

The El Dorado City Commission met in special session on February 26, 2020 at 5:00 pm at City Hall 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

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
Kyle McLaren	3096 NE Parallel	El Dorado, KS
Emily Connell	El Dorado Main Street	El Dorado, KS
Linda Jolly	El Dorado Inc.	El Dorado, KS
Steve Waite	El Dorado Main Street	El Dorado, KS
Raven Dickinson	El Dorado Main Street	El Dorado, KS
Leon Leachman	El Dorado Main Street	El Dorado, KS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bill Young called the February 26, 2020 Special City Commission meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

COMMERCIAL COMPOST

Public Works Director Brad Meyer gave background information on how the compost site is currently run.

Kyle McLaren, 3096 NE Parallel, stated that his competitors fly under the radar and use the compost site, he would like to use it, but legally. He stated that he doesn't use the County site because of the cost and inconvenient hours.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie stated that staff could look at the cost for the extra burning and management associated with allowing commercial contractors and then those companies could pay a charge each year to use it.

Mayor Bill Young asked if staff could put something together.

ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

City Clerk Tabitha Sharp reviewed the applications and open spaces on each board.

LAKE LOGO

The City Commission stated that they would like to use the first logo, but the S and the E were different than the N and the W, and they wanted them to be the same.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Mayor Bill Young stated that as we think about moving forward, he would like someone like Dr. Nalbandian to come down and help with the strategic planning process.

The Commission chose their top priorities as follows:

- Commissioner Guthrie: Lake Development, Promise Program and Partnering Agencies
- Commissioner Badwey: Partnering Agencies and Homelessness
- Commissioner Lewis: Economic Development, Infrastructure (Water and Sewer Maintenance), Housing, Public Safety, and Parks and Recreation (pool and existing park enhancements)
- Commissioner Wilkinson: Homelessness, Community Park Partnership Program and Infrastructure

Mayor Young: Blighted Properties, Community Park Partnership, Homelessness, Infrastructure, Wholesale Water Contracts and the Promise Program

Mayor Young stated that he would like to understand what staff time on these items would be and what the impact on other workloads would be.

City Manager Dillner stated that depending on what the Commission chose, other items would be put to the side in order to make time for new priorities.

Commissioner Wilkinson stated that the Community Park Program could go to the Parks and Recreation Board.

City Manager Dillner stated that we would take it to them, but it would likely be a few months before something came back to the Commission.

Commissioner Wilkinson asked about blighted housing and infrastructure.

City Manager Dillner stated that a committee has already begun work on blighted housing. He stated that if the Commission wants to discuss infrastructure, they need to talk about what specifically they would like to accomplish.

City Manager Dillner confirmed that the Commission was agreeing to table some of the larger items that had been discussed previously.

Mayor Young stated that if we accomplish three of the smaller items, it will free up time to handle the rest.

Commissioners Guthrie and Badwey wanted to move forward on the partner agency consolidation.

Commissioner Badwey asked what needed to be done.

Mayor Young stated that they would need to understand the impact of that issue.

City Manager David Dillner stated that it would take staff time to handle.

Mayor Young asked about the public safety staffing assessment.

City Manager Dillner stated that there would be information soon.

NEXT MEETING REVIEW

Staff reviewed items on the next agenda.

REPORTS

Commissioners Wilkinson and Guthrie stated that they had been thinking about the homelessness issue and thought it should be a County level solution instead of the City.

Commissioner Guthrie stated that they needed to get a group together and then go to the County.

Commissioner Wilkinson stated that she felt the group should include a police officer and City Manager from each City so that we can hear their experiences.

City Manager Dillner stated that he would get a group together.

Commissioner Nick Badwey asked if the golf course was getting near closing.

City Manager Dillner stated that it was getting closer.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis asked if he could explain the tax lid that was being discussed at the State level.

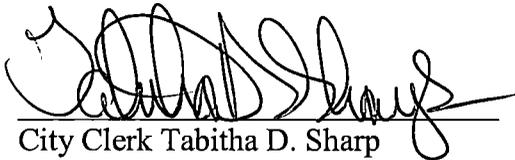
City Manager Dillner stated that the Senate Bill 294 will get rid of the existing tax lid, but it will require a notice sent to every property owner impacted by an assessed valuation increase or decrease that would result in a property tax increase or decrease. He stated that cities will have to pay for the notices, but the County will send them out. He stated that staff are continuing to follow the issue.

ADJOURNMENT

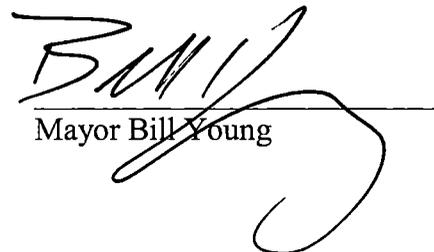
Commissioner Nick Badwey moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.



City Clerk Tabitha D. Sharp



Mayor Bill Young