

EL DORADO CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

August 2, 1999

The City Commission met in regular session on August 2, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. with the following present: Mayor Susan J. Seeber, Commissioner Betty Criss, Commissioner Betty J. Kirkpatrick, Commissioner Don Storrer, City Director of Administration Gus Collins, City Engineer Bruce Remsberg, City Clerk Janet L. Arnold, Major Dick Clark, and City Attorney Mike Coash. Commissioner Brian L. Clites and City Manager Stan Stewart were absent.

VISITORS

Richard Edds	1815 Quail Run	El Dorado, Kansas
Curtis Zieman	319 E. 10 th	El Dorado, Kansas
Sandy Zieman	319 E. 10 th	El Dorado, Kansas
Richard Wormser	151 N. Main	El Dorado, Kansas

INVOCATION

Pastor Richard Edds provided the invocation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director of Admin. Gus Collins led the Governing body and the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Mr. Richard Wormser, 151 N. Main, owner of Silvarado Restaurant appeared before the Governing Body to address the flooding situation at his place of business. He noted that he was present at the last City Commission meeting in which City staff indicated they would review the situation. He stated that his business had 4 inches of water from the rain the previous weekend. He requested that the Governing Body consider replacing the storm sewer and include it in the year 2000 budget in order to provide the businesses downtown with better storm drainage.

Director of Admin. Gus Collins noted that the Public Works department checked the storm sewer to make sure there was not any blockage. Since there was no blockage, Mr. Collins suggested that City staff prepare options for repairing this situation and submit to the Governing Body. He noted that this project had not been included in the year 2000 budget.

City Engineer Bruce Remsberg stated that taking into consideration this is a developed area, the most obvious solution would be to construct another storm sewer in that area.

Commissioner Storrer questioned whether McCartney’s Rexall had a flooding problem the previous weekend.

Mr. Wormser stated that McCartney’s Rexall did not have flooding the previous weekend.

Mayor Seeber request City staff review options other than replacing the storm sewer.

Director of Administration Collins indicated that City staff would review the other options and report back to the Governing Body.

PROCLAMATION

National Night Out 1999

Major Dick Clark appeared before the Governing Body and stated that the El Dorado Police Department and the El Dorado Citizens Police Academy together are supporting and promoting the National Night Out 1999. This is a nationwide crime prevention program designed to celebrate the effectiveness of local and national crime prevention programs and to strengthen the neighborhood spirit in support of anticrime activities and initiatives. Major Clark then requested that Mayor Seeber proclaim Tuesday, August 3, 1999 as National Night Out in El Dorado.

Mayor Seeber then read the proclamation that declares Tuesday, August 3, 1999 at National Night Out in El Dorado.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the July 19, 1999 City Commission Minutes.
- B. Approval of the July 21, 1999 Work Session Minutes as amended.
- C. Approval of the Engineer's Fifth Payment Estimate dated July 29, 1999 on Project No. 840 (Bike Path) to the Contractor, Central Paving, Inc., in the amount of \$75,961.12.
- D. Approval of the Engineer's First Payment Estimate dated July 29, 1999 on Project No. 900 (Sanitary Sewer to Serve the River Road Area) to the Contractor, Nowak Construction Co., Inc., in the amount of \$15,744.67.
- E. Approval of the Engineer's Second Payment Estimate dated July 29, 1999 on Project No. 904 (1999 Sales Tax Project) to the Contractor, Asphalt Construction Co., Inc., in the amount of \$64,605.42.

Commissioner Kirkpatrick moved the consent agenda, as presented, be approved.

Commissioner Storrer seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 99-07

Mayor Seeber requested that in the future the Governing Body be provided with a line item detail and not just the summary of the appropriations ordinance. She noted that they would probably only need the detail occasionally and not every month.

Director of Admin. Collins noted that City staff could provide them with that request.

Mayor Seeber moved to approve Appropriations Ordinance No. 99-07 in the amount of \$ 1,024,233.24.

PUBLIC HEARING – 1999 OPERATING BUDGET AND SIX-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mayor Seeber stated that in order to comply with Kansas State law and in an effort to encourage public input, the City Commission will conduct a public hearing for all interested citizens regarding the proposed 2000 Budget.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Seeber declared the public hearing open regarding the 2000 Budget.

Director of Admin. Collins provided the Commission with the highlights of the proposed 2000 Budget. He stated that this is the third successive year that there has not been a mill levy increase. Mr. Collins then provided the following: The proposed budget includes \$850,000 of property tax relief which is equivalent to a 16.5 mill reduction; Continuation of the street program of \$500,000; The budget includes .9 of a mill increase in the bond and interest fund; The assessed valuation increased approximately 9.7%; Motor vehicle revenue decreased approximately \$180,000; \$.02 increase on the water, sewer utility rates (per hundred cubic foot of water usage); Continuation of the Youth Initiative; Additional Software which will be a part of records management for the law enforcement area; Tree program is scheduled to continue; New heating and air conditioning unit in the police and fire side of the City building; City hall remodeling which is based on the space needs study that is currently underway by Prigmore Krevins Architects; Second payment to U.S.D #490 for the City's obligation for the Middle School Auditorium project.

Mr. Collins also reported that the City provides funding for the following outside agencies: Main Street, Municipal Band, Convention and Visitors Bureau, Crimestoppers, Holiday Visions, El Dorado Inc., and the Bradford Memorial Library. The proposed budget also provides for the following: a Salary Adjustment for City employees; Budget of \$15,000 for the Second Annual 4th of July celebration; Additional improvements to McDonald Stadium; Acquisition of a new packer body for the Refuse Department; Continuation of park improvements; New lighting system for East Park Diamonds; Removal of Architectural barriers in the park system; A new program of Arts in the Parks; The City of El Dorado will host the Sister City, Beaagency France to El Dorado.

Commissioner Storrer clarified that the replacement of the air conditioning system in the police and fire department does not include a new heating system.

Commissioner Kirkpatrick questioned whether the park improvements mentioned were to make the parks comply with the Americans Disabilities Act (ADA).

Mr. Collins clarified that the improvements mentioned consisted of two park projects. The budget provides approximately \$35,000 for park improvements and also includes funding for ADA compliance within the park system.

Mayor Seeber questioned whether the Governing Body would receive any revenue detail before the next meeting.

Director of Admin. Collins stated that is available and can be provided to them prior to the next meeting.

Mayor Seeber also questioned whether the City would be maintaining a separate account for the fireworks stand monies that the City receives and expends from that account.

Director of Admin. Collins stated that currently it is reflected as a revenue to the general fund. This can be separated should the Governing Body desire.

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Mayor Seeber requested that it be separated.

Mayor Seeber stated that the Commission has instructed City staff to set aside additional amounts in the fund to retire the lake debt, potentially on a shorter time frame with the anticipation of saving the City interest in the future. Mayor Seeber then noted there was a \$ 27,000 expenditure in 1998 where the City contracts with the County for prisoner care. She questioned why this was dropped to \$ 20,000 for 1999 and 2000.

Director of Admin. Collins stated that the City has not utilized the County services that much this year, however, the cost could increase in future years.

Mayor Seeber then questioned the \$7,000 other charges amount under the Civic Center.

Director of Admin. Collins stated that Mr. McCown provided those numbers. He would need to review and respond back to the Mayor.

Mayor Seeber also questioned the \$13,700 other charges amount in the police department general fund.

Director of Admin. Collins stated that primarily guns and ammunition for the patrolmen are charged from this fund.

Mayor Seeber questioned the increase for the hazardous materials, specifically training.

Director of Admin. Collins noted that the past few years the City has not sent the personnel for hazardous materials training on an annual basis that Fire Chief Ralph Green has requested. This is a means of providing continuing education.

Mayor Seeber questioned the general fire, buildings, maintenance and repair has increased from \$6,000 to \$32,000.

Director of Admin. Collins stated that that includes the new air conditioning only.

Mayor Seeber then questioned the cemetery general fund, which had nothing in 1998 and \$25,000 for the year 2000.

Director of Admin. Collins explained that in 1998 there actually was \$ 12,500. The City negotiated with the El Dorado Township and both entities agreed to double their contribution to the cemetery fund. The cemetery fund has shown a deficit for the past three years, this is a process to terminate that deficit.

Mayor Seeber asked about the other charges under the industrial mill levy in the amount of \$32,600.

Director of Admin. Collins stated that the total amount of revenue is budgeted in the event the City Commission has a reason to allocate money to another venture.

Mayor Seeber questioned the \$112,000 in the self-insurance reserve.

Director of Admin. Collins stated this is primarily flood insurance money that the City received in 1979. The previous City Manager retained those funds with the anticipation of self insuring either property or medical insurance. The wellness program is being funded from this account. The City has significant deductibles in each one of the property insurances. In the event of a loss this fund would be utilized for the deductible.

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Mayor Seeber questioned the amount under other maintenance and repairs in the water department. It is budgeted for \$65,000, which is up from the amount of \$3,700 in 1998.

Director of Admin. Collins stated that the water department plans to paint the water tower that is located on McCollum Road. It was last painted in 1988.

Mayor Seeber noted that the bond and interest fund has increased substantially.

Director of Admin. Collins stated that this budget includes principal and interest payments for the \$1.2 million loan from the State's loan fund.

Mayor Seeber then questioned the amount of \$293,000 for salaries and \$177,600 for professional services under refuse.

Director of Admin. Collins stated that the professional services amount of \$177,600 is for landfill costs.

With no one appearing before the Governing Body regarding the 2000 Budget, Mayor Seeber declared the public hearing closed.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Mayor Seeber stated that at the last meeting the City Commission requested the Planning Commission's review of this item. The Planning Commission reviewed this at their July 29th meeting and voted to recommend proceeding with this work.

Mayor Seeber questioned whether the City had received bids from other engineers or is the City required to utilize Bucher, Willis and Ratliff.

City Engineer Remsberg noted that the City normally utilizes the engineering firm that is the most capable of performing the specific service. City staff recommends this company based on the fact that they performed the original Comprehensive Plan. This is mainly an update of the previous plan.

Commissioner Storrer authorized the City Manager to enter into an agreement with an engineering consultant of Bucher, Willis and Ratliff for the completion of a Comprehensive Review and Update of the City's 1993 Comprehensive plan.

Commissioner Kirkpatrick seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

Prairie Port

Director of Admin. Collins reported that the City was happy to participate in another successful Prairie Port Festival. He thanked everyone involved for their participation.

Y2K Forum

Director of Admin. Collins then noted that a Y2K Forum was scheduled for Tuesday, August 10, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. in the Court/Commission Room at City Hall.

Work Session

A work session was scheduled for Tuesday, August 10, 1999 at 5:00 p.m.

MAYOR'S COFFEE

Mayor Seeber thanked all those that participated at the Mayor's Coffee that was held at the El Dorado Senior Center. The next Mayor's Coffee is scheduled for November, 1999 at Shelby's Restaurant.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kirkpatrick moved that the meeting adjourn.

Commissioner Storrer seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

Janet L. Arnold, City Clerk

Susan J. Seeber, Mayor

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