

EL DORADO CITY COMMISSION MEETING

October 3, 2016

The El Dorado City Commission met in a special session on October 3, 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 Attorney Jim Murfin, Finance Director Tammy Schaffer, Assistant City Engineer Scott Rickard, and City Clerk Tabitha Sharp.

VISITORS

Julie Clements	Butler County Times Gazette	El Dorado, KS
Ross Viner	Dam Music Fest	
Brent Hanson	Dam Music Fest	
CJ Wilson	Dam Music Fest	
Danielle McBride	Dam Music Fest	
Darla Carter	Family Life Center	El Dorado, KS
Gary Owen	1655 Troon North	El Dorado, KS
Ashlyn Lindskog	Martin Pringle	Wichita, KS
James Cook	719 Fredrick Dr	El Dorado, KS
Olivia Haselwood	El Dorado Leader.com	El Dorado, KS
Tim Baker	220 E 1 st	El Dorado, KS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vince Haines called the October 3, 2016 meeting to order.

REORDERING OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Vince Haines requested a motion to move New Business to the first item on the agenda.

Commissioner Chase Locke moved to reorder the agenda.

Commissioner Nick Badwey seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Chase Locke opened the meeting with prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Commission led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION

Darla Carter, Family Life Center, presented information on the shelter and their activities over the past year.

Mayor Vince Haines read the proclamation declaring the month of October Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Vince Haines stated that City Manager Herb Llewellyn has requested that he be able to take sick leave for the remainder of his contract. He stated that City Manager Llewellyn has appointed Assistant City Engineer Scott Rickard as the point person in his absence.

Mayor Haines stated that the Commission has also selected a search firm for the City Manager search process. He stated that they anticipate moving forward with Waters and Company and have a selection made by the end of the year.

Commissioner Chase Locke stated that he was excited to get the ball rolling in the process.

Mayor Haines stated that he felt that there should be a point person for communication on the Commission to avoid any gaps as we move forward.

Commissioner Locke stated that he would like to see a point person or two. He stated that he would like to see Mayor Haines be a point person with Waters & Co. and with Mr. Rickard as we move forward.

City Attorney Jim Murfin stated that he felt that a motion was proper in this situation.

Mayor Haines stated that this does not authorize any additional authority, Mr. Rickard would serve as the point person for the day-to-day affairs of the city.

Commissioner Chase Locke moved to make Mayor Haines the point of contact with Waters and Company and Scott Rickard during the interim process.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4 – 0 (Mayor Haines abstained).

Commissioner Gregg Lewis asked if the staff understood that they would now answer to Scott for day-to-day operations.

Assistant City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that City Manager Llewellyn anticipated that Mr. Rickard would be in charge for the next few months and he felt that is what had been communicated tonight.

Commissioner Wilkinson stated that the airport board has cancelled their meeting due to a lack of quorum. She stated that the fall sports were under way and asked that anyone who was interested in coaching contact the Parks and Recreation Director. She stated that quite a few of the city staff are coaching teams.

Commissioner Wilkinson stated that Oktoberfest had a nice crowd and a great evening for the event.

Commissioner Nick Badwey stated that Prairie Trails Advisory Board met last week. He stated that the ladies tournament last week went well, staff received compliments on the course from them. He stated that the board had some questions regarding the upcoming cross country meet which he answered to the best of his ability.

Commissioner Lewis stated that El Dorado Inc. is on a membership drive.

Commissioner Lewis confirmed that Emprise Bank will still have access during trick or treat with Main Street.

Mr. Rickard stated that he was correct.

Mayor Haines stated that there is an economic development conference in Wichita on Thursday. He stated that Main Street is working on their future goals.

Mayor Haines stated that he joined several Mayors on the city-to-city tour. He stated that it was good to see what was happening in the city of Nashville and he felt that it was good to get to know the other communities and see what they are doing. He thanked the Commission for allowing him to represent the city in that capacity.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

CJ Wilson, Brent Hanson and Ross Viner, Dam Music Festival, introduced themselves as the group that will be bringing the event to the lake area. She stated that they announced today the partnership with I Heart Radio and wanted to get out and be a part of the community...

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson asked what the dates were.

Ms. Wilson stated that they would be July 28th and 29th. She stated that they hope to announce the acts soon.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Vince Haines opened the floor for public comments.

Gary Owen, 1655 Troon North, stated that he attended the Advisory Board at Prairie Trails last Monday and was concerned about the upcoming Cross Country event. He listed concerns including: depriving local golfers of access to the course, causing damage to the course, places an additional financial burden on the course, and provides no compensation.

Mayor Haines stated that he is correct, there is a cross country meet coming. He stated that he could not speak to many of the details other than it had been being planned for approximately a year.

Scott Rickard, Assistant City Engineer, stated that to his understanding is that the course will be closed for 2 to 3 days.

Mr. Owen stated that he would like to have a conversation with someone because they were told by the Superintendent that he would be closing the course on Tuesday and re-opening it Sunday.

Mr. Rickard stated that he would be happy to meet with Mr. Owen and discuss this and then report to the Commission at the next meeting.

Mr. Owen stated that he was concerned because the event is less than a month away.

Commissioner Chase Locke stated that they have all been contacted by the golfers and they are looking into creating a better deal.

Mr. Owen asked if anyone had contacted the previous course that held this event.

Commissioner Locke stated that he thought several courses had been contacted.

Mr. Owen stated that he understood that normally there is a fixed compensation for problems that occur, but his understanding from the previous week's meeting was that there was not.

Mr. Rickard stated that the motivation to have this event was to bring people to El Dorado to generate sales tax and bed tax and showcase the course.

Mr. Owen stated that he was supportive of the event, he just wanted to make sure that in the process that we don't damage the course.

Mr. Rickard stated that there is a superintendent there that is very prideful in regards to that course and he would be working to make sure there wasn't damage.

Mayor Haines stated that staff would try and get the issue resolved in the next few days and make a presentation at the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis said he had received complaints and asked if Mr. Owen had seen Prairie Trails used as a dog park as well.

Mr. Owen stated that was just one of many problems we have with people who treat it as a park instead of a golf course.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the City Commission minutes from September 19, 2016 and Special City Commission Minutes from September 14, 2016.

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

Commissioner Nick Badwey seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

SALES TAX TASK FORCE

City Clerk Tabitha Sharp stated that the City Commission requested a sales tax task force to begin work on a sales tax to support the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. This item is for the City Commission to bring individuals forward to serve on that task force.

Mayor Vince Haines stated that he had recruited Steve Seymour and Forest Rhodes.

Commissioner Chase Locke stated that he has recruited John Grunder.

Commissioner Nick Badwey stated that the six people he had spoken with have turned him down.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson stated that Matt Guthrie has agreed to participate.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis stated that he has spoken to Patrick Light about participating on the committee.

Mayor Haines asked if they should table the item.

Ms. Sharp stated that they could appoint the members that they have already recruited or they can table it until they recruit more people.

Mayor Haines stated that they would table the issue.

Commissioner Locke encouraged people to contact the City Commission if they were interested.

Mayor Haines encouraged citizens to go online to view the Master Plan.

RECEIVE THE PETITION ON PROJECT NO. 506 – WIDENING N. HAVERHILL

Assistant City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that Valmont Industries has requested to pave a portion of the shoulders adjacent to their property on North Haverhill Road due to the amount of traffic going in and out of the facility. He stated that parking on the shoulder has created some damage to adjacent properties.

Mr. Rickard stated that Valmont has agreed to pay 100% of the improvement costs. He stated that work was anticipated to begin in the next few weeks.

Commissioner Nick Badwey moved that Resolution No. 2828, a resolution determining the advisability of the making of certain internal improvements in the City of El Dorado, Kansas; making certain findings with respect thereto; and authorizing and providing for the making of the improvements in accordance with such findings (paving improvements/N Haverhill Rd - project 506).

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

EXECUTIVE SEARCH FIRM

Commissioner Nick Badwey moved to direct the Mayor to sign a contract with Waters & Co. for the purpose of securing a new City Manager.

Commissioner Chase Locke seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4 – 0 (Mayor Haines abstained).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson moved to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel and legal matters and to reconvene the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Commissioner Nick Badwey seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

Mayor Vince Haines called the meeting back to order at 7:42 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Chase Locke moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 - 0.

City Clerk Tabitha D. Sharp

Mayor Vince Haines