

The El Dorado City Commission met in a regular session on February 17, 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

Lee White	Butler County Kansas News	El Dorado, KS
Brad Meyer	222 E 2 nd	El Dorado, KS
Kevin Wishart	220 E 1 st	El Dorado, KS
Deanna Bonn	Everyday El Dorado	El Dorado, KS
Teresa Tosh	USD 490	El Dorado, KS
Kathy Robertson	USD 490	El Dorado, KS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bill Young called the February 17, 2020 meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Pastor Mark Sommerville, Family Worship Center, opened the meeting with an invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Commission led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Dane Scherling, Kirby Morris/Carlson Funeral Home Managing Partner invited the Commission to the annual First Responders Dinner.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Bill Young opened the floor for public comment.

There were no comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of City Commission Minutes from February 3, 2020 and Special City Commission Meeting Minutes from February 1, 2020.

Approval of Appropriation Ordinance No. 01-20 in the amount of \$1,615,317.61.

Commissioner Nick Badwey moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

DEPARTMENT PRESENTATIONS

Public Works Director Brad Meyer presented the activities of the Public Works department during 2019.

Mayor Bill Young asked about the number of animal licenses sold.

Mr. Meyer stated that as long as it remained around the 1,200, he doesn't worry too much about a decrease. He stated that we are finding fewer people who have pit bulls for a long time before getting a license.

Mayor Young asked if there were volunteer opportunities at the animal shelter.

Mr. Meyer stated that there aren't opportunities there because we don't know what kind of animals we will have. We direct them to the animal rescues if they want to volunteer because they have better opportunities.

Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Wishart gave a presentation on the activities of the Parks and Recreation department in 2019.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis asked if the pool was leaking.

Mr. Wishart stated that he believes most of our loss is splash out or evaporation, he stated that there are areas we keep an eye on, but water usage hasn't changed.

Mayor Young asked what pool admission was.

Mr. Wishart stated that it was \$60 for an individual pass and \$100 for a family.

Mayor Young asked where the travel teams go to.

Mr. Wishart stated baseball and softball is the Heights league and the furthest they travel to is Valley Center. Walnut Valley league is the basketball league and they travel to Benton, Towanda, Whitewater, Flint Hills and Bluestem.

Mayor Young asked if there were opportunities for volunteers at some of the parks.

Mr. Wishart said all of the pocket parks could use community assistance. He has been in communication with the City Manager regarding an "Adopt a Park" project. South Summit, Rice and McCollum could always use assistance from the community.

Mayor Young would like to explore more community involvement within the parks.

NO PARKING – 600 BLOCK OF NORTH ORCHARD STREET

Scott Rickard, City Engineer, stated that staff have been working with USD 490 to come up with a plan for students to cross Orchard to Blackmore Elementary. He stated that the school district has poured sidewalk at 5th and Orchard.

City Engineer Rickard stated that staff are recommending restricting on-street parking on the west side of the 600 block of North Orchard during school hours.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson asked if there was sidewalk on Orchard connecting to the one on 6th.

City Engineer Rickard stated that the City put in the 6th Street sidewalk when the district began considering the new schools, but did not have the funds to connect the sidewalk up to the school.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis stated that there needed to be some way to get the parents to follow the rules for drop off and pick up so that traffic will flow correctly.

City Engineer Rickard stated that as long as we continue communication with the school, he felt that it would continue to get better.

Mayor Young confirmed the placement of the crosswalk.

City Engineer Rickard stated that there will be advance warning signs prior to the crosswalk and the signs will light up. He stated that there will be a push button activation on the crosswalk and a crossing guard.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie confirmed there wouldn't be an arm, just the smaller signs.

Public Works Director Brad Meyer stated that it will be like the signs on Third Avenue.

Commissioner Lewis asked what the benefit would be.

City Engineer Rickard stated that it would open up the visibility on Orchard.

Mayor Young stated that the advantage will be that kids will be more visible and have a place to cross safely.

Kathy Robertson, USD 490, stated that the school has had many complaints about kids almost being hit because they are having to cross between other cars. She stated that they have also heard complaints from the residents about people parking in front of their homes.

Commissioner Wilkinson confirmed that we will revisit the issue after a few months.

City Engineer Rickard stated that communication would continue with the district regarding all schools.

Commissioner Badwey asked who is paying for the signs.

Teresa Tosh, Superintendent USD 490, stated that the school would be paying for the signs and paid for the sidewalk that has already been finished. She stated that they have already repaired a fence to prevent kids from crossing a yard across from the school.

Commissioner Nick Badwey moved that Resolution No. 2901 a resolution approving the installation of traffic control devices on the west side of the 600 block of North Orchard Street be approved.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Commissioner Lewis confirmed that they will continue to look at it after the crosswalk is installed.

City Engineer Rickard stated that they would continue working with the school district on all of the schools.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

REPORTS

CITY COMMISSION

Commissioner Matt Guthrie asked about the container on Central Avenue.

City Manager David Dillner stated that the ordinance previously passed only referred to residential properties.

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that they have to meet setbacks and use it only for storage.

Commissioner Guthrie stated that he wasn't comfortable with the businesses using those on a permanent basis.

Mayor Bill Young stated that he would like to talk about it some more at a work session.

Commissioner Guthrie stated that he would like to go over the homelessness conversation at one of the next work sessions.

City Manager Dillner stated that staff are bringing all of the topics from the strategic planning session to the City Commission for prioritization and scheduling.

Mayor Young stated that Matt and Kendra would like to discuss homelessness at one of the next meetings aside from that schedule.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager David Dillner stated that the Census is happening this year and the City of El Dorado receives approximately \$47,000 per household based off of the Census. He stated that it is important that each household fill out the Census form so that we get our share of the federal funds. He stated that we need to determine the hard to count areas so that we can address them.

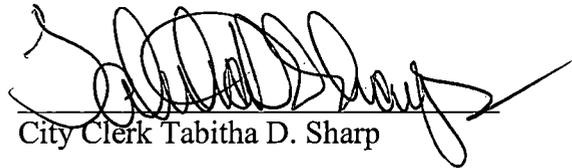
City Manager Dillner stated that in the next few days, the City will be distributing a notice of a monitoring violation regarding the water system. He stated that the notice is very technical, but it is important to understand that there is no health danger to the citizens. He stated that the extreme rainfall amounts have caused the problem and despite the best efforts of the water treatment operators, we were slightly over the amount allowed.

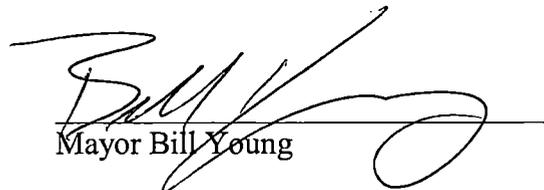
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Nick Badwey moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.


City Clerk Tabitha D. Sharp


Mayor Bill Young