

The El Dorado City Commission met in a regular session on March 2, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Room with the following present: Mayor Bill Young, Commissioner Matt Guthrie, Commissioner Gregg Lewis, Commissioner Nick Badwey, Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson, City Manager David Dillner, and City Clerk Tabitha Sharp. Absent: City Engineer Scott Rickard

**VISITORS**

Norma Johnson	812 W Central	El Dorado, KS
Darla Carter	Family Life Center	El Dorado, KS
Phil Benedict	Thrive! Butler	El Dorado, KS
Julie Phillips	Communities In Schools	El Dorado, KS
Martha Reidel	Kids Need To Eat	El Dorado, KS
Lee White	Butler County Kansas News	El Dorado, KS

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bill Young called the March 2, 2020 meeting to order.

**INVOCATION**

Mother Christine Gilson opened the meeting with an invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Team Synergy, 11U Baseball, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Bill Young read the proclamation declaring it Severe Weather Awareness Week in El Dorado, Kansas.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Bill Young opened the floor for public comment.

Norma Johnson, 812 W Central, stated that she would like to see the City begin a yard waste program utilizing the recycling bins.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of City Commission Minutes from February 17, 2020.

Approval of Cereal Malt Beverage License for the Lewis Convenience Groups, LLC #3 located at 1631 West Central Avenue.

Commissioner Nick Badwey moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

**PROJECT NO. 520 – PAVING MARMATON ROAD AND PROJECT NO. 553 – SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION – BLOCK 7 STONE ADDITION**

City Manager David Dillner stated that projects 520 and 553, the Paving of Marmaton Road and the Sanitary Sewer extension for the Stone Addition, have been completed. He stated that we need to set a public hearing in order to spread the assessments.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis moved to set the public hearing for 6:30 p.m. on April 6, 2020 to be held for the purpose of considering the proposed assessments of the cost of Project

Numbers 520 and 553, and further direct individual mailings to each owner liable for the special assessments.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

**FLINT CREEK ESTATES**

City Manager David Dillner stated that the developer for the Flint Creek Estates and the City of El Dorado enter into an agreement stating what each party will be responsible for regarding the development of that property. He stated that the City will pay for water line improvements and any oversized streets and intersections, the developer will pay for the other infrastructure.

City Manager Dillner stated that included in this item, there is an amendment to the real estate contract. He stated that the developer has requested that the City grant a \$35,000 credit to the purchase to pay for some environmental mediation that has to be done.

City Manager Dillner stated that he and the City Attorney are requesting that the issue be tabled until they can finish some discussion regarding the agreement or give the City Manager authority to complete the agreement.

Commissioner Nick Badwey and Mayor Bill Young stated that they were fine with the City Manager and Attorney working it out and finishing the process.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson asked if the City would be stuck if an agreement couldn't be reached.

City Manager Dillner stated that the plat has not been filed yet and will not be until the agreement is reached. He stated that they will also not authorize a building permit or the extension of infrastructure until an agreement is reached. Once the agreement is complete, then the plat will be filed and the other items will be completed.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie moved to direct the City Manager and Attorney to complete negotiations with MRE Capital for the improvements to Flint Creek Estates and enter into a development agreement and amended real estate contract.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

**LIQUOR TAX DISTRIBUTION**

City Clerk Tabitha Sharp stated that the City received \$39,215.05 in liquor tax revenue during 2019. She stated that the beginning balance in the fund was \$5,242.39. The total available for distribution is \$44,457.44. She stated that the total requests this year are \$48,400 and so staff have provided a breakdown giving each agency a percentage of what they requested based off of the total available.

Darla Carter, Family Life Center, stated that she operates the shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence as well as a hotline for individuals to call and get help. She stated that they have increased their request this year due to a cut in funding from the United Way. She stated that 39 women and 38 children participated in the program last year.

Ms. Carter also reviewed the request for the baby-sitter used for Family Life Center and Thrive! Butler.

Phil Benedict, Thrive! Butler, stated that his program provided support to low income families or those living in poverty and teaches them skills to get out of poverty. He stated that they are requesting money for a facilitator, fuel cards and meals.

Mayor Bill Young asked how many people participate in their program.

Mr. Benedict stated that they limit it to 10 each session.

Julie Phillips, Communities in Schools Grant Manager, stated that her program helps students who have risk factors that might prohibit them from graduating. She stated that they provide basic needs, teaches life skills and support to encourage them to stay in school. She stated that this funding would close the gap in El Dorado and keep them fully funded for the year.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson asked how long the program had been here.

Ms. Phillips stated that they have been at the Middle School for seven years. The program regionally has been around for 25 years.

Commissioner Nick Badwey asked if they had ever requested funding prior to this point.

Ms. Phillips stated that had not. She stated that they are always looking at new funding mechanisms and this fit with their program well.

Martha Reidel, Kids Need to Eat, stated that they they are requesting funds for weekend backpacks and swimming pool passes.

Mayor Young clarified what their request was for.

City Clerk Sharp stated that they requested \$1,000 for meals and \$320 for swimming pool passes.

Mayor Young asked how SCARF uses their funding.

City Clerk Sharp stated that the information in the packet states that it is used for their mortgage payment and that he states in the letter that they have not received as much funding from other sources and so they increased their request.

Commissioner Nick Badwey asked if we held funds back to begin the year with a balance.

City Clerk Sharp stated that it varies from year to year based off of the requests we have received. Some years if we do not have groups request the entire amount, there are funds left for the next year.

Mayor Young asked if there was funding elsewhere to cover the deficit.

City Clerk Sharp stated that as was reported at their work session last week, the City has a deficit in the General Fund.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie stated that he was okay with the listed allocation.

Commissioner Badwey stated that he felt we should support organizations that have been with us for so many years. He felt that we should give the full request to Family Life Center and make adjustments to others.

Commissioner Wilkinson stated that she was okay with the listed allocations.

Commissioner Lewis stated that he was okay with the listed allocations.

Mayor Young stated that he agreed with Nick that we should support the organizations that we have supported for several years, but he appreciated what organizations like Communities in Schools and Thrive! Butler were doing. He stated that he felt that we could find the excess funds in another area.

City Manager David Dillner stated that he could find the funds elsewhere.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson moved to fully fund each request as follows and to authorize the City Manager to execute the appropriate documents and contracts with the following recipients and that these funds are disbursed consistent with Kansas statutes:

Organization	2020 Approved Amount
Family Life Center	\$22,000
SCARF	\$10,000
Thrive! Butler	\$7,500
Kids Need to Eat	\$1,320
Communities in Schools	\$7,500
Thrive! Butler/Family Life Daycare	\$400
Total	\$48,000

Commissioner Matt Guthrie seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

**ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

City Clerk Tabitha Sharp stated that the advisory board appointments had been reviewed at the last work session and were ready for official approval.

Mayor Bill Young stated that Wade Wilkinson had agreed to be one of the appointments for sales tax, but he was still waiting on confirmation from the other.

Advisory Board	Number of Seats	Term	Appointments
BOA	3	Follows Commission Term	Mayor Young - Robbie Pollard Commissioner Lewis – Britt Moore Commissioner Wilkinson – Dave Stewart
CTC	2	December 2021	Matt Jacobs Courtney Taylor
El Dorado Inc.	1	Follows Commission Term	Commissioner Lewis – Gregg Lewis
Library	2	December 2023	Nancy Wagner Roseanna Carter
Parks and Recreation	2	December 2021	Tyson Nielsen Camielle Austin
REAP	1	Follows Commission Term	Mayor Bill Young
Sales Tax	6 1 other filled by Planning Commission	2020	Bill – Wade Wilkinson Matt – Lindsay Mills Gregg – Dan Davis Nick – Victoria Humig Kendra – Mel Arnold Planning Commission – Brad Long

Commissioner Matt Guthrie moved to approve the advisory board appointments as listed including the appointment of Wade Wilkinson to the sales tax committee.

Commissioner Nick Badwey seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

**REPORTS**

**CITY COMMISSION**

**EL DORADO CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**March 2, 2020**

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson congratulated the Police Chief on 40 years of service.

The rest of the Commission joined her.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis stated that El Dorado Inc. has approved the job description for the Assistant Economic Development Director.

Commissioner Lewis stated that the refinery announced at the CAP meeting that truck traffic was moving to Gate 5 off of Haverhill soon. He was concerned about the road construction project being this year on Haverhill.

Public Works Director Brad Meyer stated that the project would likely be done when the asphalt plants are back open with better weather.

Commissioner Lewis stated that the refinery also announced that the next turnaround would be in 2023. They also presented the County with a \$30,000 check for helping out with turnaround.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie stated that he will be attending the interviews with the marketing groups for the community branding in two weeks.

Mayor Bill Young stated that he was looking forward to some conversations regarding the homelessness issue. They had discussed it during the last work session and hoped that it would begin soon. He stated that they also discussed priorities and a lake logo. He thanked Lee White for the poll he put out regarding the logo. He stated that we are working on better ways to market the lake and the new logo will help with that.

**CITY MANAGER**

City Manager David Dillner stated that the city received \$238,176 in sales tax and we are trending at 3%. He stated that it is early, but we are doing well and projected to come in just below last year which was a record year.

City Manager stated that he wanted to update the Commission on SB 294. He stated that the bill has passed out of the Senate with three amendments. He stated that the first amendment states that the City has to reimburse the County by December 31<sup>st</sup>, the second changes the exemption for small taxing entities from \$25,000 to \$5,000, and the third eliminates the requirement of the official publication notice in the newspaper. He stated that the League is continuing to work with members of the House on the bill.

City Manager Dillner stated that the next dialogue with the City Manager will be Wednesday at the library.

City Manager Dillner stated that the statewide tornado drill will be Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

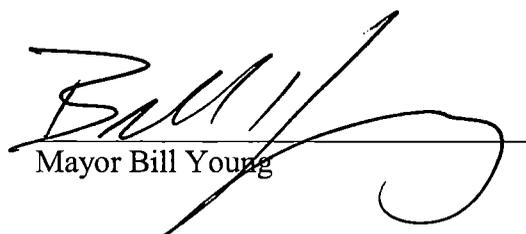
**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Nick Badwey moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

  
City Clerk Tabitha D. Sharp

  
Mayor Bill Young