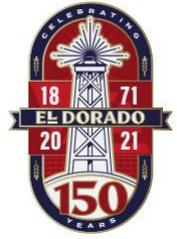
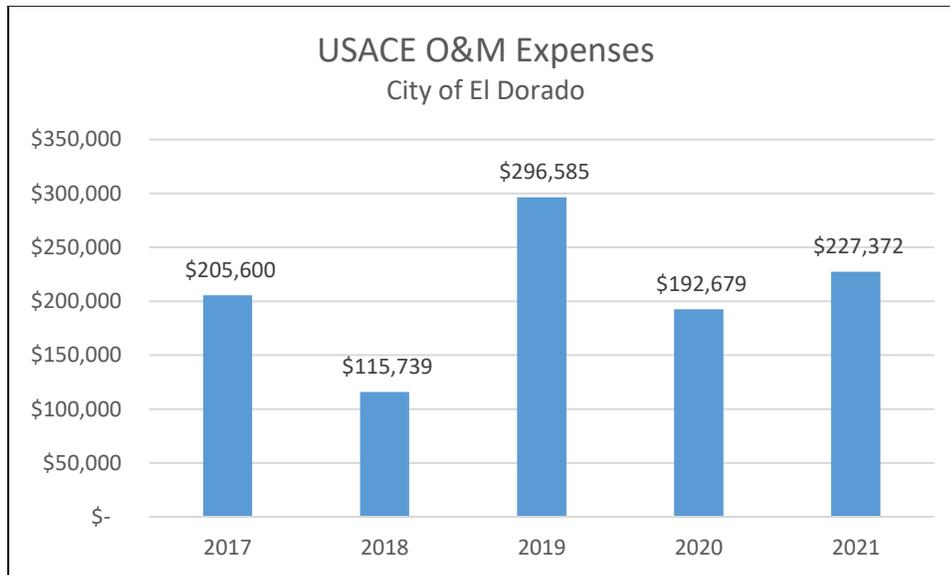


TO: City Commission
CC: Department Directors
FROM: David Dillner, City Manager
SUBJ: Weekly Report
DATE: October 8, 2021



Items of Note:

- As I mentioned in the September 24 edition of this report, the Public Utilities Department recently completed the required lead and copper tests required by KDHE. The results came back and demonstrated the City’s system is well below the threshold for both of these two elements. The action level for lead is 0.015 mg/L and the City’s results showed a measurement of 0.0038 mg/L. In similar manner, the action level for copper is 1.3 mg/L and the City’s tests measured 0.41 mg/L.
- The City participated in Career Day at Butler Community College. The event allows students to identify career opportunities within their respective majors. The City should continue its efforts to inform students of the career possibilities in local government, especially amid impending retirements throughout many of our “sectors.” There will be plenty of opportunities and local governments will need to compete with the private sector in order to attract future employees. The recent workforce challenges demonstrate the importance of getting the attention of students who will soon be entering the workforce so they are aware of the opportunities available to them.
- The City received its annual invoice from the U.S Army Corps of Engineers concerning operations and maintenance (O&M) expenses at El Dorado Lake. The City’s share of O&M expenses totaled \$227,372, which is about 22% of the total O&M expenses for the lake. These expenses have averaged \$207,595 over the prior five years. The City of Augusta will pay \$57,006, or 25% of the O&M charges based on our current wholesale agreement with them.



- Staff received a proposal from Kansas Collegiate League Baseball (KCLB) to host a team in El Dorado during this upcoming baseball season. We have not received any information from either the Pecos Baseball League or the Wood Bat Collegiate League that approached the City several months ago. Staff has attempted to make contact with both of these entities to no avail. Staff will likely recommend an agreement with the KCLB in the coming weeks.

- Brad has been preparing information for the City Commission to review the existing pit bull ordinance. Staff will distribute the work session agenda on Monday since the information was not ready for distribution on Friday.
- The El Dorado Fire Department celebrated Fire Prevention Week this week with visits to the elementary schools in town. The department shared fire prevention and safety tips with students and had a little fun helping them understand the dangers of fire.
- Ashlyn informed me that she recently mailed an offer to acquire right-of-way for Country Club Lane to the last remaining property owner needed to finalize the acquisition of the existing private easement. You may recall that the City agreed to making Country Club Lane a public right-of-way as part of the sale of Prairie Trails Golf Course.
- Butler County generously donated twenty two-way radios to the police and fire departments (10 radios to each department). The gifted radios have retail value of about \$100,000. Unfortunately, the two departments require a few more than twenty radios for communication and each radio costs about \$5,000. In fact, current estimates suggest the City will need another forty hand-held radios equal to about \$200,000. Staff has been discussing a plan to replace emergency radios as the County acquired our existing radios about ten years ago with a sales tax specifically levied to finance a county-wide communication system.
- Six local governments (Butler County, Sedgwick County, Bel Aire, Kechi, El Dorado, and Wichita) provided a letter of support and commitment of financial assistance for the development of a K-254 Corridor Management Plan. Towanda has yet to commit to the effort, although their governing body meeting is not until October 13. The next step is to request KDOT proceed with the project. I suspect that they will be inclined to do so given the political support behind the effort.
- The Police Department has been discussing the possibility of stocking NARCAN® in police patrol vehicles for use when officers respond to a fentanyl situation. NARCAN® Nasal Spray may counteract the life-threatening effects of an opioid overdose. Since most accidental overdoses occur in a home setting, it was developed for first responders, as well as family, friends, and caregivers—with no medical training required. The department has seen an uptick in fentanyl cases recently, and having the nasal spray available will allow for a faster response when an overdose occurs. The Police Department is exploring possible options to receive the nasal spray at no cost.
- Butler County Attorney Darrin Devinney has taken an interest in the City's digital investigations operation and may fund training for the Butler County Sheriff's Department and other law enforcement agencies in Butler County. The El Dorado Police Department provides digital investigation assistance to the Sheriff's Department and other departments, so training will extend the knowledge needed to facilitate the seizure of digital information post-warrant.
- The Police Department reported 145 cases in September. The department closed or referred 86% of these cases. The department investigated 15 accidents, 10 battery cases, 5 burglary cases, 7 criminal damage to property cases, and 15 theft cases during the month. The department issued twenty-five warrants.

Things to Think About:

- Wichita's recent boil water advisory may be a great catalyst for engaging neighboring communities to collaborate on a water main to serve western Butler County and eastern Sedgwick County with water. At a minimum, the recent scenario in Wichita may open the eyes of local governments who might desire a redundant water supply. A water main project would also qualify as an acceptable use of American Rescue Plan funds. I realize this is an idea as old as time itself, although I think it merits another

discussion given the water predicament in Wichita. I emailed several local government officials in the region to encourage some renewed thought on the matter.

Personnel Update:

- The following positions are vacant and currently advertised: Police Officer, Public Works Maintenance Worker (2), Distribution/Collection Maintenance Worker, and Sanitation Lead.

Commission Calendar:

- *Upcoming City Commission Items (subject to change):*
 - **October 13 Work Session** – Pit Bull Ordinance Discussion; Hazardous Materials Agreement with Butler County; City Manager Evaluation Process
 - **October 18 – Regular Meeting** – 1425 E. 6th Avenue SUP (accessory apartment); BCC Fire Training Facility Lease; 2022 Pay Plan
 - **October 27 Work Session** – Village Park Proposal; Park Curfew Ordinance; Pets-in-Park Ordinance
 - **November 1 Regular Meeting** – Hazardous Materials Agreement with Butler County; Myers East Addition Public Infrastructure Authorization; Executive Session for City Manager Evaluation
- *Pending Items (Items to be scheduled for upcoming meeting once completed):* Augusta Wholesale Water Agreement; Professional Services Agreement with PEC (Lake Recreation Master Plan); Street Cut Ordinance; Food Vendor Ordinance; Transient Vendor Ordinance; Business Park Re-platting and Rezoning
- *Upcoming Planning Commission Items (subject to change):*
 - **October 28** – SUP for 323 S. Main Street (public assembly)