

The El Dorado City Commission met in a regular session on July 18, 2017 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 Ashlyn Lindskog, City Manager David Dillner, City Engineer Scott Rickard and City Clerk Tabitha Sharp.

VISITORS

Diane Solorio	1831 Circle Dr	El Dorado, KS
Jeremy Costello	Butler County Times Gazette	El Dorado, KS
Karen Linn	Berberich Trahan & Co	Topeka, KS
Linda Jolly	El Dorado Inc.	El Dorado, KS
James Cook	719 Fredrick Dr	El Dorado, KS
Dan Jones	128 N Vine	El Dorado, KS
Fred Kropf	2001 W Towanda	El Dorado, KS
Matt Guthrie	811 W Central	El Dorado, KS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vince Haines called the July 5, 2017 meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Chase Locke opened the meeting with prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Commission led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Karen Linn, Berberich Trahan & Co. P.A., presented the 2016 audit. She stated that they were able to issue an unmodified opinion which is the highest opinion that can be given. She stated that there was a significant deficiency identified related to the auditing adjustments. She stated that it is consistent with the previous year.

Mayor Vince Haines asked if the auditors spend time with policies to make sure that they fit with our accounting.

Ms. Linn stated that they do compare policies as they relate to financial mis-statements.

Commissioner Nick Badwey congratulated Finance Director Tammy Schaffer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Vince Haines opened the floor for public comment.

Diane Solorio, Vintage Place Assisted Living, stated that she and her staff found a leak in their building. She stated that the employees of the City of El Dorado worked very hard to ensure that the facility did not violate state guidelines in terms of water availability. She stated that the employees worked very hard to make sure they had water over the holiday and thanked them for all of their work.

Fred Kropf, 2001 West Towanda, asked what the interest rate on his project was.

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that he would have to get that for him, he apologize for forgetting to contact him. He stated that he could meet him this week.

Mr. Kropf stated that he didn’t think the interest was correct. He asked to see an amortization schedule for the assessment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the City Commission minutes from July 5, 2017.

Approval of Appropriation Ordinance No. 06-17 in the amount of \$1,480,755.14.

Appointment of Philip Solorio to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a term to expire May 1, 2019.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Commissioner Chase Locke seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT – 1134 S EMPORIA STREET

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that the property owner requested a special use permit to allow an accessory structure larger than 1200 square feet. He stated that the Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the project.

Commissioner Chase Locke moved to approve Case No. 17-003-REZ, requesting a SUP for an accessory structure measuring 1,500 square feet in total area and 14 feet in height at the sidewalk, and that Ordinance No. G-1255 be approved.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Position No. 1	Commissioner Chase Locke	Yes
Position No. 2	Commissioner Gregg Lewis	Yes
Position No. 3	Commissioner Nick Badwey	Yes
Position No. 4	Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson	Yes
	Mayor Vince Haines	Yes

2018 CDBG PROGRAM APPLICATION

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that staff are asking the City Commission to set a public hearing for August 7th, so that they can submit an application for the Community Development Block Grant.

Mr. Rickard stated that the area goes from Central to 3rd and Gordy to Emporia. He stated that the area has been identified as an area in need that meets the requirements for the grant. He stated that they have offered a smaller target area after receiving feedback that the previous application's target area was too large.

Ms. Jolly stated that the landlord is required to pay 25% of the cost of the project. A grant administrator will oversee all of the activity around the grant.

Ms. Jolly stated that the application is due at the end of August, approvals will be granted at the end of the year, and if approved, projects can begin in March or April.

Mr. Rickard stated that they will try and have as many local contractors involved as possible.

Commissioner Nick Badwey moved to set the public hearing for 6:30 p.m. on August 7, 2017 to be held to discuss applying for the 2018 Kansas Small Cities CDBG Program

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

READINESS TO SERVE FEES

City Manager David Dillner stated that staff and the Commission have been discussing the health of the water and sewer funds. He stated that the Resolution offered this evening will offer a plan to increase the readiness to serve fees over the next five years. He stated that the two ordinances offered are to implement the first phase of the increase.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson asked the City Manager to explain what would happen should these increases not be put in place.

City Manager Dillner stated that

Commissioner Wilkinson stated that it could result in a decrease in water and sewer services.

City Manager Dillner stated that if we spend down the general fund reserve, it will also reduce general government services.

City Manager Dillner stated that you can only cut operational expenses so far. As long as the citizens want water and sewer to work in their homes, there is a certain level of expenses that are fixed.

City Manager Dillner stated that this is a projection and we may be able to do smaller increases as we review them annually.

Motion 1:

Commissioner Chase Locke moved to approve Resolution No. 2846, a Resolution providing a plan to modify the utility collection fees over the next five years in order to provide adequate water and sewer service in the City of El Dorado, Kansas.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

Motion 2:

Commissioner Gregg Lewis moved to approve Ordinance No. G-1256, an Ordinance amending chapter 13.08, Title 13, of the El Dorado Municipal Code pertaining to water service rates.

Commissioner Chase Locke seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Position No. 2	Commissioner Gregg Lewis	Yes
Position No. 3	Commissioner Nick Badwey	Yes
Position No. 4	Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson	Yes
	Mayor Vince Haines	Yes
Position No. 1	Commissioner Chase Locke	Yes

Motion 3:

EL DORADO CITY COMMISSION MEETING

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Commissioner Nick Badwey moved to approve Ordinance No. G-1257, an Ordinance amending chapter 13.20, Title 13, of the El Dorado Municipal Code pertaining to sewer service rates.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Position No. 3	Commissioner Nick Badwey	Yes
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

REPORTS

CITY COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson if we require property owners to remove signs once a business has been closed.

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that there is an ordinance that requires them to keep them in good repair. He stated that he would direct staff to initiate contact with the property owners.

Commissioner Chase Locke congratulated the CVB crew and city staff on the Drums Across Event last night. He thanked all of the other volunteers as well. He encouraged the community to welcome all of the visitors next week.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis stated that he has had a few complaints about the compost smoke blowing to the north side of town.

Mr. Rickard stated that he wasn't sure if it was burnt on purpose this week, he stated that we could find out and get back to the Commission.

Mayor Vince Haines stated that he would like to echo the congratulations to the crew that made the Drums Across Kansas event possible. He also encouraged people to welcome the Veterans Reunion this weekend and the visitors next week for Shrine Bowl and Dam Music Fest.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Dillner stated that ticket sales for Drums Across Kansas were up 22% from last year.

City Manager Dillner stated that the Commission will be touring the disc golf course this evening and the soft opening will be soon. He stated that the grand opening is August 12th.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Chase Locke moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Commissioner Nick Badwey seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

City Clerk Tabitha D. Sharp

Mayor Vince Haines