

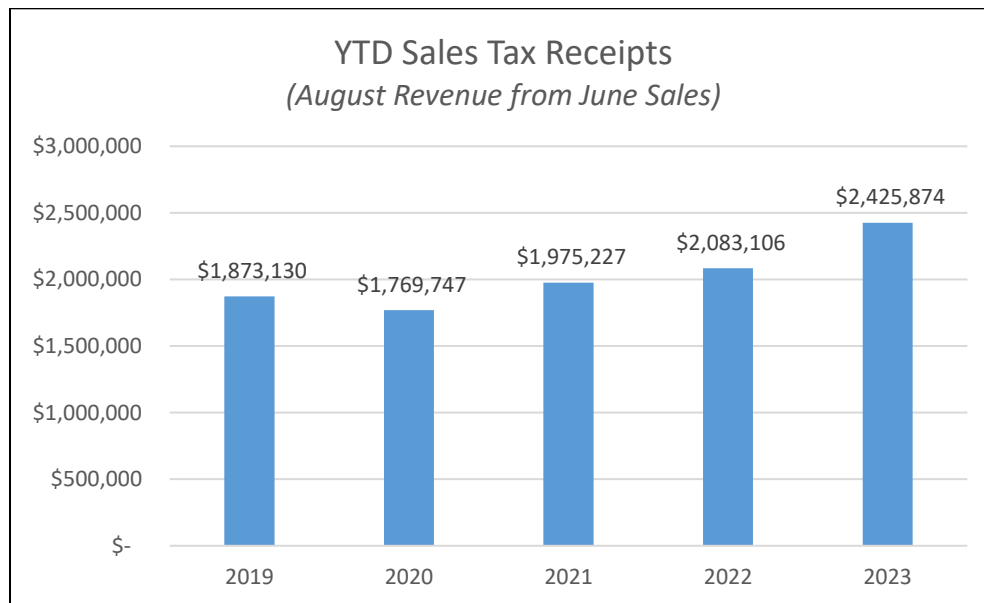
# EL DORADO

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TO: City Commission  
FROM: David Dillner, City Manager  
SUBJ: Weekly Report  
DATE: September 1, 2023

### **Items of Note:**

- Experience El Dorado continues to pursue sponsorships for this year’s Gold Fest. Thus far, sponsorships add up to \$17,500. Volunteer recruitment will begin in earnest next week. Special thanks go to Intrust Bank (\$5,000), Butler Community College (\$5,000), ICI (\$5,000), and Mills Insurance (\$2,500) for providing monetary sponsorships. In addition, Sunny Stop, Pioneer Balloon, and F5 have provided in-kind donations.
- BrickMob completed the “Joe Buffalo” mural this week. The mural is on the wall across the street (to the north) from Willie’s. Experience El Dorado is inquiring with BrickMob about building the “Eldo” sculpture and another artist to do an El Dorado flag mural.
- The City received \$348,789 in sales tax collected on retail sales occurring in June. Year-to-date, the City received \$2.42 million compared to \$2.08 million from a year ago (+5.5%). Projections indicate annual sales tax receipts of \$3.41 million.



- State Representative Will Carpenter assisted in advocating for the Kansas Wildlife and Parks Department to support a crappie fishing tournament at El Dorado Lake. The tournament will take place in 2025.
- The last Farmer’s Market is September 3 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at East Park. Get to the park to get your fix of locally-grown corn and tomatoes.

- The Housing Assessment Steering Committee met this week to review the draft housing assessment prepared by WSU. Comments will be incorporated into the document before the final version is presented to the City Commission.
- The Police Department will request the City Commission's authorization to replace its body camera system. The system has reached its useful life and requires Commission approval because it will cost \$61,000 to replace.
- The City Manager authorized the purchase of ten FLOCK cameras for the Police Department. The cameras will be installed at strategic locations in El Dorado and will provide technology to identify offenders.
- Turf installation continues at McDonald Stadium. The contractor expects to be finished by the end of next week. The new wall system will arrive between September 1 and September 5. The wall contractor expects to start work around September 25 and anticipates three weeks for completion. Scoreboards are expected to arrive in mid-October. Public Works is coordinating the installation of the McDonald Scoreboard with an outside contractor.
- The Central and East Park concession stands have been removed from the earth. The corners of the buildings have been marked, and staff conducted a walk-through with Conco to confirm the proposed location of the structures. Construction will commence in the next week or so.
- The Activity Center will begin fall hours on September 5. The center will open Mondays through Thursdays from 3:15 to 9:00 pm, Fridays from 3:15 to 5:00 pm, and Sundays from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. The center will be closed on Saturdays.
- Fall sports coaches' meetings were held on August 30. Teams will begin practicing next week. Games are scheduled to begin on September 23.
- Graham Park splash pad will close for the season at 8:00 pm on Labor Day. North Main will remain open until September 25.
- Garver and staff processed data from additional field survey activities for the Constant Creek Sanitary Sewer Project. The preliminary wetland delineation report was completed, and no wetlands or jurisdictional streams were observed. This benefits the project's timeline as it will not require substantial regulatory review delays.
- Staff and PEC presented the City Commission stormwater options for the Central Avenue Improvement Project. Stormwater modeling demonstrated no significant change in stormwater levels following a 10-year rain event after the proposed Central Avenue stormwater structure was modeled. PEC reviewed several options and recommended moving forward with a perpendicular stormwater structure on Gordy Street. Modeling indicates that this project and the Central Avenue structure will measurably reduce water levels during the 10-year event.
- The Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing for temporary and off-site signage regulations at its September 28 meeting.
- The Engineering Department started planning next year's mill and overlay program that will include Main Street from 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue to McCollum Avenue.
- KDOT's meeting on the US-54 bridge replacement was well attended by the public.
- 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:**

- **September 8** – Automated Metering System Pre-Bid Meeting
- **October** – Draft Housing Needs Assessment Report
- **October** – McDonald Stadium Turf and Fence Installation
- **October** – Preliminary Engineering Central Avenue Water Main Project
- **November 7** – General Election (City’s one-cent sales tax)
- **December** – Completion of East Park Concession/Restroom Facility
- **December** – Constant Creek Sewer Interceptor Project Bid Opening
- **January 2024** – Completion of Central Park Concession/Restroom Facility
- **February 2024** – McDonald Stadium Scoreboard Installation

**Personnel Update:**

- *Vacant and advertised positions:* Public Works Maintenance Worker (4), Police Officer (2), Building Official
- *Vacant and not advertised positions:* Management Analyst
- *Conditional Offers (pending post-offer screening):* Police Officer (3)
- The Fire Department conducted interviews for an open lieutenant position.

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

- **September 5 Regular Meeting** – Planning Commission Appointment; Walnut River Brewery Liquor Permit; Police Body Cameras; Gordy Street Stormwater Improvements Design Services; Prairie Trails Agreement; Resolution of Support for the Walnut River Bridge Project (KDOT)
- **September 13 Work Session** – General Financial and Budgetary Policies
- **September 18 Regular Meeting** – Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing; Budget Hearing
- **September 27 Work Session** – Social Media Policy; Proclamation Policy; Public Comment Policy; Publication Charter Ordinance