

EL DORADO CITY COMMISSION MEETING

July 5, 2016

The El Dorado City Commission met in a special session on July 5, 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, Assistant City Engineer Scott Rickard, and City Clerk Tabitha Sharp.

VISITORS

Julie Clements	Butler County Times Gazette	El Dorado, KS
Steve Moody	220 E 1 st	El Dorado, KS
Eddie Dean Jr	1340 Prairie View	El Dorado, KS
Shawn Dean	2110 Prairie View	El Dorado, KS
Mitch and Debbie Collins	2050 Prairie View Ct	El Dorado, KS
Rob and Anna Vestring	2145 Prairie View Ct	El Dorado, KS
Brad Meyer	220 E 1 st	El Dorado, KS
Kevin Wishart	220 E 1 st	El Dorado, KS
Curt Zieman	220 E 1 st	El Dorado, KS
Tammy Schaffer	220 E 1 st	El Dorado, KS
Tom Kaleko	Springsted Inc.	
Kurt Bookout	220 E 1 st	El Dorado, KS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vince Haines called the June 20, 2016 meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Pastor Wade Graber opened the meeting with prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Commission led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Vince Haines opened the floor for public comment.

Eddie Dean Jr., 1340 Prairie View, stated that he and his neighbors have concerns with the flooding on their street. He stated that there is a small pond off of their street that overflows and floods the street. He stated that the water goes up over a vacant lot towards the golf course, if a structure is ever placed on that lot, it will be flooded.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson asked if anything had been done in the last five years.

Mr. Dean stated that a concrete structure was removed from the back yard of one of the residents and the storm sewer was vacuumed out.

Commissioner Wilkinson asked staff what had been done.

City Manager Herb Llewellyn stated that staff have tried a few things to correct the problem. He stated that originally, the vault was put in place to collect the water and let it out on the golf course. He stated that City staff attempted to remove part of the vault to help the situation and continue to go out during storms to see what we can do to make it better.

Commissioner Wilkinson stated that she realized that there was a lot of rain, but asked if more could be done to help these residents.

Commissioner Chase Locke asked if staff could look into it more and report back at the next meeting.

Mr. Dean stated that he would like to meet someone there to better understand the problem.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that staff are out there and have been out during a storm trying to figure out the issue. He stated that both Jason's at the golf course are trying to work out the problem as well.

Mr. Dean stated that there is a substantial amount of water on Kala that is also coming out on Prairie View as well.

Assistant City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that he would meet Mr. Dean to take a look at the problem.

Mayor Vince Haines asked what we could do to mitigate the situation in future developments.

Mr. Dean stated that the city did the design for that development's storm sewer.

Mayor Haines stated that the take away is that Mr. Dean and Mr. Rickard will meet on site to discuss the problem.

Anna Vestry, 2135 Prairie View Ct, stated that she would like to add that on Sunday morning when she was out walking the sewer was still full and wasn't draining.

City Manager Llewellyn asked if she had looked at it since then because that would give us more information.

Ms. Vestry stated that she had not.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the City Commission minutes from June 20, 2016.

Approval of appropriation ordinance No. 06-16 in the amount of \$1,470,767.75.

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

Commissioner Nick Badwey seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

PROJECT AUTHORIZATION SEWER IMPROVEMENTS

Tom Kaleko, Springsted Financial Advisors, stated that there are two items related to the bond issue tonight. He stated that the first item is some improvements that were financed through a Kansas Department of Health and Environment revolving loans a few years ago. He stated that in order to refinance these items, the City Commission must authorize them for bond payment in order to include them in the bond issue.

Commissioner Nick Badwey asked how much money they would save.

Mr. Kaleko stated that they are estimating approximately \$300,000. He stated that the term of the loan is not changing, there will just be a rate change because of our improved financial rating. He stated that the average rate issued on KDHE loans becomes less competitive over time.

Mayor Vince Haines asked what the estimated interest rate will be.

Mr. Kaleko stated that this is a blended bond issue which includes older projects and new projects. He stated that the true interest cost on the whole amount is about 1.6%.

Commissioner Nick Badwey moved to approve Resolution No. 2819, a Resolution authorizing and providing for the alteration, repair or reconstruction of a sanitary sewer in the city; and providing for the payment of the costs not to exceed \$6,735,000.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

AUTHORIZATION FOR SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2016 A

Tom Kaleko, Springsted Financial Advisors, stated that this is the standard bond authorization. He stated that this sets the date for the bond issue and allows the advisors to begin preparation of that issue.

Mr. Kaleko stated that the sale will take place on August 15th at 10 a.m., and he will be present to review the results that evening.

Commissioner Nick Badwey moved to approve Resolution No. 2820, a Resolution authorizing the offering for sale of general obligation improvement bonds, Series 2016A, of the City of El Dorado, Kansas.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Vince Haines stated that El Dorado Inc. has finished the Housing Assessment Tool that establishes the status of the housing market in El Dorado which will lead up to some CDBG funding.

Mayor Haines stated that the library still has a lot of activities going on for the summer reading program.

Mayor Haines stated that Main Street is working on theirstead feed on July 22nd and Frontier Western Celebration.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis stated that Westar is investing \$3,000,000 in the region to upgrade meters. He stated that this will make their customer service better.

Commissioner Lewis stated that El Dorado Inc. did a survey for short and long term initiatives and will report on it at the next meeting.

Commissioner Chase Locke stated that the Vino and Brew fund raiser for the Coutts will also be on July 22nd.

Commissioner Locke thanked the Parks and Recreation and Public Works crews for their work on the 4th of July activities. He stated that the fireworks show was great and it was good to see all of the surrounding parking lots full of people. He stated that he heard a lot of good comments from the public.

City Manager Herb Llewellyn stated that the same fireworks company does our show each year and they do a great job. He stated that a lot of work was done at the parks the night before because of all of the rain.

Commissioner Nick Badwey stated that Prairie Trails Advisory Board did not meet last week because they couldn't get a quorum.

Commissioner Badwey stated that he received a call about some cars on South Main that don't get moved often.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that staff are looking into the situation, it appears to be a police and land use issue.

Commissioner Wilkinson stated that all of her boards meet later this month, but wanted to provide an update on the upcoming activities. She stated that the True Grit challenge was this weekend. She stated that next weekend is the Veteran Reunion at the lake. She stated that the Drums Across Kansas event is Monday the 18th and tickets can be purchased online. The Walnut River Brewery 3rd Anniversary Bash is on July 30th.

Commissioner Wilkinson stated that she also wanted to compliment the city on the fireworks show, she stated that it was great. She asked citizens to make sure they sweep up their fireworks debris so that it does not go down the storm sewer.

Commissioner Locke requested an executive session for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel at the end of the meeting.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Herb Llewellyn invited the Commission to a ribbon cutting at Sunny Stop East this Friday at 11 a.m.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that there was a large rain event this weekend and he has asked staff to be present to discuss the event. He stated that he wanted to discuss how the community came together to respond to that event.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that the Stone Road Lift Station was struck by lightning and stopped working, the basement at City Hall flooded, there was flooding at McDonald Stadium, several streets had to be shut down for flooding issues, and we received calls from other businesses needing assistance.

Commissioner Chase Locke asked how downtown fared in the storm.

Brad Meyer, Public Works Director, stated that the Police Department was present to help slow traffic. He stated that the water came up to the first step. He stated that it was a lot of rain in a very short amount of time.

Commissioner Locke asked if a lot of the problem down there is caused by traffic.

Mr. Meyer stated that there is some effect when people drive through. Mr. Rickard had a few inches taken off the base of the road to help out with some of that during the last project there.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis asked if Specs and Robins got water inside.

Mr. Meyer stated that it came up to their doors, but that is a bit higher there.

Mr. Meyer stated that the railroad had some problem with their tracks down by the compost site.

Mr. Meyer stated that the pond at Vintage topped out around one o'clock in the morning on Sunday. He stated that there were several spots there that normally don't have water. He stated that we closed North Main at Wildcat Way because McCollum was not passable around three in the morning. He stated that they notified KTA and KDOT that we closed the road.

Kurt Bookout, Public Utilities Director, stated that the infrastructure did well because the water levels went down, it was just an extreme amount of water in one evening.

Mr. Meyer stated that we know the system is working because the water went down quickly. He stated that we know there is some work to do around Carr and Main because the water didn't go down there.

Mr. Bookout stated that there have been a lot of complaints about sewer surge charging. He stated that the wastewater plant handled the flow pretty well, we were up around 10 MGD. He stated the only big issue was that the Stone Road Lift Station went down. He thanked Robbie Pollard, Hogoboom and Nowak for their work over the weekend. He stated that they have created a bypass until it can get repaired, he stated that it will take about two weeks to completely repair the problem. He stated that Holly Frontier had a fitting we needed for the bypass and so he thanked them as well.

Mayor Haines asked if insurance will cover the problem.

Mr. Bookout stated that it would.

Mayor Haines asked if it made sense to keep a pump on hand.

Mr. Bookout stated that this is an unusual issue, but we are considering keeping a few more parts on hand to mitigate the issue in the future.

Mayor Haines asked if some of the stormwater issues are identified in the long range plan to help the problem.

Mr. Rickard stated that the long range plan is to redo the parking lot between Gordy and 1st as well as looking at some underground retention. He stated that most of the solutions to the issues are very expensive.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that we have held off doing this for a while because of the downtown master plan, we did not want to tear up the area twice.

Mr. Meyer stated that we have a group of staff members that go out during storms to check on all of these items so that we understand the issues. He stated that the ditch behind the address on Hillside that the Commission has been receiving calls about had very limited flow that night.

Mr. Rickard stated that if we can contain a storm like we had in the public right of way, we are faring pretty well. He stated that we design to what we call a ten year event for water to stay within the curb line of the street, Saturday's event was well over a ten year event.

Mayor Haines asked what the policy was on sewer backups during this type of event.

City Manager Llewellyn stated that we are obligated to respond quickly so that we can make sure that it is not a blockage in our lines, but we do not have any financial responsibility to fix their homes for events related to weather.

Mr. Bookout stated that staff were out just checking sewers to make sure the flow was still working.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Chase Locke moved to recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters related to non-elected personnel and to reconvene the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

Mayor Vince Haines called the meeting back to order at 7:57 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Chase Locke moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Commissioner Nick Badwey seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 - 0.

City Clerk Tabitha D. Sharp

Mayor Vince Haines