

EL DORADO CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 21, 2001

The El Dorado City Commission met in regular session on Monday, May 21, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. with the following present: Mayor Connie Phillips, Commissioner Oral Taylor, Commissioner Betty Criss, Commissioner Brian Shepherd, Commissioner Brian L. Clites, City Manger Stan Stewart, City Director of Administration Gus Collins, City Engineer David Wagner, City Clerk Janet L. Arnold, and City Attorney Mike Coash.

VISITORS

Harlin Tomlin	Butler County Court Services	El Dorado, Kansas
Martin J. Hays	521 S. Denver	El Dorado, Kansas
Richard Edds	1815 Quail Run	El Dorado, Kansas
Steve Smith	El Dorado Times	El Dorado, Kansas
Leah Walter	602 S. Atchison	El Dorado, Kansas
Emily Hays	521 S. Denver	El Dorado, Kansas

INVOCATION

Pastor Richard Edds provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The following Washington Elementary School Students led the Governing Body and audience with the pledge of allegiance, Emily Hays, and Leah Walter.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Phillips signed the proclamation that declares May as Poppy Month.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of the May 7, 2001 City Commission Minutes.

B. Approval of the May 16, 2001 Work Session Minutes.

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

Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

REZONING OF NEWLY ANNEXED PROPERTY

City Manager Stewart stated that the Planning Commission held a public hearing on October 26, 2000 on the rezoning of a number of properties proposed to be annexed. Unless otherwise determined by public hearing, all property annexed into the City comes in as R-1 (Residential Low Density) District classification. Included in this hearing was the recommendation to rezone the property located at 525 SW Boyer Road to I-1 Light Industrial. At this hearing, the Planning Commission did recommend that 525 SW Boyer Road be rezoned from R-1 (Low-Density Residential) to I-1 (Light-Industrial).

On October 31st the County held a Public Hearing based on the City’s petition requesting annexation of certain properties. After that hearing the County Commission provided

written findings authorizing the City to annex a portion of the lands requested. The property located at 525 SW Boyer Road was not included in the County’s findings.

The City pursued annexing the property not approved by the County. This process began in December of 2000 and portions of the properties were brought into the City in February and in May. The property located at 525 SW Boyer Road was annexed in May. However, because the property was not previously annexed, the rezoning from R-1 (Low-Density Residential) to I-1 (Light-Industrial) has not been considered by the City Commission.

Commissioner Taylor moved that the recommendations of the Planning Commission be accepted and the Ordinance No. G-897, an ordinance amending portions of the zoning regulations be approved.

Commissioner Clites seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

Position No. 1	Commissioner Oral Taylor	yes
Position No. 2	Commissioner Betty Criss	yes
Position No. 3	Commissioner Brian Shepherd	yes
Position No. 4	Commissioner Brian L. Clites	yes
	Mayor Connie Phillips	yes

RUSTIC OAK FURNITURE AMENDMENT OF EXEMPTION ORDINANCE

City Director of Administration stated that the Board of Tax Appeals has requested an amendment to the exemption ordinance for Rustic Oak Furniture. The proposed ordinance meets the requested language, but does not change the intent of the previously approved ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. S-1109

Commissioner Clites moved that Ordinance No. S-1113, an ordinance amending the language of Exemption Ordinance No. S-1109 be approved.

Commissioner Shepherd seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

Position No. 1	Commissioner Oral Taylor	yes
Position No. 2	Commissioner Betty Criss	yes
Position No. 3	Commissioner Brian Shepherd	yes
Position No. 4	Commissioner Brian L. Clites	yes
	Mayor Connie Phillips	yes

UPDATE ON RECYCLING

City Manager Stewart stated that the curbside recycling has been in operation for approximately six weeks. He noted that consultants had anticipated recycling to be 15%-20% participation. The program began with 50% participation and is now approximately 60% participation. Due to this significant increase, City staff anticipates replacing some of the equipment, specifically the recycling truck that was previously purchased. He stated that the budget has been revised to accommodate these changes. Mr. Stewart

stated that although the City has had to make some operational changes it is now moving along smoothly. He thanked City staff for their diligence with the recycling program.

Commissioner Taylor noted that he has received several favorable comments regarding the recycling program. His primary concern is to make sure that general information is continually provided to the public regarding the recycling program including the schedule for refuse pickup. Mr. Taylor also thanked City staff for their efforts with the new program.

Commissioner Shepherd stated that although he has received some favorable comments regarding the recycling program, he has also received negative comments about the increased amount of trash seen around the city.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Commissioner Criss moved that Chris Gates be appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a three-year term to expire April 1, 2004.

Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY

Commissioner Shepherd moved that Jeff Meyer be re-appointed to the Public Housing Authority for a four-year term to expire December 31, 2004.

Commissioner Criss seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

EL DORADO, INC.

Commissioner Taylor moved to appoint Scott McEwen to El Dorado, Inc.

Commissioner Criss seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

In previous years, the City of El Dorado has allowed District 13 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funds to be co-mingled with the total district's funding to allow the Community Planning team to research the needs for juvenile detention within the county. These funds have also been used to enhance the Court Services availability for juvenile offenders.

Harlin Tomlin, Court Services Officer, appeared before the Governing Body stating that these funds will enable the officers to be available more hours to accommodate the juveniles and their parents. He was also available to answer any questions the Commission had.

Commissioner Taylor moved to grant the request of the Joint Corrections Advisory Board to pool the City of El Dorado's allotment for the purpose of funding the enhancement of court services availability for juvenile offenders only.

Commissioner Clites seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

INTERNATIOINAL UTILITY STRUCTURES, INC., (IUSI)

City Manager Stewart noted that everything is proceeding well and that IUSI is currently taking applications. They anticipate taking possession of the facility June 1, 2001 and begin operation by September 1, 2001.

FOURTH OF JULLY CELEBRATION

City Manager Stewart reported that plans are proceeding for the Fourth of July Celebration. Director of Recreation, Lance Whitworth is in charge of the plans for the celebration.

COMMISSIONER CRISS – TRAINING THROUGH LKM

Commissioner Criss is one of 13 out of 500 that have completed approximately 40 hours of training with the League of Kansas Municipalities.

PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

City Manager Stewart noted that the week of May 20-26, 2001 is designated as National Public Works Week.

WORK SESSION

City Manager Stewart stated that a work session is scheduled for Wednesday, May 30, 2001 at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Janet L. Arnold, City Clerk

Connie Phillips, Mayor