

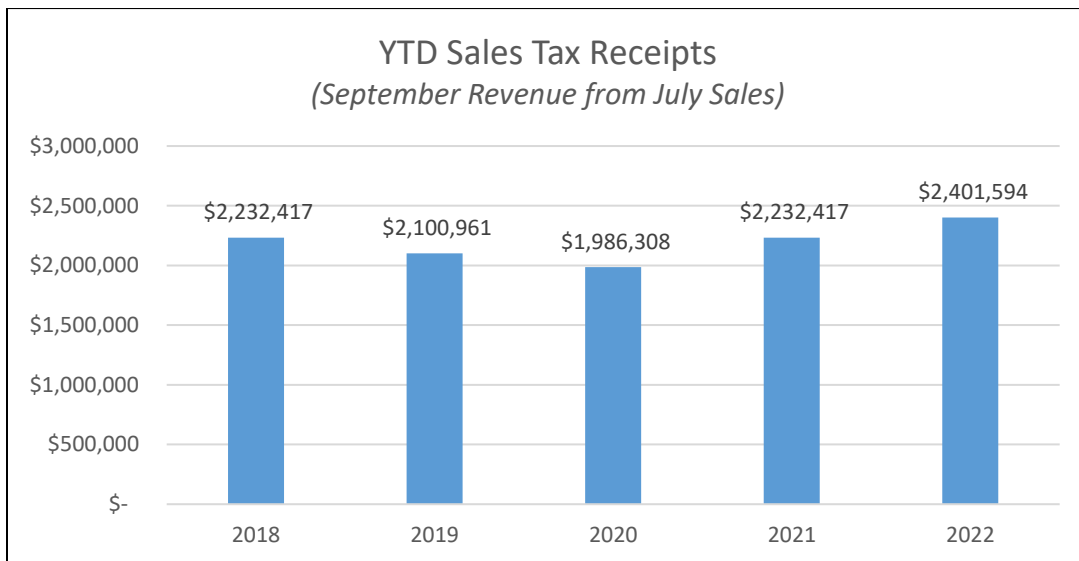
EL DORADO

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TO: City Commission
FROM: David Dillner, City Manager
SUBJ: Weekly Report
DATE: October 7, 2022

Items of Note:

- The Municipal Prosecutor, Quentin Aker of Martin Pringle, plans to leave the firm in pursuit of other opportunities at the end of the month. City Attorney Ashlyn Lindskog will cover prosecution until the City either extends its relationship with Martin Pringle for these services or elects to pursue other options. Management plans to solicit interest from law firms to explore options for municipal court prosecution.
- Judie and Peter Storandt provided the City with an alternate option for a Native Grass Ordinance for the City Commission's consideration. Staff will review the proposal and schedule the item for discussion in the near future.
- The City received \$318,488 in sales tax collected on retail sales occurring in July. This is the largest monthly sales tax collection in the history of El Dorado! The prior monthly record was \$289,652, representing a difference of \$2.8 million in retail sales! Of this amount, \$54,187 came from compensating use tax. Year-to-date, the City received \$2,401,594 from sales tax, which is 7.6% higher than last year's receipts. The City has also received \$373,739 from compensating use tax year-to-date. The City projects annual sales tax collections of about \$3.1 million for the year.



- Speaking of sales tax, the Excess Sales Tax Committee will meet on Monday, October 10.

- FEMA released its “*Local Elected and Appointed Officials Guide: Roles and Resources in Emergency Management*”. The guide makes it easier for senior officials to understand, prepare for and execute their leadership responsibilities to help mitigate community risks, save lives, protect property, and recover from disasters. Management provided a copy of the guide to the governing body as an attachment to this memorandum.
- The El Dorado Police Department is organizing a school shooting tabletop exercise with various community stakeholders to coordinate an after-incident response. Ideally, the department would not have to consider such events. Incidents throughout the nation have generated internal discussion about what happens following such an incident. The City wants to coordinate a response so stakeholders know their roles and understand the resources available to assist. The goal of the exercise is to prepare for something we will hopefully never need.
- The League of Kansas Municipalities invites governing body members to attend one of its upcoming Legislative Dinners. These informative sessions feature a discussion on the League’s legislative priorities and provides an opportunity to network with state elected officials. Legislative Dinners in close proximity to El Dorado include: October 27 at Newton (5:30 pm) and November 3 at Wichita (11:30 am). Please let me know if you have any interest in attending one of these dinners.
- All public water systems in Kansas must develop a Lead Service Line Inventory of both their water system and private service lines or demonstrate an absence of lead service lines. The City must submit its inventory plan to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment by October 26, 2024. The Public Utilities Department will develop a plan to ensure compliance with this requirement.
- The El Dorado Walnuts shared its proposal for an extended relationship with the City. Staff will review and bring the proposal to the City Commission following the development of an agreement.
- The Chamber hosted another daycare meeting this week. Nick Engels will likely not pursue a daycare facility due to the response he received from his survey concerning costs. Hope Covenant Church plans to explore options for a daycare at its facilities.
- The Captain Jack Thomas Memorial Airport hosted a stop on the Fly Kansas Air Tour this week. Over eighty people and twenty-seven aircraft participated in the event. The annual flying event, organized by the Kansas Department of Transportation’s Division of Aviation, celebrates aviation and promotes economic growth in the aviation industry.
- APAC will commence a mill and overlay project on south Main Street around October 17. The project will remove and replace the asphalt from the south city limits to Central Avenue. The City will pay for 10% of the project from its annual street maintenance sales tax funds, and KDOT will pay the remaining balance through its City Connecting Link Improvement Program.

Personnel Update:

- *Vacant and advertised positions:* Public Works Maintenance Worker (3); Firefighter; Police Officer (2); Wastewater Superintendent; Park Technician; and Office Assistant.

- The City Manager’s Office will advertise for a full-time office assistant position to help with administrative tasks. The position will be shared with Tourism and the Finance Department. The City previously advertised this as a part-time position.
- The Police Department made two conditional offers of employment to prospective officers.

Commission Calendar:

- *Upcoming City Commission Items (subject to change):*
 - **October 12 Work Session** – Civic Center
 - **October 17 Regular Meeting** – Ballfield Improvement Program Authorizing Resolution; District 142 Community Improvement District Petition; Myers East Addition Public Infrastructure Petitions (Street and Sewer); Special Use Permit for an 8-foot fence at 1859 N. Terrace; Rezoning Request for N. Kinder Drive from “A-R, Agricultural-Residential” to “R-1, Single-Family”
 - **October 26 Work Session** – Native Grass Ordinance Proposal