

The El Dorado City Commission met in a regular session on January 4, 2021 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 Attorney Ashlyn Lindskog (via zoom) City Engineer Scott Rickard and City Clerk Tabitha Sharp (via zoom).

VISITORS

Curt Zieman	128 N Vine	El Dorado, KS
Joe Haag	220 E 1st Avenue	El Dorado, KS
Christine Gilson	1305 Park Avenue	El Dorado, KS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bill Young called the January 4, 2021 meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Pastor Jurdan Counts, Park Avenue 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.

Christine Gilson, 1305 Park Avenue, stated that she wanted to thank the Commission, her neighbors, the Engineering Department and Pearson Construction for their work on the project on Douglas Road. She said the road and sidewalks are wonderful.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of City Commission Minutes from November 16 and December 7, 2020 and Special City Commission Minutes from November 18 and December 2, 2020.

Approval of Appropriation Ordinance No. 11-20 in the amount of \$1,821,452.53.

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

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

DEPARTMENT PRESENTATIONS

Fire Chief Joe Haag presented the department’s 2020 activity report.

Mayor Bill Young stated that he too had heard a lot of good things about the Santa tour on the fire truck. He asked about the increase in training hours.

Chief Haag stated that fire fighters don’t do idle very well and so with the limits on public interaction, they put their efforts into training.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis stated that the new doors on station one look great.

Chief Haag thanked the Commission for funding those, he stated that they have really changed the way that station one looks and operates.

Police Chief Curt Zieman presented the department's 2020 activities.

Commissioner Nick Badwey stated that the numbers looked good despite the shortage of officers.

Mayor Young thanked the Police Department for their work.

SET PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS – PAVING 9TH AVENUE (GORDY TO TAYLOR)

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated the Commission had reviewed this project at a previous work session. He stated that this will begin the process of the Commission initiating this street project so that it may be brought up to city standards. He stated that the total project cost is \$1,244,987.38.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie asked if it would go past the railroad tracks.

City Engineer Rickard stated that it would go from Gordy to Taylor.

Commissioner Guthrie asked if we were still waiting on something for the sidewalk on 6th Avenue.

City Engineer Rickard stated that they have negotiated with BNSF on 6th Avenue and got that portion done. He stated that Union Pacific wanted the City to do a whole new crossover at a cost of \$153,000 and so that has not been completed.

Commissioner Guthrie asked if the same issue would happen with this project.

City Engineer Rickard stated that this project crosses BNSF tracks and so there will be some time for permitting and such.

Commissioner Nick Badwey stated that the numbers on the report weren't correct.

City Engineer Rickard stated that one of the numbers is missing. He stated that the city at large costs will be \$737,012.72, and the improvement district costs are \$507,974.66, \$144,518.70 of that is the City's property.

Commissioner Badwey confirmed that this just sets the public hearing, it does not yet approve the project.

City Engineer Rickard stated that he was correct, letters would go out tomorrow if the Resolution is passed. He stated that there will also be a public meeting prior to the hearing at Commission in which Engineering staff will be present to answer questions.

Commissioner Guthrie asked when these projects would happen.

City Engineer Rickard stated that it would be in 2022. He stated that the following street projects will likely have some utility work start this year if they are approved.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie moved that Resolution No. 2915, a Resolution calling and providing for the giving of notice of a public hearing on the advisability of the making of a certain internal improvement in the City of El Dorado, Kansas, under the provisions of K.S.A. 12-6a01 et seq., as amended and supplemented; and providing for the giving of notice of said hearing (paving improvements/paving 9th Avenue).

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

SET PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS – PAVING HUNTON ROAD AND SIMPSON ROAD

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that the Commission also discussed this at a previous meeting and wished to initiate the process of improving these streets. He stated that the total cost of the project is \$1,204,880.51, the improvement district will pay \$997,407.20 and city-at-large costs will be \$207,473.31.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis asked if this would finish Township Village.

City Engineer Rickard stated that it would complete everything but Norris.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie moved that Resolution No. 2916, a Resolution calling and providing for the giving of notice of a public hearing on the advisability of the making of a certain internal improvement in the City of El Dorado, Kansas, under the provisions of K.S.A. 12-6a01 et seq., as amended and supplemented; and providing for the giving of notice of said hearing (paving improvements/paving Hunton Road and Simpson Road).

Commissioner Gregg Lewis seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

SET PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS – PAVING 5TH AVENUE (SCHOOL TO HUNTON) AND 2ND AVENUE (SCHOOL TO DIAGONAL)

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that this project was also discussed at a previous work session at which the Commission decided to initiate this project. He stated that this will tie Hunton and Simpson Roads together. They are separate as part of the accounting, and each resident in the area will be assessed for two streets per our street policy. He stated that they will be bid as one in order to save money. He stated that the total cost of this project would be \$4435,243.65, city-at-large costs would be \$55,936.18 and improvement district costs would be \$379,307.47.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie moved that Resolution No. 2917, a Resolution calling and providing for the giving of notice of a public hearing on the advisability of the making of a certain internal improvement in the City of El Dorado, Kansas, under the provisions of K.S.A. 12-6a01 et seq., as amended and supplemented; and providing for the giving of notice of said hearing (paving improvements/paving 5th Avenue and 2nd Avenue).

Commissioner Gregg Lewis seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

EVERGY EASEMENT (WETLANDS AND WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY)

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that Evergy currently owns a 50 foot easement through property owned by the City of El Dorado where their transmission lines cross. He stated that they are rebuilding those lines and are requesting an extension of 75 feet, and have offered compensation of \$31,400 for that easement extension.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie asked if they would be placing larger towers in town.

City Engineer Rickard stated that it the same as what is going through town already. He stated that it still allows us to lease it for crops as done today and there are buffers protecting the native vegetation near the river.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson asked if this was a typical rate for agricultural land.

City Engineer Rickard stated that because it was just a right of way easement, the price was fair.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis moved to accept the offer from Evergy and authorize the Mayor to sign a grant of easement to Evergy for the purpose of constructing a transmission line across City owned property at the Wetlands and Water Reclamation Facility.

Commissioner Nick Badwey seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

APPLICATION TO REZONE 2242 AND 2278 SE HIGHWAY 54

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that these properties are in the extraterritorial jurisdiction. He stated that they are zoned for a manufactured mobile home park. He stated that the applicant is requesting rezone to C-1. He stated that the Planning Commission approved the rezone 7 – 0. He stated that the applicant plans to build some storage units on the lots.

Commissioner Nick Badwey moved to approve Case No. 20-05-REZ, requesting a rezoning of 2242 and 2278 SE Highway 54 to C-1 General District and that Ordinance No. G-1342 be approved.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson 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	Yes

REPORTS

CITY COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson stated that the Parks and Recreation board met. She stated that recreation numbers were down.

Commissioner Nick Badwey wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Bill Young also wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Young stated that he appreciated all of the work the first responders, health care professionals and educators have done to get through this pandemic.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager David Dillner stated that for the third consecutive year, the City has broken it's sales tax record. He thanked the citizens for shopping local.

City Manager Dillner stated that the activity center has reopened with modified hours. He stated that face coverings are required unless participating in an activity that prevents it. He stated that it will also be closed for El Dorado High School basketball games.

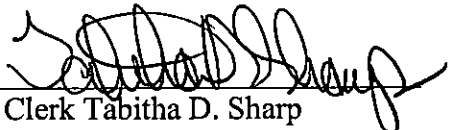
City Manager Dillner stated that the City will be closed on January 18th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr Day. He stated that the trash routes will change as a result, citizens should be receiving a magnet in the mail with the year's trash routes on it.

ADJOURNMENT

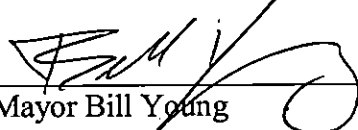
Commissioner Nick Badwey moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.



City Clerk Tabitha D. Sharp



Mayor Bill Young