

# EL DORADO

## K A N S A S

TO: City Commission  
FROM: David Dillner, City Manager  
SUBJ: Weekly Report  
DATE: September 15, 2023

### **Items of Note:**

- The Kansas Department of Transportation informed the City that its application for the 2025 and 2026 City Connecting Link Improvement Program (CCLIP) was not funded. The application requested funding for Central Avenue from Haverhill Road to Jones Street. KDOT received sixty applications requesting \$53 million. The agency had \$22 million to allocate and funded twenty-seven projects for 2025 and 2026.
- The Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on September 28 to consider amendments to the temporary sign regulations. Staff anticipates proposed amendments being forwarded to the City Commission for approval in October.
- Hellas completed the turf installation at McDonald Stadium. The Parks staff is completing sod work and will move the remaining dirt and gravel for other uses. The fence installation is scheduled to begin on September 21 and is anticipated to take three weeks.
- The Public Utilities Department is generously utilizing its resources to hydro-excavate holes for the piers for the Central and East concession/restroom facilities. Conco plans to construct the facilities in the next few weeks after the piers are completed.
- Youth recreation games will begin on September 23.
- PEC revised the Constant Creek Sanitary Sewer Project alignment near Skelly Elementary School and began preparing replacement plans for a water main along the alignment. Based on the revised alignment, they will soon prepare the Notice of Intent for permitting documents. Utility coordination will begin as well. The plan is to have final sealed plans in mid-November with an interim submittal and review meeting with the City in mid-October.
- PEC is working toward preliminary plans for the Central Avenue Improvement Project, to include street paving, stormwater, and water main replacement. They are coordinating with utilities on record maps based on the new project areas. PEC will also begin surveying Gordy Street (from Central Avenue to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street), the intersections of First and Main, and Pine and Main.
- The Public Utilities Department is evaluating four proposals for the Automated Metering System. The proposals range from \$2.56 million to \$2.86 million.
- The City plans to move to one billing cycle for utilities beginning December 15. The City currently manages two different billing cycles for utility accounts. Utility account holders will have thirty days following each bill to pay to make their account current before receiving a second notice. Accounts will be turned off after a sixty-day delinquency

instead of forty-five days, as is the case today. An ordinance making these changes will be brought to the City Commission for consideration soon.

- 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
- **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 (1), Building Official, Management Analyst
- *Vacant and not advertised positions:* None
- *Conditional Offers (pending post-offer screening):* Police Officer (2)
- Kolton Kastl will start as a firefighter beginning September 23.
- Kamaris Dickson will start his career as a police officer on October 2.

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

- **September 18 Regular Meeting** – Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing; Budget Hearing; Resolution to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate; Adoption of 2024 Budget; Special Use Permit at 703 S. Main (microdistillery); Final Plats for Moore Addition and Moore North Addition; Replat of Lots 26 and 28 in the Riverside Addition; Donation of 1123 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to Land Bank
- **September 27 Work Session** – Social Media Policy; Proclamation Policy; Public Comment Policy; Publication Charter Ordinance; General Financial and Budgetary Policies
- **October 2 Regular Meeting** – Annual Pay Plan Update
- **October 11 Work Session** – No items scheduled yet.