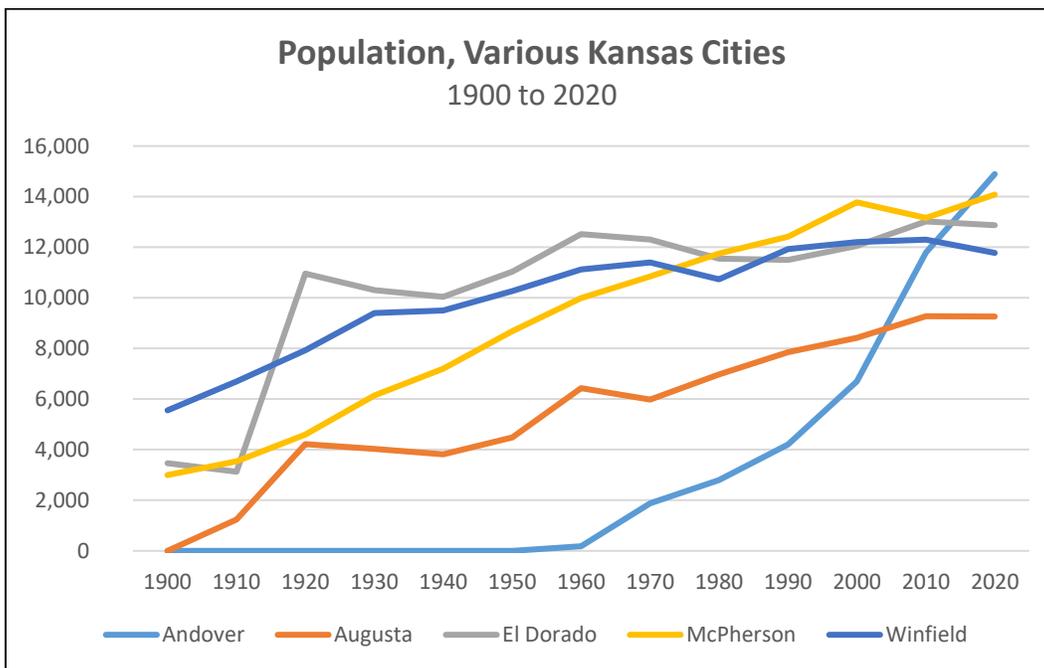


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Items of Note:

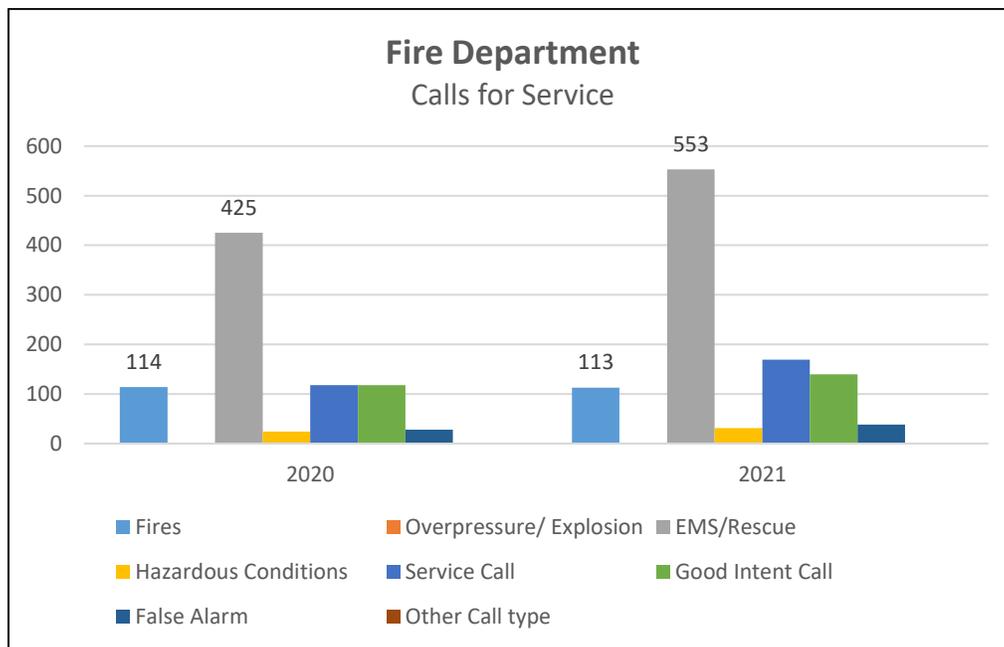
- The U.S. Census Bureau released population figures for Kansas cities from the 2020 Census conducted last year. El Dorado’s certified population came out to 12,870, which is 1.2% less than the population of 13,021 counted in the 2010 Census. For comparison, Andover increased its population by 26.3%, Arkansas City decreased by 3.6%, Augusta decreased by 0.2%, McPherson increased by 7.0%, and Winfield decreased by 4.3%. Cities with a population over 10,000 (except for larger cities such as Kansas City, Lawrence, Topeka, and Wichita) grew by an average of 0.8% between census counts.



- The newly released Census data showed that twenty-five of Kansas's 105 counties gained population since 2010, giving the state about 2.9 million people. Johnson County added the most people (65,684) followed by Sedgwick County (25,459), Wyandotte County (11,740), Douglas (7,959), and Leavenworth County (5,654). The percentage of population change for counties in our region are as follows: **Butler County:** ↑ 67,380 (2.3%); **Cowley County:** ↓ 34,549 (4.9%); **Harper County:** ↓ 5,485 (9.1%); **Harvey County:** ↓ 34,024 (1.9%); **Kingman County:** ↓ 7,470 (4.9%); **McPherson County:** ↑ 30,223 (3.6%); **Pratt County:** ↓ 9,157 (5.2%); **Reno County:** ↓ 4.1 %, 61,898 (4.1%); **Sumner County:** ↓ 22,382 (7.3%); and **Sedgwick County:** ↑ 523,824 (5.1%). The newly released data provides the first look at how new election districts could be redrawn as lawmakers near an end to a series of public hearings being held across the state.
- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Department of the Army announced plans for upcoming community engagements to provide information on their efforts to revise the definition of “waters of the United States” (WOTUS). The agencies intend to revise the definition of WOTUS following a process that includes two rulemakings. An upcoming foundational rule would restore the regulations defining WOTUS that were in place for decades until 2015, with updates to be consistent

with relevant Supreme Court decisions. A separate, second rulemaking process would refine this regulatory foundation and establish an updated and durable definition of “waters of the United States.” The WOTUS regulations are often cited as a deterrent to development, so municipalities (including El Dorado) will be participating in this dialogue and closely watching the proceedings.

- The Fire Department responded to 150 total calls for service during July compared to 120 calls for service during July 2020. Of these calls for service, eighty-eight (58%) were medical calls and fifteen (10%) were fire calls. Year-to-date, the Fire Department has responded to 1,046 calls for service compared to 828 calls through the same period a year ago. This represents a 26% increase in calls for service year over year. Last year, the department responded to 1,494 calls.



- The average response time for the Fire Department during July was 7 minutes, 27 seconds. Average response time for the department year-to-date is 7 minutes, 21 seconds. Last year’s average response time for 1,494 calls was 8 minutes, 22 seconds.
- The Fire Department reported a total fire loss during July of \$22,794 compared to a pre-incident value of \$303,300. In other words, the department was able to salvage 93% of the value of structures with fire incidents occurring during July. Year-to-date, the Fire Department has salvaged 97% of the value of structures catching fire.
- The Police Department reported 174 cases in July. The department closed or referred 63% of these cases. The department investigated fourteen accidents, fourteen battery cases, twenty-two burglary cases, twelve criminal damage to property cases, and twenty-two theft cases during the month.
- The City, Evergy, Cox Communications, and AT&T will meet next week to begin coordinating the Downtown Utilities Project in earnest. After internal discussion, staff believes the best option is to have Evergy provide a turnkey solution. We are going to inquire about providing planning services and easement acquisitions to the project to determine if Evergy will be willing to reduce the total out-of-pocket expense to the City for these in-kind services.
- Last week I reported that KDOT informed the K-254 Corridor Association the next step in building a safer highway corridor is to develop a Corridor Management Study to study the entire length of the K-254 corridor from east Wichita to El Dorado. KDOT estimates the cost of the study at \$500,000, with a local match from local governments located along or adjacent to the corridor at \$170,000. The City’s

portion comes to approximately \$16,500 (3% of the total study cost) based on these projected numbers. The K-254 Corridor Association plans to request the local governments along the corridor to participate in the cost of the study in order to get it started. KDOT expects the effort to take about two years to complete.

- The Public Utilities Department reports an approximate compliance rate of 90% for backflow prevention devices.
- The Parks and Recreation Department expects to begin installing the new playground at Riverview Park next week. Fall registration numbers for youth recreation activities are coming in slightly lower than the prior year. Staff speculates that the YMCA offering youth recreation programs may influence some of these figures.
- The Police Department has actively been enforcing school zones now that school is in full swing. Spot enforcement will continue to help retrain drivers.
- The Public Works Department reports that the traffic signals at Boyer Road and Central Avenue have been resolved. The camera system had malfunctioned, so the system reverted to a loop process whereby each movement occurred in an order on a timer. The system will function as needed based on traffic patterns now that the camera system works again.
- El Dorado, Inc. is currently working through the site selection process for economic development projects with an estimated aggregate value of \$7.5 billion.

Personnel Update:

- The following positions are vacant and currently advertised: Police Officer, Public Works Maintenance Worker (3), Assistant Court Clerk, Sanitation Lead (2), Distribution/Collection Maintenance Worker.

Commission Calendar:

- *Upcoming City Commission Items (subject to change):*
 - **August 16 Regular Meeting** – Dilapidated Houses; Fire Apparatus Financing
 - **August 25 Work Session** - Code of Procedure; Public Works/Sanitation Recruitment Challenges
 - **September 7 Regular Meeting** - Professional Services Agreement for Lake Master Plan; Professional Services Agreement for GPS Mapping Services; Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing; 2022 Budget Hearing and Adoption; Standard Traffic Ordinance; Uniform Public Offense Code