

# EL DORADO

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TO: City Commission  
FROM: David Dillner, City Manager  
SUBJ: Weekly Report  
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### **Items of Note:**

- REMINDER: The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, January 18 instead of Monday because City Hall is closed due to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- There will not be a work session this upcoming Wednesday because of the Police Chief interviews. The next work session will be February 2.
- Police Chief interviews filled much of my focus this past week. As I previously mentioned, the City will interview four candidates in a rigorous process that will test the candidates and provide good information to help with the decision making process. There are over twenty-four people throughout the community involved in the process. Interview panelists and the governing body will receive candidate summaries early next week.
- The Department of Treasury released the final rule concerning the American Rescue Plan funds. The City received \$1.9 million from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). At first glance, the final rule seems more flexible than the originally-released interim rule.
- El Dorado Inc. celebrated a transition this week as Linda Jolly retired from serving as executive director of the organization. Sarah Hoefgen now takes the reins of leading the organization. Linda will continue to assist in a “consultant” role.
- The Board of Directors for El Dorado Inc. planned to conduct a planning session this upcoming week, although this meeting has been postponed due to the increasing rise of COVID.
- I am going to coordinate an Economic Development work session to provide the City Commission with an overview of the economic development tools available to the City. My plan is to combine the partnering agencies in the meeting to provide an overview of what each contributes to the community’s economic development program.

### **Personnel Update:**

- *Vacant and currently advertised positions:* Police Officer (2), Public Works Maintenance Worker (3), Public Works Equipment Operator (2), Firefighter (2), Water Treatment Operator, Sanitation Lead, Pool Manager
- *Filled and currently advertised positions:* Police Chief

### **Commission Calendar:**

- *Upcoming City Commission Items (subject to change):*
  - **January 12 Work Session** – Cancelled due to Police Chief Interviews

- **RESCHEDULED: January 18 Regular Meeting** – Everyy Graham Park Easements; Everyy Legion (Land Bank) Easements; Fire Truck Bids Approval
  - **February 2 Work Session** – Advisory Board Appointments; Executive Limitations Policies; Outcomes Policies (cont.)
  - **February 7 Regular Meeting** – Year in Review; Advisory Board Appointments; John Banks Speculative Building Sanitary Sewer Project
- *Pending Items (Items to be scheduled for upcoming meeting once completed):* Augusta Wholesale Water Agreement; Street Cut Ordinance; Food Vendor Ordinance; Transient Vendor Ordinance; Business Park Re-platting and Rezoning

**Other Events of Interest:**

- **January 6** - Linda Jolly Retirement Party, 6:30 pm (District 142)
- **January 26** - Local Government Day in Topeka
- **March 1** – Annual Chamber Dinner, 5:30 pm (Civic Center)