

EL DORADO CITY SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING

December 14, 2016

The El Dorado City Commission met in special session on December 14, 2016 at 4:00 pm at the City Commission Room with the following present: Mayor Vince Haines, Commissioner Chase Locke, Commissioner Gregg Lewis, Commissioner Nick Badwey, Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson, Acting City Manager Scott Rickard, City Attorney Ashlyn Lindskog, and City Clerk Tabitha Sharp.

VISITORS

Julie Clements	Butler County Times Gazette	El Dorado, KS
Olivia Haselwood	El Dorado Leader	El Dorado, KS
Kurt Bookout	220 E 1 st	El Dorado, KS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vince Haines called the December 14, 2016 Special City Commission meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

WATER AND SEWER FEES

Public Utilities Director Kurt Bookout presented the Commission with a plan from our financial advisors that would allow the City to build fund balance in the Water and Sewer Funds which will allow staff to apply for matching funds grants. He also requested that the City Commission consider a change to the Sewer Rate Structure that would correlate readiness to serve fees with meter size as it is done with water.

Acting City Manager Scott Rickard stated that according to the structures of other cities and the advice of our financial advisors, the readiness to serve fees should be collected to cover debt and administrative costs. He stated that ours are not covering those costs.

Mr. Bookout stated that he felt a minimal increase of 1.5% in water rates would be sufficient for that fund because there were no large projects planned. He stated that he would like to increase sewer rates by 1.5% and also implement the readiness to serve fees suggested by Springsted.

The City Commission requested the rate increase be placed on the next agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Chase Locke moved to recess into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to non-elected personnel and legal matters, and to reconvene the regularly scheduled meeting in the City Commission room at 4:55 p.m.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

Mayor Vince Haines called the meeting back to order at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Chase Locke moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

City Clerk Tabitha D. Sharp

Mayor Vince Haines