

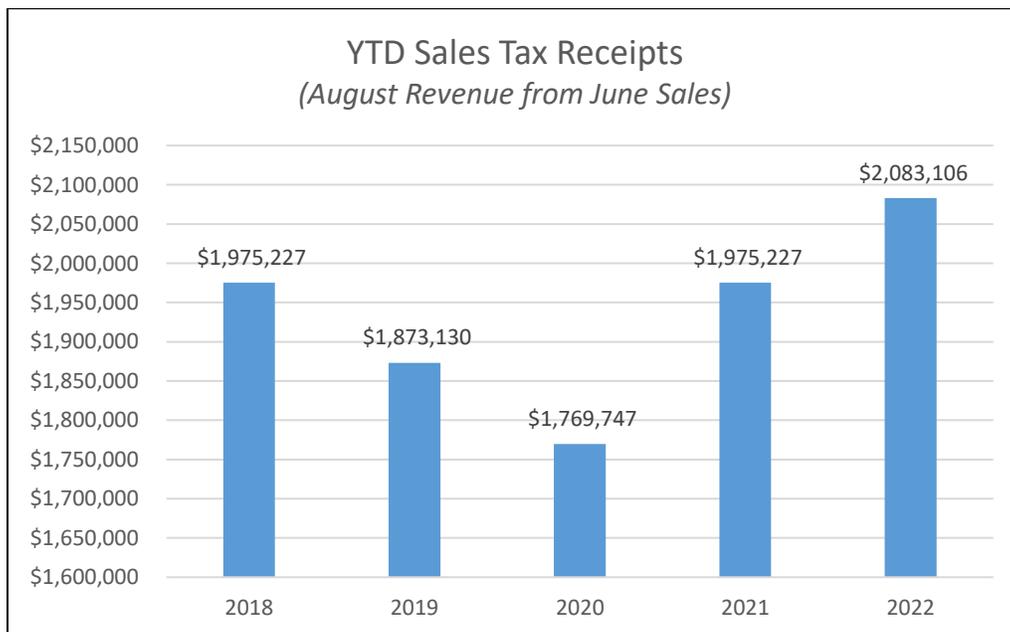
# EL DORADO

## K A N S A S

TO: City Commission  
FROM: David Dillner, City Manager  
SUBJ: Weekly Report  
DATE: September 2, 2022

### Items of Note:

- Judie and Peter Storandt provided a tour of their native grass garden. We also discussed how the subject was going to proceed since the City Commission has been discussing an amendment to the City's existing tall weeds and grass ordinance. I asked Judie and Peter Storandt to prepare an alternate option for an ordinance by October 1 for presentation and discussion by the governing body.
- The El Dorado Walnuts are interested in continuing a partnership with the City of El Dorado. Representatives from the Kansas Collegiate Baseball League will prepare a proposal for a multi-year agreement to ensure the team will continue to call McDonald Stadium home.
- The City received \$270,970 in sales tax collected on retail sales occurring in June. Of this amount, \$40,034 came from compensating use tax. Year-to-date, the City received \$2,083,106 from sales tax, which is 5.5% higher than last year's receipts. The City has also received \$318,922 from compensating use tax year-to-date. The City projects annual sales tax collections of about \$3.0 million for the year at this current pace.



- I asked Wichita State University to prepare a proposal to update the City's most recent housing needs assessment completed in 2016. An updated assessment will allow the City to understand the housing market and is required to establish a Rural Housing Incentive District.
- Police Chief Holton and I met with representatives from USD 490 to discuss a tabletop exercise for a school shooting incident. An exercise will likely occur in October and will include various stakeholders who would be involved in an initial response and follow-up activities. The purpose of such an exercise is to ensure that stakeholders know roles and responsibilities during and following an incident.
- Dr. Kim Krull and I discussed the City's proposed Ballfield Improvement Plan. She plans to take the proposal to the Board of Trustees in the next few weeks to determine the board's interest in participating.
- The Chamber of Commerce organized a stakeholder meeting concerning daycare amid news that the First Baptist Church will close its daycare operation as of September 30. This initial meeting has led to another meeting to continue to explore options. In addition, Nick Engels will meet with the City to discuss the feasibility of constructing a new daycare facility in El Dorado.
- The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is holding public meetings to help communities and public water supply systems learn about the EPA's new Lead and Copper Rule Revisions. Under the new rules, public water supply systems are required to prepare and maintain an inventory of service line materials. The City must submit its inventory to KDHE by October 16, 2024.
- Construction activities for public infrastructure started in the Deer Run and Adlesperger-Smith Additions.
- Street improvements in the Township Village (2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, Hunton, and Simpson) will begin after Labor Day weekend.
- Clearwater Fiber has inquired about establishing a franchise agreement with the City to allow the company to extend fiber services to residential and commercial customers.
- Kansas Gas wishes to extend its existing franchise agreement that is due for renewal. Staff is currently reviewing the agreement before meeting with the company to negotiate any changes.
- The City plans to submit a project to KDOT's Cost-Share program that includes street improvement work in downtown and a significant stormwater project to help address flooding and maneuverability during significant rain events. The estimated cost of the project is \$1.9 million, and the cost-share program may provide up to \$1.0 million if awarded funds.
- TransSystems completed the initial data collection and traffic-modeling phase of the I-35/K-254/K-196 Interchange Study. The next phase of work will continue outreach with stakeholders, continue refinement of K-254 design concepts, and evaluate environmental and other constraints.

**Personnel Update:**

- *Vacant and advertised positions:* Public Works Maintenance Worker (5); Firefighter; Police Officer (2); Wastewater Superintendent; and Building Maintenance Worker.

**Commission Calendar:**

- *Upcoming City Commission Items (subject to change):*
  - **September 6 Regular Meeting** – Revenue Neutral Rate and Proposed Budget Hearing; BASE Grant Expenditure Approval; Series 2022-1 Temporary Note Approval
  - **September 14 Work Session** – Nutrient Trading MOU;
  - **September 19 Regular Meeting** – LKM Voting Delegates; Nutrient Trading MOU; Ballfield Improvement Program