

The El Dorado City Commission met in a regular session on May 18, 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, City Engineer Scott Rickard and City Clerk Tabitha Sharp.

VISITORS

Kevin Wishart 220 E 1st Ave El Dorado, KS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bill Young called the May 18, 2020 meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson opened the meeting with an invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Commission led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the City Commission minutes from May 4, 2020.
Approval of Appropriation Ordinance No. 04-20 in the amount of \$1,723,795.81.
Commissioner Nick Badwey moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5 – 0.

PROJECT NO. 564 – WATERLINES TO SERVE FLINT CREEK ESTATES

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that this is for the development of 32 single family homes at Flint Creek Estates. He stated that the City has the responsibility for waterlines and the developer is responsible for other utility extensions. He stated that the Engineer’s estimate was \$122,030.40 and the low bid was from Nowak Construction for \$59,645.

Mayor Bill Young asked what the timeline was.

City Engineer Rickard stated that the developer hopes to open the homes next spring.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson moved that since Nowak Construction has submitted the lowest and best bid of \$59,645 for Project No. 564, the City manager be directed to award the contract to said contractor providing that the company furnish the correct bonds.

Commissioner Nick Badwey seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

AWARD OF BID FOR PROJECT NO. 565 – MILL AND OVERLAY OF SOUTH HAVERHILL ROAD FROM CENTRAL AVENUE TO TOWANDA AVENUE

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that this is a two inch mill and overlay of the existing pavement. He stated that the project will be funded by street sales tax funds.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson asked if it will include the intersection at Haverhill and Towanda.

City Engineer Rickard stated that there will not be a complete removal, but they will repair the joints that are in bad condition.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis moved that since APAC-Kansas, Inc. has submitted the lowest and best bid of \$161,622.56 for Project No. 565, the City Manager be directed to award the contract to said contractor providing that the company furnish the proper bonds.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie seconded the motion.

Mayor Bill Young asked what the timeline was.

City Engineer Rickard stated that the contract states it must be complete no later than October 30th, but we do not have a start date yet.

Mayor Young and Commissioner Guthrie stated that they would like to see it completed before school begins.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

AWARD OF BID FOR PROJECT NO. 566 – MILL AND OVERLAY OF GENTRY LANE, WEDGEWOOD DRIVE, CHELSEA DRIVE, DRAGONFLY DRIVE, PLOVER COURT AND EL DORADO ACTIVITY CENTER PARKING LOT

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that there will be a mill and overlay of these streets. He stated that these areas have not been addressed since they were developed and are in need of repair. He stated that the school district will be responsible for half of the activity center parking lot cost. Sales tax dollars will be used to fund this. APAC-Kansas was the lowest bid.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie asked how much the school district would be responsible for.

City Engineer Scott Rickard replied that he did not have the breakdown in front of him but the school district did approve the costs last Tuesday.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie and Mayor Bill Young both asked if the \$149,477.04 was total bid for entire project.

City Engineer Scott Rickard confirmed that the \$149,477.04 was the total bid for the entire project.

Mayor Bill Young asked about the timeline.

City Engineer Rickard stated that the portion for the parking lot must be completed by August 1st.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie moved that since APAC-Kansas, Inc. has submitted the lowest and best bid of \$149,477.04 for Project No. 566, the City Manager be directed to award the contract to said contractor providing that the company furnish the proper bonds.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis seconded the motion.

Commissioner Guthrie confirmed that this would be about \$400,000 from the sales tax fund. He asked what the rest would be used for.

City Engineer Rickard stated that if other projects are brought forward, they will add them and other funds will be carried forward to other years.

Commissioner Guthrie asked if he could see the balance in the fund.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

AWARD OF BID FOR PROJECT NO. 567 – MILL AND OVERLAY OF NORTH TAYLOR STREET FROM 6TH STREET TO 10TH AVENUE

City Engineer Scott Rickard confirmed there will be a 2 inch mill overlay. APAC-Kansas submitted the lowest bid of \$83,189.50.

Commissioner Nick Badwey moved that since APAC-Kansas, Inc. has submitted the lowest and best bid of \$83,189.50 for Project No. 567, the City Manager be directed to award the contract to said contractor providing that the company furnish the proper bonds.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Mayor Bill Young asked what the timeline on this one was.

City Engineer Rickard stated that because APAC-Kansas got all of these projects, they will likely only be in town once for everything. He stated that the deadline for this one is also October 30th.

Mayor Young asked how long this work lasts.

City Engineer Rickard stated that it depends on the base of the roads, but a road like Taylor will last quite a while with preventative maintenance.

Commissioner Guthrie asked why this project stops at 10th.

City Engineer Rickard stated that a project has already been completed in that area.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

July 4th Fireworks Display

City Manager David Dillner stated that staff need to plan for the fireworks display. He stated that in the past, the City has used BG Stadium, McDonald Stadium, the lake and Prairie Trails.

Commissioners Wilkinson and Badwey stated that they didn't have an opinion.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis stated that he would like to see them at the lake.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie stated that he would like to see them at McDonald Stadium where kids can ride their bikes.

Mayor Bill Young stated that he liked to do them at McDonald Stadium. He stated that access is easier at McDonald Stadium. He stated that this was also a great way to get people downtown in a year where those businesses are struggling.

There was consensus for McDonald Stadium.

City Pool

City Manager David Dillner stated that staff have developed a plan for opening the pool in accordance with the Governor's guidelines.

Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Wishart stated that this plan will open the pool June 6th for six days a week 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. He stated that there will be no outdoor swim lessons and

parties will be limited. He stated that there will be two sessions, one from 1 to 3 for 30 swimmers and another from 3:30 to 5:30 again for thirty swimmers. He stated that we have eight lifeguards ready, but will have to find more as the numbers are allowed to increase.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie asked if they would have to pay for both sessions.

Parks and Recreation Director Wishart stated that the plan currently is to allow free admission this year. He stated that the hope will be that people reserve times and once they leave, they will not be allowed back in unless they are reserved for the second session.

Mayor Bill Young questioned if it was necessary to arrive precisely at a certain time frame at the 1 p.m. time and 3:30 p.m. time slots.

Parks and Recreation Director Wishart mentioned that if someone calls in that day for reservation and it is available, they are able to attend. It was also confirmed it would be ok if they were running late. If the participant(s) would like to attend the second session and there is an open reservation, that participant(s) can attend.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson asked what information will be gathered in an effort to be able to do contact tracing.

Parks and Recreation Director Wishart stated that they will gather the information required by the health department.

Commissioner Wilkinson asked if parents will be included in the count.

Parks and Recreation Director Wishart stated that they were still working on that.

Commissioner Wilkinson asked about the mask requirements.

Parks and Recreation Director Wishart stated that those are recommended not required and we would be managing that as the season progresses.

Commissioner Wilkinson asked where the showers were.

Parks and Recreation Director Wishart stated that in the current climate, they will be required. They have not been required in previous years because of new treatments for pool water.

Commissioner Wilkinson asked who would be enforcing these rules.

Parks and Recreation Director Wishart stated that the pool manager and assistant manager and other recreation employees will be responsible for that and they are all over 18.

Mayor Young stated that the hope will be that there is patience and understanding from our citizens and he asked that we make sure that everything is communicated well.

Commissioner Wilkinson asked if splash parks will be open.

Parks and Recreation Director Wishart stated that the splash parks are difficult because of the proximity of users.

City Manager Dillner stated that they have made the pool free to help the families who use splash parks because they are free.

Commissioner Wilkinson stated that the plan is well thought out, but she felt that the pool shouldn't be open in the current situation.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis stated that he felt that parents should monitor their children's safety and we should open the pool.

Commissioner Guthrie stated that he agreed with Commissioner Lewis, as long as we are legally able to open, the parents should choose on their own.

Commissioner Nick Badwey stated that he was in favor of opening as well.

Mayor Young stated that the Governor's guidelines allow it in the phase in which we have chosen to open and so he felt like we could open.

City Manager Dillner asked if the Commission was okay with opening splash pads and playgrounds when the Governor allows it. He did not want to put it off for two weeks while waiting on a Commission meeting to happen.

The Commission agreed to follow the Governor's guidelines.

Softball/Baseball

Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Wishart stated that the Heights League voted to cancel their 2020 season last week. He stated that if the Commission desired, we could offer an El Dorado program, limited to four games for the season in order to spread out as required. Practices and games would be limited to one per field per night in order to allow for proper cleaning of fields and equipment. The number of spectators would be limited to two per player and would be encouraged to bring their own seating.

Mayor Bill Young asked how many teams would be playing.

Parks and Recreation Director Wishart stated that they anticipated maybe 20 to 24 games.

Mayor Young asked if they could modify schedules if fewer teams register.

Parks and Recreation Director Wishart stated that it could be possible, but they would need to know numbers before they could commit.

Mayor Young asked if this would include all of the surrounding cities.

Parks and Recreation Director Wishart stated that they would offer to those teams who were already formed in the Heights League which would include other cities. He stated that t-ball and machine pitch would need a different decision. He stated that the Commission needs to make a decision on if we would invite other cities for the younger leagues.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson stated that she was not in favor of holding the season. She stated that it would be harder to enforce than the pool.

Commissioners Badwey, Guthrie and Mayor Young stated that they were okay proceeding with the plan.

Auction of Prairie Trails Furniture and Fixtures

Mayor Bill Young stated that he had discussed this with the City Manager earlier in the day. He stated that there is potentially growing interest in the golf course sale and so he thought that it would need to be discussed.

City Manager David Dillner stated that because there is interest in purchasing the course, he thought it might be best to strike the auction discussion and instead think about marketing or selling the course.

Mayor Young stated that there needs to be a standard package of information for anyone who is looking at the golf course.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie stated that he wanted to see if we could sell the facility as a whole first.

Mayor Young stated that he thought we should send out a request for proposals to maintain the golf course.

Commissioner Guthrie asked if there was a reason we shouldn't engage a realtor.

City Manager Dillner stated that they could do that. He stated that he needed director from the Commission on what they would like to offer so that we can compare like proposals.

There was agreement to do a request for proposals.

Water and Sewer Capacity Studies

Public Utilities Director Kurt Bookout stated that staff believe it is time to look at the water and sewer capacities again. He stated that we need to update our previous studies so that we can better address maintenance and capacity issues.

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that this study would look at the core area and help us get a grasp of what is happening with the older infrastructure. He stated that this will also help us understand the triggers for future development.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis stated that he felt we needed to do this study because water is the future of our community.

Commissioner Nick Badwey stated that if staff were recommending it, they should move forward.

Mayor Bill Young asked where the funds would come from.

City Manager David Dillner stated that it would come from the fund balance in each fund.

Mayor Young and Commissioner Wilkinson agreed that it should be done.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie stated that he is just wondering who else needs a study.

City Manager Dillner stated that the Industrial Park Study called for this study to be done in order to be prepared for development.

Mayor Young stated that this is why he supported it, he wanted to get them done so that we can have all of the information and be done.

Commissioner Guthrie stated that he truly wanted to understand what else needed to be done so that we can be done with the studies.

City Manager Dillner stated that Stormwater is an issue and we don't have a list of projects with cost and impact, etc. He stated that we need one for our major infrastructure except for streets, that one has been completed. He stated that once we have these infrastructure plans, we can better provide a plan for the future.

City Engineer Rickard stated that there is a master plan of Stormwater for the downtown area, but there are only a few projects from that which will lessen the impact of rain events.

City Manager Dillner stated that there isn't a full comprehensive study of the City. He stated that we have to figure out the projects and plan how to pay for them.

Commissioner Guthrie stated that he would like all of the gaps in the information to be filled so that we can move forward.

REPORTS

CITY COMMISSION

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson stated that she would like to compliment the City Employees who have done a great job for the citizens during the COVID response. She stated that they also did a great job during the rain event last week.

Commissioner Nick Badwey stated that the library is open for curbside delivery beginning today. Books can only be returned through the book drop so that they may be properly cleaned. He stated that no donations will be accepted at this time. He stated that as soon as the software is ready, the Virtual Summer Reading Program will begin.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis also commended city staff for their response during the rain event last week.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie stated that he has seen campers on properties where the home is not livable.

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that a camper is allowed for up to six months, possibly longer if a home is being built or worked on. He asked for addresses so that he could check them out.

Commissioner Guthrie asked where staff were on the pond by Holiday Inn and the parking around the hotels.

City Manager Dillner stated that he would get information on the pond. He stated that the parking is illegal there and the police department is enforcing it, they have talked to the hotel managers.

Commissioner Guthrie stated that if they are a patron of the business, he was okay with it, but if not, they should probably address it.

City Manager Dillner stated that if the Commission wants to allow parking, we can change the ordinance, but if not, we will not change it.

Mayor Young stated that he wanted to understand the consequences of changing the ordinance, but was unwilling to just change it.

Commissioner Guthrie stated that the SUP on North Arthur is still being violated and wanted to know what we can do about it.

City Manager Dillner stated that the SUP could be revoked. He stated that he would meet with him and discuss the issue.

Commissioner Guthrie congratulated the graduates for the class of 2020.

Mayor Young stated that he would also like to congratulate the 2020 graduates. He also echoed the compliments to city staff on the COVID and flood water response.

Mayor Young stated that he had received a comment about the Nick Badwey Senior statue and encourage staff to light that area.

Mayor Young asked what the zoning was on the old Moose Lodge. He stated that he had been told that there were multiple people living there.

City Engineer Rickard stated that he could look into it.

Mayor Young stated that he wanted to mention to the public that additional communication will be put out regarding the plans about response to the phases of re-opening.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager David Dillner stated that KDOT has announced their Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Plan, and while the City did not receive a project, Butler County did receive two and one of those will go from our western city limits to the Sedgwick County line.

City Manager Dillner stated that the city received a grant from the CARES Act that will pay for our airport lighting project at 100%. He stated that originally our cost would have been around \$75,000.

City Manager Dillner stated that KDOT and the KTA informed the City that they will not proceed with the Boyer Road/I35/254 study due to decreased revenues. He stated that it will pick back up when revenues return to normal.

City Manager Dillner stated that the City will be closed Memorial Day, Monday trash will be picked up Tuesday and Tuesday on Wednesday.

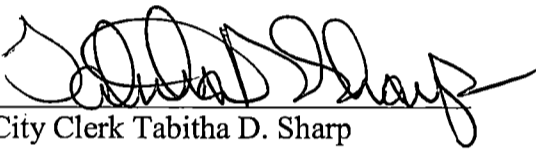
City Manager Dillner stated that at next Wednesday's meeting, the City will hold a public hearing to review a CDBG grant for the purpose of assisting local businesses with decreased revenues due to COVID-19.

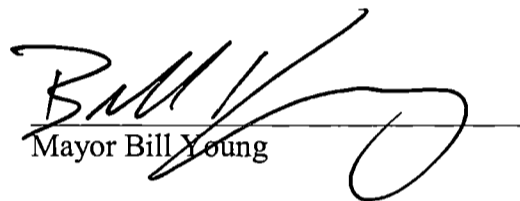
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Nick Badwey moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.


City Clerk Tabitha D. Sharp


Mayor Bill Young