

EL DORADO CITY COMMISSION MEETING

August 3, 2020

The El Dorado City Commission met in a regular session on August 3, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Room with the following present: Mayor Bill Young, Commissioner Matt Guthrie, Commissioner Nick Badwey, Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson, City Manager David Dillner, City Attorney Ashlyn Lindskog (attended via phone in executive session), City Engineer Scott Rickard and City Clerk Tabitha Sharp. Absent: Commissioner Gregg Lewis.

VISITORS

Curt Zieman	128 N Vine	El Dorado, KS
Mike Ward	Lawndale	El Dorado, KS
Deanna Bonn	Everyday El Dorado	El Dorado, KS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bill Young called the August 3, 2020 meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Pastor David Crook, First Southern Baptist Church, opened the meeting with an invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Commission led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Bill Young opened the floor for public comments.

City Manager David Dillner read a letter from Deanna Bonn asking if the Commission would consider placing a way finding sign for the Pioneer Trail marker at Prairie Trails. He stated that we could consider putting something off of the tee box so that no one walks out in front of a golfer off of Country Club Lane.

Mayor Young asked staff to bring some options to the Commission.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the City Commission minutes from July 20, 2020 and Special City Commission Meeting Minutes from July 8, 15 and 22, 2020.

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

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4 – 0.

VACATE ALLEY IN LAWNSDALE ADDITION

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that the adjacent property owner has requested that the alley be vacated between Warren and Random Roads. He stated that it would be maintained as a utility easement.

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Commissioner Matt Guthrie seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Position No. 3	Commissioner Nick Badwey	Yes
Position No. 4	Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson	Yes
	Mayor Bill Young	Yes
Position No. 1	Commissioner Matt Guthrie	Yes
Position No. 2	Commissioner Gregg Lewis	Absent

KDOT CONNECTING LINK PROJECT REQUEST FOR MILL AND OVERLAY PROJECT ON K-254/US-54 (CENTRAL AVE) FROM TAYLOR STREET TO GRIFFITH STREET

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that the City has received grant funding for the mill and overlay of Central between Taylor and Griffith. He stated that we need to submit the forms stating that we have the matching funds available and that we accept the grant. He stated that the project is a little over \$300,000 and our portion would be 10%. He stated that the funds would come from the street sales tax funds.

Commissioner Nick Badwey moved to authorize the Mayor to sign and submit KDOT Form 1302 for the preservation project of Central Avenue from Taylor Street to Griffith Street.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4 – 0.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

PROPOSAL TO CLOSE POST ROAD TO THROUGH TRAFFIC

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that Mike Ward, a resident at Lawndale and Post had brought concerns to the Commission about traffic in the area. He stated that they have done two studies, one near Lawndale and Post Road and the second to the west and east of that intersection in the straighter sections of the road. He stated to the west of the intersection, there were 681 vehicles per day and an average speed of 24.7 miles per hour. He stated to the east there were 360 vehicles per day and an average speed of 25.6 miles per hour.

City Engineer Rickard stated that based on the studies, staff are recommending that the road remain as it is. He stated that the road is a minor collector and mainly serves the secondary streets in the neighborhood.

Commissioner Nick Badwey confirmed that the speed limit is 30 miles per hour if it is not posted.

City Engineer Rickard stated that it was.

Commissioner Badwey stated that he did not believe the issue was the average speed, but those who go faster. He stated that he has observed some vehicles going fast on that street. He asked if we can set a speed limit lower than 30.

City Engineer Rickard stated that speed limits are based on what 80% of the traveling public feel is safe. He stated that the speed limit also has a lot to do with the design of the road

City Engineer Rickard stated that staff try to include sidewalks in new developments, but they are often removed. He stated that the citizens can come to the city and ask for sidewalks in the area.

Commissioner Guthrie asked if Mr. Ward has tried to circulate a petition.

Mr. Ward stated that he had not.

Commissioner Wilkinson confirmed that in the staff memo, there was a recommendation for a stop sign at Lawndale.

City Engineer Rickard stated that it is an option, but they have to be careful because a controlled intersection will increase the speed of traffic and those typically cause more injury type accidents than uncontrolled intersections.

Mayor Bill Young stated that he has talked to around 20 people who live in the area and a few have been in favor of blocking the road. He stated that the majority had a concern about what route they would be able to take home. He stated that he also had individuals concerned about ambulance, fire and snow routes. He stated that he agreed that a petition would be the best way to go, to put sidewalks in and allow for pedestrian traffic to safely traverse the area.

City Engineer Rickard stated that sidewalks can also be initiated by the Commission. He stated that sidewalks would fit in the area and could be done with an assessment for the improvement.

Mayor Young stated that if another way to mitigate the situation could be found, that would be best.

Commissioner Guthrie asked what the best plan for him would be without blocking the road completely.

Mr. Ward stated that the curve is the most dangerous part on the east and it is difficult to see with the sun on the west side. He asked if emergency services were an issue.

Mayor Young stated that there was concern about response times.

Commissioner Wilkinson stated that there is also concern about trash routes.

Mr. Ward stated that traffic calming, in his research, enhances neighborhoods. He felt that emergency services could learn the new routes.

Mayor Young stated that while out talking to the people in the neighborhood, he found that there are not enough people who want to change it. He stated that without more responses, he does not feel that a change is warranted.

Commissioner Guthrie asked if they could see some options. He also asked Mr. Ward to bring back a petition.

City Engineer Rickard stated that they could put up signs for the curve and restrict parking on one side of the street. He stated that they could restrict parking and make a pedestrian path. He stated that if there is support from the neighborhood, those are things we could look at that are low cost.

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Commissioner Nick Badwey encouraged citizens to get out and vote on Tuesday.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie stated that he received a call about a house on West Ash that is abandoned and people were staying in it.

Mayor Bill Young stated he also received a complaint about a house on 2nd and some mowing issues in another neighborhood. He stated that he sent them to staff.

Mayor Young also encouraged citizens to go vote.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager David Dillner stated that Public Utilities has begun their annual free chlorine treatment. He stated that the water will taste different in August, but is safe to drink.

City Manager Dillner stated that the last sales tax report was good. He stated that sales tax receipts are trending up by about 1% compared to last year.

City Manager Dillner stated that staff are looking at school zones. He stated that because start times are changing to adapt to the current pandemic, school zone times are going to change. He stated that staff will bring a proposal to the Commission at the next meeting.

City Manager Dillner stated that they have received quite a few questions about the CDBG grant. He stated that staff are working to get it out to the citizens, but there are significantly more requirements for this grant, so the paperwork is a little more significant.

City Manager Dillner stated that the North Main Playground is under construction. He stated that the project is anticipated to be completed by the end of the month.

City Manager Dillner stated that the pool will be closing next week as scheduled.

City Manager Dillner stated that the Popular Annual Financial Report has been published and is available for anyone who wants to read it.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Nick Badwey moved to recess into executive session pursuant to the preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real property exception under K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6) for the purposes of discussing purchasing property and to reconvene the meeting at 7:35 p.m. in the City Commission room.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4 – 0.

Mayor Bill Young called the meeting back to order at 7:35 p.m.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie moved to recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) for the purposes of discussing non-elected personnel and succession plans and to reconvene the meeting at 8:00 p.m. in the City Commission room.

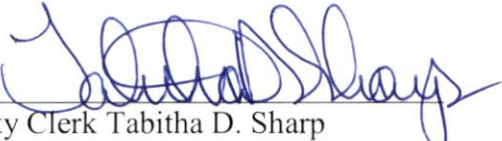
Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

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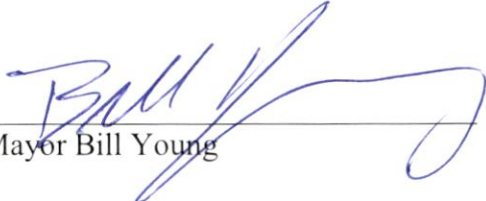
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Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4 – 0.



City Clerk Tabitha D. Sharp



Mayor Bill Young