

The El Dorado City Commission met in a regular session on January 19, 2021 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 Engineer Scott Rickard and City Clerk Tabitha Sharp. Absent: Commissioner Gregg Lewis and City Attorney Ashlyn Lindskog.

VISITORS

Curt Zieman	128 N Vine	El Dorado, KS
Kevin Wishart	220 E 1st Ave	El Dorado, KS
Brad Meyer	222 E 2nd	El Dorado, KS
Corey Landreth	Real Life Christian Church	El Dorado, KS
Kurt Bookout	2540 Kinder Dr	El Dorado, KS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bill Young called the January 19, 2021 meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Pastor Corey Landreth, Real Life Christian Church, opened the meeting with an invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Commission led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITION

Mayor Bill Young read the proclamation declaring 2021 a year of celebration in honor of the 150th anniversary of the City of El Dorado.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Bill Young opened the floor for public comments.

There were no comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of City Commission Minutes from January 4, 2021.

Approval of Appropriation Ordinance No. 12-20 in the amount of \$1,692,318.26.

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

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

DEPARTMENT PRESENTATIONS

Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Wishart presented the 2020 year in review for his department.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie asked how the surface at the tennis courts is holding up.

Parks and Recreation Director Wishart stated that he sends staff regularly to remove leaves and other debris to keep it nice.

Commissioner Guthrie asked if there were irrigation plans for that facility.

Parks and Recreation Director Wishart stated that there are not plans at this time for irrigation.

Public Works Director Brad Meyer presented the activities of the Public Works division in 2020.

Commissioner Nick Badwey stated that a friend of his adopted a dog and had a great experience.

Commissioner Guthrie asked how much the recycling building was being used.

Public Works Director Meyer stated that the cardboard bailer is housed there and they are using part of it for storage.

Commissioner Guthrie asked if there was a plan for the extra funding for snow removal.

Public Works Director Meyer stated that there would be. He stated that part of the issue now is experience and training for new employees.

VICE MAYOR APPOINTMENT

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson moved to select Commissioner Gregg Lewis as Vice-Mayor for the year 2021.

Commissioner Nick Badwey seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4 – 0.

COMMUNITY BRAND ACCEPTANCE

City Clerk Tabitha Sharp stated that the Commission had directed staff to hire a company to design a new brand for the City of El Dorado. The City hired Bajillion in 2020 and they have completed the process. The City Commission has reviewed the proposed brand and staff are requesting that it be officially adopted along with the badge celebrating our 150th anniversary.

City Clerk Sharp stated that the company will be providing all of the elements and the marketing plan within the next two weeks.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie moved adopt the brand as presented for the City of El Dorado.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4 – 0.

APPLICATION TO REZONE 7.7 ACRES AT 2540 KINDER DRIVE

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that Kurt Bookout is requesting a change in zoning at the property located at 2540 Kinder Drive from agricultural-residential to low density residential. This property is located in the extraterritorial jurisdiction for the City of El Dorado. He stated that the Planning Commission and Butler County have both recommended approval of the rezone.

Commissioner Nick Badwey moved to approve Case No. 20-04-REZ, requesting a rezoning of 7.7 acres at 2540 Kinder Drive to R-1 Low Density Residential District and that Ordinance No. G-1343 be approved.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

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
Position No. 3	Commissioner Nick Badwey	Yes

VACATE RRIGHT-OF-WAY IN RIVERSIDE ADDITION

City Engineer Scott Rickard stated that the adjacent residents at 9th Avenue near Oak Street in the Riverside Addition have requested the vacation of right-of-way.

City Engineer Rickard stated that we will maintain a 16 foot under lying utility easement. He stated that we have checked with all other utilities and they are supportive of the change.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie asked why the City held on to the property.

City Engineer Rickard stated that a lot of these areas were platted a long time ago and right-of ways were established but planned roads and such were not constructed. He stated that the adjacent owners will each get 50 feet with the underlying easement down the center.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie moves to adopt Ordinance No. G-1344 an ordinance vacating Right-of-Way in Riverside Addition to the City of El Dorado and maintaining a utility easement.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

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

PROPOSED EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

City Manager David Dillner stated that the proposed plan for equipment replacement utilizes funds that were not expended in 2020. He stated that the 2021 general fund purchases include 4 patrol cars, squad 3 in the fire department, 3 single axle dump trucks with snow plows, 1 tandem axle dump truck with snow plow, and 4 mowers and 3 utility vehicles for the parks and recreation division. He stated that the enterprise funds will receive a ¾ ton crew truck, one single axle dump truck and an automated trash truck.

City Manager Dillner stated that other purchases will be moved up slightly in the previous plan showed to the City Commission in reaction to the ability to purchase these this year.

Commissioner Nick Badwey clarified the purchase price of a single axle.

City Manager Dillner stated that he mistakenly put the wrong price on the single axle, and he would confirm that price before the bid was completed.

Commissioner Badwey asked what a side mount mower was.

Public Works Director Brad Meyer stated that it was a mower used in the areas that run along ditches and roadsides where we can not get a rear mount mower in place.

Commissioner Nick Badwey moved to authorize the purchase of vehicles and equipment for 2021 as presented by the City Manager.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Mayor Bill Young confirmed that the items would be bid and attempts would be made to purchase locally.

City Manager Dillner stated that they would.

Motion carried 4 – 0.

MASK ORDINANCE CONTINUATION

City Manager Dillner stated that due to the publication requirements, the Commission needed to review the ordinance tonight so that it could be continued on February 1st if the Commission wished. He stated that the only change to the prior ordinance would be the expiration date which would be 45 days from February 1st.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson asked if the State had a mandate.

City Manager Dillner stated that they did not have one, they left it to the Counties to decide.

Commissioner Wilkinson stated that she supported extending it.

Commissioner Nick Badwey stated that he felt like more people were wearing masks. He stated that his reasons were still the same for supporting the ordinance and was in favor of continuing it.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie stated that he was also for continuing the ordinance.

Mayor Bill Young stated that he felt that reviewing it now as opposed to February 1st as it was originally announced, was unfair to those that had been told we would review it then. He stated that he also felt that the numbers did not support the continuation of the ordinance.

Commissioner Wilkinson stated that while Butler County is going up, the cases in El Dorado are slowly going down. She doesn't like the idea of using the numbers for Butler County as justification.

Mayor Young stated that he understood her thoughts, but he felt that people needed to be invited to the conversation.

Commissioner Wilkinson stated that she is still for a mask mandate, but does not want to upset the businesses who are upset about enforcing it. She stated that she felt they should keep their word about discussing it on the 1st. She asked about the gap between the two ordinances.

City Clerk Tabitha Sharp stated that due to publication deadlines, if they passed the ordinance at the next meeting, it would not be enforceable until the following week because it would not be published until that Tuesday.

Commissioner Badwey stated that he didn't remember stating it would be discussed on the first, only that it would expire that day.

Mayor Young stated that he felt it was implied in the discussion that night.

Commissioner Guthrie stated that he was fine with passing it tonight and then allowing discussion on the 1st.

Commissioner Wilkinson stated that she wants the mask order to continue, but is concerned that business owners will not come talk to them.

Mayor Young stated that if they were just going to vote for the ordinance regardless of what the people say in a public comment section, they should just pass it tonight.

Commissioner Wilkinson stated that she believed the ordinance was doing good things, more people are wearing masks, the infection rate is going down and the vaccine is out. She stated that the extra 45 days were going to do more good than harm and so she was in support of passing the ordinance now.

Commissioner Nick Badwey moved to approve Ordinance No. G-1345, an Ordinance continuing the requirement for the wearing of masks or other face coverings in public space in El Dorado, Kansas.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

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

REPORTS

CITY COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES

Commissioner Matt Guthrie asked if e-mailing public comments was still an option.

City Clerk Tabitha Sharp stated it was, she stated that anyone interested should send their thoughts to her at tsharp@eldoks.com.

Commissioner Nick Badwey stated that the library board met, he stated that they are maintaining their current hours and the curbside pickup. He stated that the library wanted people to know that all items should be returned to the drop box, not inside the library.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager David Dillner stated that the structure at 712 W Ash has been demolished. He stated that they have also been making improvements to the entryway to the Police Department and appreciate the public’s patience in that project.

City Manager Dillner stated that the trash routes had changes in accordance with the holiday observed on Monday.

City Manager Dillner stated that the meeting with the State Park was canceled due to a conflict with the State office, we are working on rescheduling it.

City Manager Dillner stated that the library has challenged residents to read 150 hours this year in honor of the city’s 150th anniversary.

City Manager Dillner stated that the utilities department will be completing some vapo-rooting to assist with sanitary sewer blockages over the next few weeks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson 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 8:05 p.m. in the City Commission Room.

Commissioner Nick Badwey seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4 – 0.

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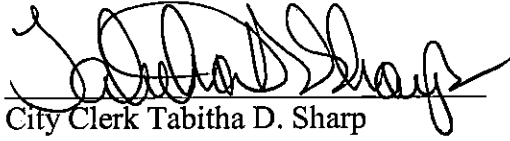
Mayor Bill Young called the meeting back to order at 8:05 p.m.

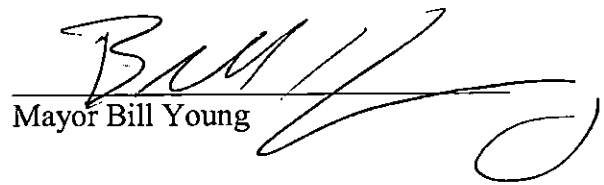
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Nick Badwey moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4 – 0.


City Clerk Tabitha D. Sharp


Mayor Bill Young