

EL DORADO

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TO: City Commission
FROM: David Dillner, City Manager
SUBJ: Weekly Report
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Items of Note:

- The City activated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) this week amid heavy and sustained rainfall that caused the Walnut River to inundate North Main Street. City crews directed traffic around flooded areas during the flooding.
- The City also activated the EOC during the severe thunderstorm that caused the tornado in Andover and the surrounding area. Luckily, the City did not sustain any damage from this storm. Staff discussed refining the existing emergency operations plan to improve the response for the next emergency.
- This week is Public Service Recognition Week, and the City recognized several employees nominated by the public and/or co-workers for their exemplary service. It goes without saying that all City employees are important to the services provided to the community. The City would not achieve its goals without its hardworking, dedicated employees committed to El Dorado. I am proud to have the opportunity to work with such a talented workforce. Employees receiving recognition arising from citizen nominations included:
 - Andrea Conrad (Parks and Recreation) received a nomination for her customer service and adaptability in assisting with scheduling of City park facilities.
 - Justin Guy (Public Works) received a nomination for his mechanic work that keeps the City's fleet running and his willingness to step in and assist on the trash route when needed.
 - Talon Reust and Bradon Totty (Cemeteries) received a nomination for their exemplary customer service during people's most difficult times.
 - AJ Hinnen (Fire) received a nomination for his attempt to rescue an individual during a structure fire.
 - Criminal Investigations Division (Police) received a nomination for volunteer work to assist the Children's Advocacy Center.
- The City received draft versions of the Water Treatment and Capacity Study and the Sanitary Sewer Capacity Studies for review. The studies, once completed, will identify the priorities for water and sewer infrastructure for incorporation into a multi-year capital improvement plan. Two of the projects identified (Central Avenue Water Transmission Main and Constant Creek Sanitary Sewer Interceptor) will be included in a plan for the City's \$3 million BASE Grant. Both of these projects provide additional capacity for industrial development while providing immediate benefits to the community.

- The Finance Director distributed budget instructions to department directors this week. Departments are asked to look at their budgets from the perspective of short- to mid-term goals that may be accomplished within 18 to 24 months. These goals will then become the foundation for developing next year’s budget. Departments will allocate budgets in a manner that allows progress. This may mean changing the way a department is structured or reallocating resources in a manner that better addresses priorities. It may also mean identifying possible partnerships that can exceed resources further. This budget method, as compared to a line-item approach, can facilitate creativity and innovation in the performance of public services.
- The Police Department investigated 153 cases for the month of April, including 17 accidents, 16 drugs charges, 5 sex offenses, and 8 thefts. Year-to-date, the department has investigated 569 cases compared to 583 during the same period a year ago (-2%). The department issued 530 citations through April compared to 577 citations a year ago (-8%). The Police Department responded to 4,542 calls for service through April compared to 4,238 through April 2021 (+7%). The department’s clear/close rate for cases for the year is 74%.

Municipal Court Monthly Revenue - April 2022			
	2022	2021	2020
Fines	\$12,960	\$21,846	\$8,450
LEC Court Costs	\$7,696	\$11,652	\$3,518
Law Enforcement Fund	\$2,012	\$3,152	\$737
Miscellaneous Fees	\$5,141	\$2,896	\$1,228
Restitution	\$400	\$622	\$222
Attorney Fees	\$60	\$615	\$80
Monthly Totals	\$28,268	\$40,783	\$14,235
Court Revenue - YTD	\$106,013	\$141,753	\$140,988
April	2022	2021	2020
Driving Under the Influence	10	7	6
Notice to Appear/Violations	733/838	722/861	672/830
Warrants Issued	26		
Warrants Served	19		

Personnel Update:

- *Vacant and advertised positions:* Public Works Maintenance Worker (5), Assistant Court Clerk, Police Office, Fire Captain, Building Maintenance Worker, Wastewater Superintendent, Wastewater Operators (2).
- Public Works and Public Utilities conducted interviews this past week. The Police Department has three pending offers of employment, although Gabe Higgins has resigned with his last day being May 12.

Commission Calendar:

- *Upcoming City Commission Items (subject to change):*
 - **May 11 Work Session Meeting** – BASE Grant Proposal; Downtown TIF District; Tall Weeds and Grass Amendment (Native Grass Plantings); BHI Cold Weather Shelter
 - **May 16 Regular Meeting** – Condemnation Hearings (425 S. Summit, 425 ½ S. Summit, 1102 W. Locust, 1102 ½ W. Locust, 214 ½ N. Star, 501 N. Star, 320 W. Towanda); BASE Grant Local Match Authorization Resolution
- *Pending Items (Items to be scheduled for upcoming meeting once completed):* Street Cut Ordinance; Food Vendor Ordinance; Transient Vendor Ordinance; Business Park Re-platting and Rezoning