

EL DORADO

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

- The Chamber of Commerce organized a second stakeholder meeting concerning daycare amid news that the First Baptist Church will close its daycare operation as of September 30. This meeting generated a few action items for various stakeholders as we continue to explore options for daycare services in El Dorado. In addition, staff met with Nick Engels to discuss the feasibility of constructing a new daycare facility in El Dorado. The more I learn about this issue the more I understand how complex it is to develop a solution.
- I met with USD 490 Superintendent Miles Davis about participating in the City's Ballfield Improvement Program. He expressed appreciation for the proposal, although he could not commit to the School District's participation in the program. Declining enrollment figures do not allow for "extracurricular" spending at this time.
- The Public Utilities Department will inform thirty-one customers representing (ninety back-flow devices) of non-compliance with the City's backflow prevention inspection requirements. Failure to come into compliance may result in temporary termination of water service until inspections.
- The Public Utilities Department received a report from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment concerning a routine compliance inspection conducted in August. At the time of the inspection, the facility was in compliance, although the inspection identified a few required operations and maintenance issues needing addressed. The department must provide a written response to the inspection by December.
- Evergy plans to commence construction on its transmission main in the near future. This main runs through Graham Park.
- This past weekend, the City closed the North Main Park splash pad due to an equipment malfunction. Staff is in the process of attempting to repair the disruption. The City will keep the Graham Park splash pad open through September 25. We will resume operation of the North Main splash pad if we are able to repair it until September 25.

Personnel Update:

- *Vacant and advertised positions:* Public Works Maintenance Worker (4); Firefighter; Police Officer (2); Wastewater Superintendent; and Building Maintenance Worker.
- Several volunteer firefighters completed the Firefighter Essential coursework and may now serve alongside full-time firefighters. These volunteers include: Rene Spencer,

Garrett Isch, Chris Cooper, Robert Pinter, Rylan Rose, Carter Dickman, Zack Engelbrecht, and Clark Bland.

- The Police Department scheduled interviews with eight candidates.
- The Public Works Department made a conditional offer of employment to fill one of the department's vacancies.

Commission Calendar:

- *Upcoming City Commission Items (subject to change):*
 - **September 14 Work Session** – Nutrient Trading MOU
 - **September 19 Regular Meeting** – LKM Voting Delegates; Nutrient Trading MOU; Ballfield Improvement Program