

EL DORADO CITY SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING

June 10, 2020

The El Dorado City Commission met in special session on June 10, 2020 at 5:00 pm at City Hall with the following present: Mayor Bill Young, Commissioner Matt Guthrie, Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson, City Manager David Dillner, City Engineer Scott Rickard and City Clerk Tabitha Sharp. Absent: Commissioner Gregg Lewis and Commissioner Nick Badwey

VISITORS

Curt Zieman	128 N Vine	El Dorado, KS
Tammy Schaffer	220 E 1 st	El Dorado, KS
Brad Meyer	222 E 2 nd	El Dorado, KS
Joe Haag	220 E 1 st	El Dorado, KS
Kurt Bookout	220 E 1 st	El Dorado, KS
Jordan Buxton	El Dorado Chamber of Commerce	El Dorado, KS
Mike Ward	1805 Lawndale	El Dorado, KS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bill Young called the June 10, 2020 Special City Commission meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

POST ROAD

Mike Ward, 1805 Lawndale, stated that he was concerned about the traffic in his neighborhood. He felt that people going too fast posed a threat to their safety and asked that a median be placed between Lawndale and Ridge Road.

Police Chief Curt Zieman stated that he did not see any reason for this, he felt that adding a median would be more dangerous because it was unexpected. He stated that it would also cause other neighborhoods to begin requesting it.

Mr. Ward stated that he felt it was something the City should look at doing in several areas.

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that when Mr. Ward contacted them in 2019, they did a traffic study analysis just west of his property. He stated it looks at volume, speed and direction. He stated that they also track all accidents so that they can understand problem areas. He stated that they saw a negligible number of vehicles and an average speed of 21 mph in this area. He stated that the study might suggest putting stop signs on Lawndale, but that would not help his concerns of Post Road. He stated that the curves serve as traffic calming as well. He stated that there were no accidents in the area. He stated that they do these studies in many areas of El Dorado when we get the complaints.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie asked how many vehicles were tracked.

City Engineer Rickard stated that there were 720 vehicles. He stated that in comparison, 3rd Avenue has approximately 2,525, Country Club has 2,700, and McCollum 2,300 cars daily.

Mayor Bill Young stated that he was concerned about emergency vehicle traffic.

Fire Chief Joe Haag stated that this would cause some extra response time to go around this area.

Public Works Director Brad Meyer stated that it would cause problems with snow removal and trash trucks because they would have to back up if the median was placed in the area being discussed.

The City Commission requested that a study be done at the other end of Post Road in order to see speeds in that area.

COVID RELIEF FUND

City Manager David Dillner stated that the City Commission has approved the use of \$150,000 to help businesses with the COVID-19 pandemic. He stated that staff have worked with the Chamber of Commerce, as directed, to develop a process.

Chamber of Commerce Director Jordan Buxton presented the grant applications to the City Commission.

The Commission agreed to release the applications, a committee composed of City Staff and Chamber of Commerce board members would review them, and that it would be given as a grant.

2020 BUDGET DISCUSSION

City Manager David Dillner provided the City Commission with information on the 2020 budget.

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Staff discussed the challenges with holding a 4th of July Celebration this year.

The City Commission agreed to consider a proposal from staff at the next regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Commission meeting was adjourned because Commissioner Guthrie had to leave and there was no quorum. 6:50 p.m.

City Clerk Tabitha D. Sharp

Vice Mayor