

The El Dorado City Commission met in a regular session on October 5, 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. Absent: City Attorney Ashlyn Lindskog

**VISITORS**

Pastor Debbie McClure	Nazarene Church	El Dorado, KS
Teresa Radebaugh		
Wanetta Baldwin	609 Frazier	El Dorado, KS
Melody Gault	5 Taylor Ave	Augusta, KS
Debbie Hiel		
Nita Whiteman	515 Prairie Rd	El Dorado, KS
Hollie Jimenez		
Diana Brasnell		
Mark Somerville	515 W Locust	El Dorado, KS
Shari Storm		
Ruth Waite	1440 Jason Dr	El Dorado, KS

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bill Young called the October 5, 2020 meeting to order.

**INVOCATION**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The City Commission led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PERSONAL APPEARANCE**

Pastor Debbie McClure, Nazarene Church, discussed the purpose of the Cold Weather Shelter. She stated that the church would like to keep the shelter in their building and as part of their mission.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson asked for details on the opening of the shelter.

Pastor McClure stated that it is typically open October 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>. She stated that they can accommodate ten individuals and send others to the motel as they are able.

Commissioner Wilkinson asked if they see the same people over and over, or chronic homeless.

Hollie Jimenez, Shelter Manager, stated that there are a few that come more often due to some mental health issues. She stated that they try to help others move on and that is their ultimate goal.

Commissioner Wilkinson asked if COVID has made a difference.

Pastor McClure stated that the church was required to close early and so there was some change. She stated that they have made some changes to the shelter to keep everyone safe.

Commissioner Wilkinson asked if funding was available to help.

Pastor McClure stated that there is some available and they are working on obtaining that funding.

Commissioner Wilkinson asked if they are considering increasing the size of the shelter.

Pastor McClure stated that she was unable to address this at the time because there isn't currently need. She stated that there is a portion of the population of homeless who aren't interested in coming to the shelter because they don't wish to follow rules.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie asked how many of the 74 served were habitual.

Ms. Jimenez stated that she wasn't sure without names, but fewer than ten.

Commissioner Guthrie asked how long the average stay is.

Pastor McClure stated that during the nineteen-night average, Ms. Jimenez is working with them to get ID's and cell phones.

Commissioner Guthrie stated that the Commission has worked with their counterparts in other cities and the sentiment has been, "if you build it, they will come." He stated that the trend is showing that their customer base is increasing. He stated that he is also hearing it from citizens in El Dorado. He stated that the general consensus is that this is something they do not want in El Dorado.

Commissioner Guthrie asked if there had been a vote of the Commission to approve the homeless shelter in El Dorado.

City Manager David Dillner stated that there hadn't been since he was here.

Commissioner Guthrie stated that they are operating the shelter without permission, and then when they came and said they wanted to open full time, the Commission said they needed to get permission. He stated that until they have permission, he will push to not allow them to open. He stated that he felt that they were housing individuals in a building without the proper paperwork to allow that.

Melody Gault, 5 Taylor Ave, stated that she was the director when the cold weather shelter was approved. She stated that she was here to address the previous decision. She reviewed what had happened at a previous Commission meeting. She stated that she withdrew her application at the time because she felt that it wouldn't work if they did not have the support of the community. She stated that later that year the Nazarene Church offered their basement as a shelter. She stated that she called the City Manager and he and other staff stated that an emergency shelter could work in a meeting with the homeless initiative. She stated that they did the work to make sure the fire department regulations could be met.

Commissioner Guthrie stated that he felt it had never come before the Commission for approval.

Ms. Gault stated that she spoke to staff and was under the impression everything had been communicated.

Commissioner Nick Badwey stated that at the time, they were operating as a cold weather shelter, and it did not require the other approval.

Mayor Bill Young stated that he understood that they were operating under good faith.

Commissioner Wilkinson asked if they need anything.

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that the shelter began as a cold weather shelter and they gave it the opportunity to see what would happen in the neighborhood. He stated that when we were approached earlier this year, he stated that it was time to get the proper zoning in place and gave them the process.

Pastor McClure asked why the zoning was never required before.

City Engineer stated that there are some temporary allowances, but this has gone beyond the temporary situation. He stated that the City Manager allowed the temporary shelter at the time.

Commissioner Badwey stated that at the time they were told that a permanent situation was going to be found, but no one has ever come back. He stated that he has had some complaints from residents in the area, but it could be a coincidence.

Commissioner Wilkinson asked if they could continue under the cold weather shelter.

City Engineer Rickard stated that it has gone beyond what was supposed to be temporary, but he was unsure if there was anything written down.

Mayor Young stated that he felt the conversation has gone beyond a personal appearance and this is not the time for direction. He stated that he felt it was time to schedule the discussion, but they are operating in good faith right now and that can continue until further discussion is had.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Bill Young opened the floor for public comments.

There were no comments.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of the City Commission minutes from September 21, 2020 and Special City Commission Minutes from September 2, 2020.

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

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING THE GENERAL FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY POLICIES OF THE CITY OF EL DORADO, KANSAS**

City manager David Dillner stated that staff are proposing an amendment to the financial policy base on the discussion last week in a work session. He stated that the section would change to allow the City Manager to make purchases up to his current spending authority.

Commissioner Nick Badwey moved to approve Resolution No. 2908, a Resolution amending the General Financial and Budgetary Policies for the City of El Dorado, Kansas.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4 – 1 (Commissioner Matt Guthrie voted against).

**RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ABATEMENT OF DANGEROUS STRUCTURES**

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that staff are requesting a public hearing be set regarding the properties discussed at the work session last week. He stated that the property on South Star has been removed from the list because staff are currently in the process of purchasing the property and it will be demolished prior to that public hearing. He stated that all interested parties will be notified properly.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson asked how many addresses in El Dorado have a 33 in them.

City Engineer Rickard stated that he wasn't sure.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson moved that Resolution No. 2909, a Resolution authorizing the scheduling of a public hearing on November 16, 2020 at 6:30 for the purpose of abating or removing the dangerous structures at 712 W Ash, 307 S Atchison, 733 S Denver and 805 S Main.

Commissioner Nick Badwey seconded the motion.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie confirmed that there was a vote after the public hearing from the City Commission.

City Engineer Rickard stated that they have a lot of leverage at that public hearing and can choose several different avenues. He stated that it would be taken from the available funds for this year if they chose to move forward with the demolition.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

**LAWSUIT REGARDING GREAT LIFE GOLF TERMINATION AGREEMENT**

City Manager David Dillner stated that staff are requesting permission to engage in a lawsuit in order to get the paperwork signed by GreatLife Golf. He stated that until the paperwork was signed, the funds cannot be released by the title company.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie moved to delegate authority to the City Manager to file suit against GreatLife Augusta, LLC, GreatLife Kansas City, and JJ&J, Inc. regarding the Purchase Agreement approved by the City on February 4, 2019.

Commissioner Nick Badwey seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 - 0.

**REPORTS**

**CITY COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES**

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson stated that there was a proposal at the Parks and Recreation meeting regarding a BMX track. She stated that enrollment in recreational activities is down by around half this year. She stated that coaches are asked to wear masks, players do not have to, and parents are encouraged to wear masks and distance themselves from others.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis stated that El Dorado Inc. has posted the Assistant Director position.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie stated that CTC has met and discussed the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration. He stated that they will be the steering committee for the celebration.

Commissioner Wilkinson asked if the Commission could attend.

City Clerk Tabitha Sharp stated that it is a public meeting and they are welcome to attend.

**CITY MANAGER**

City Manager David Dillner stated that we are receiving a lot of responses to the survey, he stated that they are due by Friday at 5 p.m.

City Manager Dillner stated that we did not receive enough requests to give out the funds we received for the CDBG CV grants. He stated that we have reopened the application process and are welcoming more requests.

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Commissioner Matt Guthrie asked if our requirements are too strict. He also asked what would happen if we could not give out the funds.

City Manager Dillner stated that the restrictions are the State's, not ours. He stated that the money would have to be returned to the State of Kansas.

City Manager Dillner stated that SBA is partnering with the Butler County Health Department to provide flu shots.

City Manager Dillner stated that Friends of the Lake are hosting a mud run at Bluestem Point on Saturday.

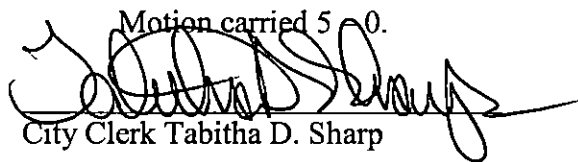
City Manager Dillner stated that anyone interested in helping with the 150<sup>th</sup> should reach out to the City Clerk.

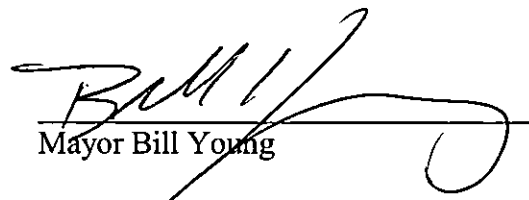
**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Commissioner Nick Badwey seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

  
City Clerk Tabitha D. Sharp

  
Mayor Bill Young