

The El Dorado City Commission met in special session on June 15, 2022 at 5:00 pm at 220 E 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue with the following present: Mayor Bill Young, Commissioner Kelly Tetrick, Commissioner Gregg Lewis, Commissioner Leon Leachman (arrived at 5:40 p.m.), Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson, City Manager David Dillner, City Engineer Scott Rickard and City Clerk Tabitha Sharp. Absent: City Attorney Ashlyn Lindskog

**VISITORS**

Mike Holton	128 N Vine	El Dorado, KS
Jason Patty	220 E 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave	El Dorado, KS
Alyssa Warner	220 E 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave	El Dorado, KS
Emily Connell	El Dorado Main Street	El Dorado, KS

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bill Young called the June 15, 2022 Special City Commission meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**WORK SESSION DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**WATER AND SEWER STUDY OVERVIEW**

Public Utilities Director Jason Patty reviewed the results of the water and sewer studies.

**DOWNTOWN ELECTRIC PROJECT**

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that staff were given a budget to acquire easements and began the process. He stated that while some have been supportive, there are some who are not. He stated that there are at least two properties who have refused to be part of the project and a few who have requested more money than is available in the budget given.

Mayor Bill Young asked what the Commission should do from here.

City Manager David Dillner stated that they would have to discuss it at the regular meeting and either direct staff to offer more or cancel the project.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson asked if we had heard from Evergy.

City Engineer Rickard stated that they have scheduled a meeting with him on Tuesday.

Commissioner Wilkinson asked if they could see a list of the number of businesses in favor and those not.

City Engineer Rickard stated that those who have said no will cause the project to stop unless the Commission is willing to move forward with condemnation of the easements.

Commissioner Kelly Tetrick stated that he felt that they had tried to make it work, but he wasn't willing to put more money into it.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis asked how the two banks would be impacted.

City Engineer Rickard stated that Community National is not part of the project. He stated that Emprise would lose some landscaping. He stated that staff have not reached out to businesses since the last Commission meeting because there was nothing else that could be done until the Commission makes a decision. He stated that each property received information on the project and their rights as the property owner. He stated that several have stated that it's not about money, they are just not interested in doing the project.

Commissioner Tetrick stated that it was time to make a decision.

Mayor Young stated that they would discuss it on Monday.

**COMMISSION MEETING TIME CHANGE ORDINANCE**

Mayor Bill Young stated that at the last meeting, he asked that the meeting time be moved up to accommodate the schedules of the Commission and staff who have children involved in recreation league sports. He stated that he also felt that having the meetings at 6:30 p.m., it causes staff to be here an hour and a half extra before the meeting begins.

The Commission agreed to review the ordinance at the next meeting.

**REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE DISCUSSION**

City Manager David Dillner reviewed the information received from the County on the City's new assessed valuation. He stated that if we intend to request any of the funds generated by the increased valuation, the Commission must approve a Resolution stating that the City intends to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate. He stated that this is especially important this year as the Revenue Neutral Rate law will be enforced fully and the County will be required to send out the information to each property owner.

Mayor Bill Young stated that the purchasing power piece was important because it helps us understand how the City is impacted by the change in the assessed valuation.

Commissioner Kelly Tetrick stated that he would like to see the amount that at least gets the City back to zero in reference to purchasing power.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson confirmed that because the city had to adopt the intent to exceed the revenue neutral rate in order to maintain the mill levy.

City Manager Dillner stated that she was correct.

Commissioner Wilkinson asked if the legislators knew how this was affecting the cities.

City Manager Dillner stated that they enacted this law because prior to this, cities were able to absorb the increase in assessed valuation without raising the mill levy. The legislators felt that this was mostly dishonest and felt they should do this.

Commissioner Leon Leachman stated that he felt that the citizens may complain, but in truth, may not show up to speak at the meetings.

Commissioner Kelly Tetrick stated that it was just a bad law because while we do not actually set the valuation, we have to react to it.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis asked if the increase could fund three new fire fighters.

City Manager Dillner stated that staff do not have that information available yet, this is the first step. He stated that the Resolution must be approved and submitted to the County by July 20<sup>th</sup>. He stated that after that, a public hearing must be held between August 20<sup>th</sup> and September 20<sup>th</sup> for the revenue neutral rate and the budget.

**REGULAR AGENDA PREVIEW**

The City Commission reviewed the items to be placed on a future agenda.

**COMMISSION REPORTS**

Commissioner Gregg Lewis asked if the pool was opening.

City Manager David Dillner stated that it was next week, he was going to put a video out on Friday.

Mayor Bill Young asked if staff was going to bring the information on trapping.

City Manager Dillner asked what exactly the Commission wanted.

Mayor Young stated that he wanted to understand the current ordinance before they had further discussion.

Staff explained that the current ordinance states that traps will be set only by the animal control officer Monday through Thursday and picked up Monday through Friday. There are no fees associated with trapping.

The Commission agreed that they did not need to see anything else.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

There was no report.

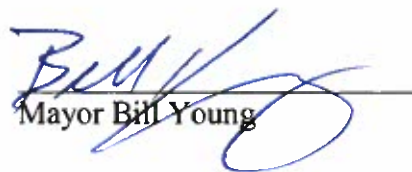
**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Commissioner Leon Leachman seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

  
City Clerk Tabitha D. Sharp

  
Mayor Bill Young