

# EL DORADO

## K A N S A S

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

- Governor Kelly announced KDOT's Cost Share grant recipients this week. The City of El Dorado received a \$1 million grant for the stormwater drainage project in downtown. Staff submitted the project as a means of providing stormwater improvements to downtown El Dorado. The project will be done in conjunction with the anticipated water main replacement project along Central Avenue anticipated to begin construction next year. It will provide a four-foot diameter storm pipe from Star Street to the outfall at the East Park pond. Recognition goes to City Engineer Scott Rickard for preparing the grant application for this award.
- The Excess Sales Tax Committee met again this week to discuss its recommendation to the City Commission. The committee recommended moving forward with the \$2 million Ballfield Improvement Program as presented and including two projects to benefit the municipal pool. The committee recommends allocating \$125,000 for a new slide and \$25,000 to construct a new pergola to replace the existing structure that is deteriorating.
- For the second consecutive year, Experience El Dorado received the first place award for the Best In-house Visitor's Guide at the Travel Industry of Kansas Marketing Awards Banquet. Special recognition goes to Javen Gonzalez for his creativity and design and to all our sponsors who advertised in the guide.
- Scott and I met with Benesch to review proposed changes to the US-54 Bridge. KDOT plans to replace the existing bridge, which is functionally obsolete, beginning in 2024. Staff discussed plans to preserve the bike/pedestrian path that runs underneath the existing bridge. The project will also replace the BNSF Bridge over US-54.
- At the request of staff, Benesch prepared a few options for the 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue Improvement Project. The original estimate for the project came to about \$1.8 million. As a result, the City Commission wanted to see options to reduce the cost of the project. Staff will present these options at an upcoming work session.
- Phil Benedict and I met to discuss possible amendments to the City's agreement with the Chamber of Commerce concerning the Civic Center.
- The mill and overlay project on south Main Street began this week. Installation of the "super pave" asphalt mix from the US-54 Bridge to Central Avenue will deliver a stronger road surface needed for this important leg of the City's truck route. The new surface should be completed mid-week with striping to follow the week after. The contractor will then move to mill and overlay Towanda Avenue from Douglas Road to the dead end.

- The developer of the Deer Run Addition continues work on the sanitary sewer line to serve the addition. The City installed the water main and APAC is working on the new street for the development.
- Survey work started on the Constant Creek Sanitary Sewer Project, which received funding from the Kansas Department of Commerce's BASE Grant Program. Trek plans to televise the interceptor next week to determine the existing condition so a plan may be developed for the best way to proceed with the project.
- Hope Covenant Church is looking at converting part of its space to serve as a daycare. The church is currently going through a due diligence phase to determine what must be done in order to obtain state certification to operate as a daycare. The church will require architectural services to draw up a new code footprint for review by the State Fire Marshall's office.

**Personnel Update:**

- *Vacant and advertised positions:* Public Works Maintenance Worker (4); Police Officer (2); Wastewater Superintendent; Park Technician (2); and Office Assistant.

**Commission Calendar:**

- *Upcoming City Commission Items (subject to change):*
  - **November 2 Work Session** – 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue Improvement Project; Butler Homeless Shelter Initiative Request; Native Grass Ordinance Proposal
  - **November 7 Regular Meeting** – Excess Sales Tax Committee Recommendation; District 142 Community Improvement District Petition; Myers East Addition Public Infrastructure Hearing and Assessments (Street and Sewer); Special Use Permit for an 8-foot fence at 1859 N. Terrace
  - **November 16 Work Session** – Building Permit Enforcement
  - **November 21 Regular Meeting** – No items scheduled yet