

EL DORADO

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TO: City Commission
FROM: David Dillner, City Manager
SUBJ: Weekly Report
DATE: July 21, 2023

Items of Note:

- Conco Construction plans to begin demolition of the “historic” concession/restroom facilities at Central and East Parks beginning August 2. Turf installation at McDonald Stadium will commence on Monday.
- In only their second season, the El Dorado Walnuts won the Kansas Collegiate League Baseball regular season with a 27-10 record by two games over the Park City Rangers. The postseason campaign begins on Friday at McDonald Stadium in the eight-team, single-elimination bracket. The highest seed will host throughout the tournament, meaning the Walnuts could play at McDonald Stadium for all three games.
- Susan B. Allen Memorial Hospital named Melissa Hall, RN, MSN, its Chief Executive Officer. Melissa joined SBAMH in 2021 as the Chief Operating Officer and has served as Interim CEO since March 2023. With over twenty years of healthcare experience, Melissa brings diverse skills, an energetic drive, and a wealth of leadership qualities to take our hospital into the future. Her passion and dedication to Susan B. Allen has proven itself during her tenure.
- School Superintendent Jenifer Davis will personally appear during the August 21 regular meeting to provide the City Commission and community with a general update on the upcoming school year.
- Clearwave Fiber plans to build its fiber network in El Dorado in the coming weeks. Their team met with Scott and me to discuss their plans. About 85% of their system will be installed overhead on existing poles and the remaining 15% underground. They will get information to the community, especially those areas they will be working in, to inform them of the activities and future service offerings.
- The Parks and Recreation Department opened fall recreation sports registrations (flag football, volleyball, and soccer). Registrations will close on August 18.
- A special thanks to City employees and community volunteers who assisted with this year’s Kids Week activities. We are especially grateful to the week’s sponsors: HF Sinclair, Timer Guys, Oz Events, Kansas Oil Museum, and Coutts Museum of Art.
- The League invites elected and appointed officials to serve on one of several policy committees, which help establish the policies that guide the organization’s legislative efforts. Committees include the Public Officers & Employees Committee, Utilities and Environment Committee, Finance & Taxation Committee, and the Legislative Policy Committee. The League's Policy Committees are crucial in reviewing and developing policy recommendations for the Statement of Municipal Policy (SMP).

- Effective September 1, the Public Works Department will alter the holiday trash schedule to add consistency for residents. Any trash days that are disrupted due to a holiday will revert to Wednesday. All other days will remain the same as normal. This change means only one trash day will change during a holiday week instead of impacting several days.
- Reminder: The Planning Commission currently has two vacancies. One vacancy must reside outside the City's corporate limits but within three miles of the City's boundary. The Planning Commission has had difficulty getting to a quorum during the last few months.
- Save the Date: The League's annual conference is October 7-9 in Wichita.

City Manager's Priorities:

1. 2024 Budget
2. Sales Tax Ballot Question
3. Civic Center Disposition
4. BCC Facilities/Project Agreements

Upcoming Milestones/Deadlines:

- **October** – Draft Housing Needs Assessment Report
- **November 7** – General Election (City's one-cent sales tax)

Personnel Update:

- *Vacant and advertised positions:* Public Works Maintenance Worker (1), Police Officer (5), Engineering Technician I, Firefighter.
- *Vacant and not advertised positions:* Budget Analyst
- *Conditional Offers (pending post-offer screening):* Police Officer (1), Public Works Maintenance Worker (2), Marketing Specialist, Sanitation Lead
- The City extended a conditional offer of employment to a candidate for the Marketing Specialist position. We anticipate the individual starting in early August pending post-offer screenings.
- The Public Works Department extended three conditional offers of employment. Two of these offers were for positions in the Streets Division and one was for a position in the Refuse Division.
- The Fire Department extended the deadline for applications for its vacancy until August 4 due to a lack of qualified applicants.
- The Police Department has two candidates confirmed for interviews and testing on August 17.

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

- **August 2 Work Session** – 2024 Budget; Social Media Policy; Proclamation Policy
- **August 7 Regular Meeting** – El Dorado Plaza CID Hearing and Ordinance; Professional Services Agreement for City Attorney; Public Utilities Asset Software; Prairie Trails Agreement; Days Inn IRB

- **August 16 Work Session** – General Financial and Budgetary Policies; Fleet Leasing Proposal

Items Pending in the Queue: *(Items working through a process that will eventually appear on the Commission's agenda)*

- None