular session on June 15, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center with the following present: Mayor Bill Young, Commissioner Andrew Tipton, Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson, Commissioner Syndee Scribner, Commissioner Leon Leachman, and City Manager David Dillner. Absent:

VISITORS

Tabitha Sharp	Assistant City Manager	El Dorado, KS
Emerald Veatch	City Clerk	El Dorado, KS
Scott Rickard	Director of Engineering	El Dorado, KS
Mike Holton	Police Chief	El Dorado, KS
Liz Blakely	Management Intern	El Dorado, KS
Kate Bosserman	Experience El Dorado	El Dorado, KS
Olivia Malanchuk	Experience El Dorado	El Dorado, KS
Corey Landreth	Haverhill Real Life Church	El Dorado, KS
Bailey Martin-Rutliff	Kansas Oil Museum	El Dorado, KS
Laura Collins		
Jeff and Laurie Klein		El Dorado, KS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bill Young called the June 15, 2026, meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Pastor Corey Landreth, Haverhill Real Life Church opened the meeting with invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Commission led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITION

There were no proclamations or presentations.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Bailey Martin-Rutliff presented updates on the current operations at the Kansas Oil Museum.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Bill Young opened the floor for public comments.

Laurie Klein, 317 Race, expressed her concern regarding potential data centers.

Jeff Klein, 317 Race, also expressed his concern with potential data centers and requested that the zoning text amendment ordinance be rescinded.

Laura Collins, 1310 Skyview Drive, requested that the Commission add to the ethics policy that all Commissioners must abstain from voting if they or their families benefit in any way, including selling land or renting to people associated with a project. She also asked that they not be able to promote anything they have voted on. She also requested that any major project in El Dorado be submitted for a public vote.

Mayor Bill Young closed the public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval the appointment of Christian Locke to the Parks and Recreation Board for a term set to expire on December 31, 2027.

Approval of an MOU with the K-State Extension Butler County Master Gardeners to operate the 2026 Farmers and Art Market.

Commissioner moved Leon Leachman to approve the consent agenda.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no public hearing.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT (SUP) FOR A DETACHED ACCESSORY BUILDING AT 720 N. OAK STREET.

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that Gary Taylor has requested a Special Use Permit to construct a 1,800 square foot detached accessory structure at 720 Oak Street. The property is located at the southeast corner of Oak Street and East 6th Avenue and is zoned R-2, Residential Medium Density. The applicant intends to use the structure for personal vehicle storage and hobby related activities. The proposed structure is a 30 foot by 60-foot metal building. It exceeds what can be approved administratively and does not fully match the architectural materials of the primary residence. For those reasons, the request requires review through the Special Use Permit

process. Denial of this request would not prevent an accessory structure from being built on the property. It would only prevent the 1,800 square foot structure as proposed.

City Engineer Rickard stated that the applicant previously filed a similar Special Use Permit request in 2025. The Planning Commission voted 3-2 to recommend denial, and the City Commission voted 4-1 to affirm that recommendation. The current request is substantially similar in size, use, location, and general building concept.

City Engineer Rickard stated that at the May 28, 2026 Planning Commission meeting, discussion focused on the size of the structure, the metal building appearance, whether the building should match the house, whether the request was materially different from the prior request, and whether a smaller structure could be built without Special Use Permit approval. The Planning Commission voted 4-3 to recommend denial.

Commissioner Syndee Scribner moved to approve Ordinance No. G-1464 granting a Special Use Permit to Gary Taylor to allow a 1,800 square foot detached accessory structure at 720 Oak Street, subject to the conditions stated in the ordinance and staff memo, and to override the Planning Commission recommendation for denial and the conditions recommended by staff in the memo.

Commissioner Andrew Tipton seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-1.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF PROJECT NO. 640 – OFF STREET PARKING IMPROVEMENTS AT 308 AND 318 WEST CENTRAL.

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that the City Commission previously authorized Project #640 for off-street parking improvements at 308 and 318 W Central Ave. The project provides a small off-street parking area to address access concerns while preserving the existing Central Avenue street section. Bids were received on May 7, 2026. The low bid from FYG Construction was \$33,081.00, which was above the original engineer's estimate. The benefiting property owners have signed a revised petition reflecting the updated project cost and cost split. The revised resolution repeals and replaces the prior authorization.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson moved to accept the revised petition for off-street parking improvements benefiting 308 and 318 W Central Ave; find the petition sufficient; approve Resolution No. 3052 determining the advisability of the improvements and authorizing Project #640; and direct the City Manager to award the construction contract to FYG Construction in the amount of \$33,081.00, contingent upon receipt and approval of all required contract documents.

Commissioner Leon Leachman seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were none.

REPORTS

CITY COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES

Commissioner Syndee Scribner encouraged everyone to go to the City Band Concerts.

Commissioner Andrew Tipton stated that Main Street had the Hot Shot Golf Tournament and it was a great event. He stated that they have one interview scheduled and they are hoping to get a few more scheduled for the director position.

Mayor Bill Young stated the Walnuts season has started back up and encouraged everyone to go support the walnuts.

Mayor Young reminded everyone about the KDOT project closed 12th street for the bridge project.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager David Dillner congratulated Brian Urton, Darcia Beavers, Spencer Diaz, and Jennifer Bell on completing Emerging Leaders Academy and Elizabeth Blakeley on completing her master's in public administration at KU.

City Manager Dillner stated that the assessed valuation and revenue neutral rate information was received from the County this week, the information will be brought to the Commission at the next budget work session.

City Manager Dillner stated that staff will develop a plan to revisit the ordinance on emerging industries and will have information available to the Commission in the coming weeks.

City Manager Dillner asked what information they wanted from El Dorado Inc. based on the comments at prior meetings.

The Commission asked to see the most current memorandum of understanding with El Dorado Inc.

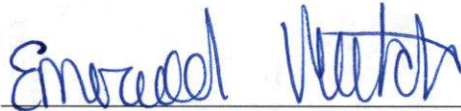
Assistant City Manager Tabitha Sharp stated that fireworks will be able to shot on June 27th through July 5th. She stated that they can be shot from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. everyday except for the 4th, on which date they can shoot them from 8 a.m. to midnight. She stated that the city will be hosting the annual picnic and games at East Park on July 3rd at 5 p.m., July 4th the Celebration of Freedom will be hosting a parade at 9 a.m., the free swim will be from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., the Walnuts will be playing the War Dogs, with pre-game festivities beginning at 5 p.m. and a fireworks show after.

ADJOURNMENT

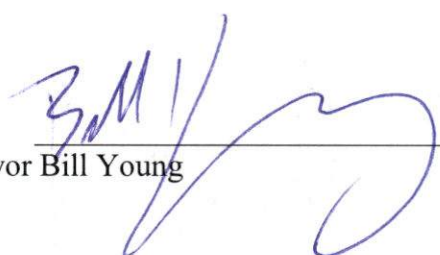
Commissioner Andrew Tipton moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Commissioner Syndee Scribner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

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City Clerk Emerald Veatch

Handwritten signature of Mayor Bill Young in blue ink, written over a horizontal line.
Mayor Bill Young