

EL DORADO CITY COMMISSION MEETING

FEBRUARY 20, 2006

The El Dorado City Commission met in regular session on February 20, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. in the Commission Room with the following present: Mayor Brian D. Shepherd, Commissioner Michael A. Fagg, Commissioner Linda Clark, Commissioner Steve Pershall, Interim City Manager Richard Chesney, City Attorney Michael Coash, Finance Director Dee Anne Grunder, Engineer Aide Scott Rickard. Absent: City Clerk Kendra Waite.

VISITORS

Deborah Amend	1130 W. Locust	El Dorado, Kansas
Ashley Kennedy	1250 S. Topeka	El Dorado, Kansas
Rick & Jodi Kennedy	1250 S. Topeka	El Dorado, Kansas
Austin Kennedy	1250 S. Topeka	El Dorado, Kansas
Sharon Wallace	302 N. Washington	El Dorado, Kansas
Krystal Wallace	515 N. Washington	El Dorado, Kansas
Steve Reynolds	1309 Joyce	El Dorado, Kansas
Denzil & Frances Stephens	1238 Finney	El Dorado, Kansas
Jack Dickson	930 W. Locust	El Dorado, Kansas
Paula Fritschen	925 Rim Rock Rd.	El Dorado, Kansas
Bob Hughes	1890 Kendrick Ln.	El Dorado, Kansas
Shane Krause	830 W. Fourth	El Dorado, Kansas
Don Taylor	2950 W. Fourth	El Dorado, Kansas
Larry Adams	1756 W. Third	El Dorado, Kansas
Chevis Rebstock	2322 Hazlett	El Dorado, Kansas
Gary L. Ball	817 W. Fourth	El Dorado, Kansas
John W. Doan	226 W. Central	El Dorado, Kansas
James Cook	719 Fredrick	El Dorado, Kansas
Debbie Likes	4226 N.E. 130 th	Cassoday, Kansas
Jan Satterfield	1815 Megan Circle	El Dorado, Kansas
Joyce Demo	708 Meadow Rd	El Dorado, Kansas
Betty Chapman	819 W. Fourth	El Dorado, Kansas
Mary & Chet McCoy	336 Simpson Rd.	El Dorado, Kansas
Gerald Watson	125 N. Summit	El Dorado, Kansas
David Ellis	208 S. Summit	El Dorado, Kansas
Teresa Leonard	320 S. Denver	El Dorado, Kansas
Larry Scott	225 N. Residence	El Dorado, Kansas
Kathryn Hollingsworth	El Dorado Times	El Dorado, Kansas

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brian D. Shepherd called the February 20, 2006, City Commission meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Pastor Jack Dickson, Potwin United Methodist Church, opened the meeting with prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Michelle Neuschafer’s Third Grade Class from Washington Elementary School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Debbie Amend with the Butler County History Center, and also representing Coutts Memorial Art Museum and The Baseball Hall of Fame, discussed the benefits of having museums in the community. Ms. Amend further stated that every Saturday from February 4, 2006 through December 30, 2006, the museum will offer free admission.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Brian Shepherd read a proclamation to proclaim 2006, The Year of the Museum.

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

Commissioner Clark presented Austin Kennedy with the Citizen of the Month Award. She stated that he was nominated by the El Dorado Broncos and the American Legion baseball team for the work he has provided at Mc Donald's Stadium during the summer.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Brian Shepherd read a proclamation to proclaim the month of March 2006, as Desk and Derek Club Awareness Month.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the February 6, 2006, City Commission minutes.

Commissioner Pershall moved that the Consent Agenda, as presented, be approved.

Commissioner Clark seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0.

888 MONIES – SPECIAL ALCOHOL PROGRAM

Mayor Brian Shepherd stated that the Governing Body has received requests for the use of the alcohol tax monies for 2006. A history of the allocations and available monies was provided to the City Commission.

Commissioner Steve Pershall abstained from discussion regarding the El Dorado Elks Lodge #1407.

Commissioner Linda Clark abstained from discussion regarding the Family Life Center.

Krystal Wallace, 515 North Washington, President of Mothers Against Meth, stated that Mothers Against Meth is a local non-profit organization for educating the community about methamphetamines, and responded to questions from the Commission.

Larry Scott, 225 North Residence, Drug Awareness Chairman for the El Dorado Elks Lodge #1407, stated that along with the Safe Night Out program, the Elks Lodge is trying to implement two new programs this year for drug awareness.

Jack Dickson, 930 West Locust, representing Survivors of Child Abuse Outreach Ministry, stated that the ministry provides direct assistance to educate the community and provide for the needs of abuse victims.

John Doan, 226 West Central, Recovery for All Foundation, stated that currently they are in the process of providing base line training, which is an educational process for the leadership of the community.

Joyce Demo, 708 Meadow Road, representing The Counseling Center, stated that they have implemented a Family Empowerment Program which is an educational program designed for family members of substance abuse.

Debbie Likes, 4226 N.E. 130th, representing Family Life Center, stated that the Family Life Center assists families in domestic violence situations by offering a safe environment, classes, and group counseling.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners regarding the requests of each organization.

Commissioner Clark moved to allocate the alcohol tax monies in the following manner and to authorize the City Manager to execute the appropriate documents and contracts with the following recipients:

Outreach Ministry To Survivors	\$ 750.00
Counseling Center	\$ 2500.00
Recovery for All Foundation	\$ 2500.00
Youth Leadership Butler	\$ 150.00
El Dorado Elks Lodge #1407	\$ 1600.00
Mothers Against Meth	\$ 2500.00
Total	\$15,000.00

Commissioner Fagg seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0-1 (Commissioner Pershall abstained).

Commissioner Fagg moved to allocate \$5,000.00 of the alcohol tax monies to the Family Life Center and to authorize the City Manager to execute the appropriate documents and contracts.

Commissioner Pershall seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0-1 (Commissioner Clark abstained).

SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE – PROJECT NOS. 213 AND 236

Mayor Brian Shepherd stated that Project Nos. 213 and 236 are complete. The City Commission must set a hearing date to spread the costs to the properties involved.

Project No 213 – Paving McCollum Road (Main to Country Club Road)

Preliminary Estimate	\$ 895,000.00
Final Cost	\$ 833,494.11
Improvement District Cost	\$ 253,744.14
City-at-Large Cost	\$ 579,749.97

Project No. 236 – Paving 100 Blocks West Pine and South Gordy

Preliminary Estimate	\$ 47,000.00
Final Cost	\$ 27,300.30
Improvement District Cost	\$ 7,724.93
City-at-Large Cost	\$ 19,575.37

**ACCEPTING THE PROJECT AND SETTING ASSESSMENT HEARING DATE
RESOLUTION NOS. 2532 AND 2533**

Commissioner Clark moved that Resolution Nos. 2532 and 2533 for Project Nos. 213 and 236, respectively, each providing notice of public hearing by this Commission to be held at 7:30 p.m. on the 6th day of March 2006, for the purpose of considering the proposed assessments of the cost of said projects, and direct the City Clerk to publish notice in the official City paper, and further direct individual mailings to each owner liable for the special assessments.

Commissioner Pershall seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0.

**SET A SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING TO INTERVIEW
CANDIDATES FOR CITY COMMISSION POSITION #1**

Mayor Brian Shepherd stated that the City Commission Position #1 is vacant and someone must be appointed to fill the position. A schedule has been proposed to fill the vacancy within the 10-day period stated in the statute.

Interim City Manager Richard Chesney recommended the Commission nominate the candidates at this time. Mr. Chesney distributed a nomination form to each member of the City Commission.

Commissioner Clark moved to set a Special City Commission meeting on Wednesday, February 22, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of interviewing candidates and appointing someone to City Commission Position #1.

Commissioner Pershall seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0.

NOMINATIONS

Interim City Manager Chesney read the nominations made by the City Commissioners. Commissioner Michael Fagg nominated Steve Reynolds, Commissioner Steve Pershall nominated Bill Mason, Mayor Brian Shepherd nominated Chester McCoy, and Commissioner Linda Clark nominated Bill Kloeblin.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Brian Shepherd opened the floor for public comments

With no one appearing, Mayor Shepherd closed the public comment session.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Mayor Brian Shepherd asked for comments from the Commission.

Commissioner Steve Pershall noted the turn out of voters regarding the recall election and urged everyone to move forward for the betterment of the community. Mr. Pershall further expressed his appreciation to Interim City Manager Richard Chesney.

Commissioner Michael Fagg stated that he agrees with Commissioner Pershall that the City Commission should move forward.

Mayor Shepherd asked that Interim City Manager Richard Chesney investigate the inoperable siren in Township Village. He also questioned the work being performed on the walking path in East Park, stating it has not yet been approved.

Mayor Shepherd stated that the Commission should review policies regarding the use of skateboards, scooters and bicycles on streets. Mayor Shepherd also stated he would like the Commission to consider options regarding a curfew for kids under the driving age.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim City Manager Richard Chesney noted a Work Session has been scheduled on Tuesday, February 28, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Chesney further stated that a Special Meeting may also be called at that time to discuss a contract in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Fagg moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

Commissioner Pershall seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0.

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