

The El Dorado City Commission met in special session on May 1, 2019 at 5:00 pm at City Hall with the following present: Mayor Vince Haines, Commissioner Matt Guthrie, Commissioner Gregg Lewis, Commissioner Nick Badwey, Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson, City Manager David Dillner, and City Engineer Scott Rickard, and City Clerk Tabitha Sharp.

**VISITORS**

Tammy Schaffer	220 E 1 <sup>st</sup>	El Dorado, KS
Curt Ziemann	128 N Vine	El Dorado, KS
Kevin Wishart	220 E 1 <sup>st</sup>	El Dorado, KS

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Vince Haines called the May 1, 2019 Special City Commission meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**PAY PLAN DISCUSSION**

City Clerk Tabitha Sharp reviewed the proposed changes to the pay plan for 2020. She stated that there are no increases to the salary schedule.

**ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES DISCUSSION**

City Clerk Tabitha Sharp reviewed a memo regarding the attendance at recent advisory board meetings and the struggles staff were having getting volunteers for the various boards.

There was consensus to move forward with the recommendation from staff to eliminate the Airport and Parks and Recreation boards, and reduce the size of the CTC to 9 members. Staff stated that they would return to the Commission with the proposed changes at a future Commission meeting.

**CONDEMNATION/DILAPITDATED HOMES**

City Engineer Scott Rickard presented the Commission with five properties that staff are having the most trouble getting cleaned up. These properties are located at: 205 N Washington, 426 W 7<sup>th</sup>, 802 S Taylor, and 1107 and 1108 W Carr. He stated that the Code Enforcement Officer has provided a list of the citations for each with the packet.

City Engineer Rickard stated that the city code offers the Commission the opportunity to set a public hearing for which any person associated with ownership of the property would be send a notice. He stated that after the public hearing, if the City Commission approves, staff can move forward with demolition of the structure and can place liens against the property for those costs.

City Manager David Dillner stated that we have brought the most difficult properties to the City Commission because we have been unable to make any progress. He stated that two of the owners are deceased and staff have been unable to reach a responsible party.

City Manager Dillner stated that our budget does not allow for all five to be torn down in one year, but that if we did a few of them, it might send a message and encourage others to clean up their properties.

The City Commission agreed to move forward with the process.

**UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson asked about the sale of the three lots on the next agenda.

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that a group called Carpenter Cares, similar to Habitat for Humanity, has offered to purchase them at a price that will reimburse us for the demolition costs we have in the properties now.

Commissioner Nick Badwey asked if that money goes back to the demolition fund.

City Engineer Rickard stated that it does.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie stated that he was concerned about the Tennis Court RFP. He stated that he was concerned about the Mayor's firm's involvement in the project. He stated that he felt that Hellas had an equally good proposal and that he could not vote for the PEC proposal because of the Mayor's involvement. He stated that he felt that it didn't look good for the Mayor to make money off of a city-funded project. He stated that he could support the Hellas proposal.

Mayor Vince Haines stated that he would abstain from the conversation.

Commissioner Nick Badwey stated that he felt as long as there was a process for choosing that proposal over the others, that he was okay with it.

City Manager David Dillner stated that there are avenues through which Commissioners can declare their conflict in writing and participate in the vote, or they can abstain. He stated that the unique piece in this case is that the school district is partnering with us, so the City Commission could not vote to approve Hellas without returning to the School Board and discussing it.

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that he met with the USD 490 board on Monday and reviewed the application process. He stated that the city had two members, the school district had two members and one member of the selection committee was at large. He stated that the reviews were done independently using the same federal guideline criteria that the city uses for all projects. He stated that the scores were tallied and PEC was the recommendation partly because they were the only firm able to meet the August schedule requested by USD 490. He stated that the board voted to approve PEC unanimously.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis stated that he was worried about the perception.

**REPORTS**

There were no reports.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Nick Badwey moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

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City Clerk Tabitha D. Sharp

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Mayor Vince Haines