

EL DORADO

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TO: City Commission
FROM: David Dillner, City Manager
SUBJ: Weekly Report
DATE: January 6, 2023

Items of Note:

- REMINDER: The Commission’s regular meeting scheduled for Monday, January 16 will move to Tuesday, January 17 due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Regular meetings will resume to the normal first and third Mondays beginning next month.
- The El Dorado Fire Department responded to several fires this week. The largest fire included a 5,700-square-foot “barn” located in the 800 block of SE Pioneer Road east of El Dorado. The department called in mutual aid from eight departments throughout Butler County. In all, twenty apparatuses and thirty-eight firefighters responded to fight the fire. The department fought the fire with a water shuttle tactical operation because the immediate area did not have a fire hydrant available. There were no injuries, although the structure was a total loss.
- City staff made changes to the Staffordshire Terrier (pit bull) registration application to make it clear that a KBI background check will be conducted on all persons listed on the application. Per City ordinance, owners of this breed (and mixed breeds thereof) are required to name all residents aged 15 and older living in the household where the animal will reside for the purposes of the background check. The City currently collects an additional \$50 per annual registration to offset the cost of the background check.
- The Public Utilities Department has been combating water main breaks as the weather fluctuates between winter and spring. The department tries to do everything it can to keep from disconnecting service during repairs. Most recently, they have had leaks on Central, the 200 block of South Vine, and the 400 block of Orchard Street.
- The Public Works Department has had to make repairs to traffic signals this week as truck drivers seem to underestimate the necessary turning radius to make some of the turns along the truck route. The Signals at Main and Central seem to take the brunt of the beating. Luckily, damage was kept to a minimum and signalization returned to “status normal” despite some temporary inconvenience to the traveling public.

Commission Follow-up:

- The City Commission will be asked to provide direction on the Staffordshire terrier (pit bull) registration fee at the January 11 work session. You may recall that the City received public comment concerning this fee and the City’s annual criminal background check for owners of these breeds. The City collects this fee to offset the cost of these background checks. I want to have the governing body provide direction on the matter so staff can provide a response to the citizen making the request. This will be a new practice

we will implement this upcoming year as a way to give public comments and opportunity to be heard and discussed. Staff will then send a letter communicating the City's decision on the request and any additional information pertinent to the topic.

Personnel Update:

- *Vacant and advertised positions:* Public Works Maintenance Worker (4), Police Officer (8), Wastewater Superintendent, Assistant City Manager, Management Intern, and Executive Assistant.
- Public Works Maintenance Worker Jose Atkinson turned in his two-week notice to pursue other opportunities.
- Police Officer Brett Sanchez turned in his two-week notice to join the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department.

Commission Calendar: *Upcoming City Commission Items (subject to change):*

- **January 11 Work Session** – Governing Body Code of Procedure; Advisory Board Nominating Process; Staffordshire Terrier Registration Fee
- **January 17 Regular Meeting** – Professional Services Agreement for Commercial Appraisal Services; Code of Procedure