

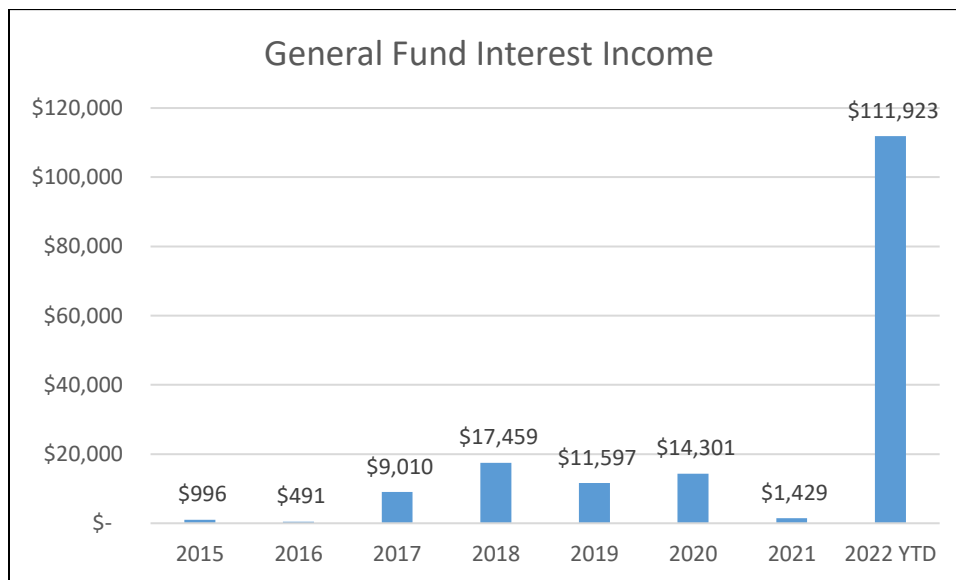
# EL DORADO

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

- The Public Works Department received bids for unleaded and diesel fuel. Unleaded fuel will increase \$0.09 per gallon and diesel will increase \$0.44 per gallon. This represents a 10% increase in fuel expenses for the City’s fleet that does not operate on compressed natural gas.
- The economy may not appreciate rising interest rates, although individuals and organizations with cash like increasing returns on interest-bearing instruments such as certificates of deposit. The chart below shows how General Fund interest income shifted due to increasing rates. Year-to-date, the General Fund collected more than double the prior seven years of interest!



- The City recently bid out certificates of deposit maturing next year. We anticipate receiving \$214,000 from this investment over the maturation period. The City’s active investment approach will capitalize on rising interest rates and provide a better rate of return for cash.
- As mentioned in a prior weekly report, the Utilities Department will develop a plan to comply with the federal government’s Lead and Copper Service Line Inventory, which is due to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment by October 2026. The Utilities

Department will have to inventory all public water mains and verify the composition of residential service lines in order to comply with what is likely the initial phase of an effort to remediate lead and copper lines from public water supplies.

- The next phase, which has yet to be announced, may require municipalities and residents to replace any water main or service line that is lead or copper. A regulatory decision such as this could cost municipalities a considerable amount of money, depending on the quantity of affected mains. It could also have an impact on residential customers who have lead or copper service lines as they may also have to replace their service lines. The inventory will help municipalities understand the extent of lead and copper water lines. Only then will we know the potential cost for replacing this infrastructure.
- The Engineering and Utilities Departments will kick-off the Constant Creek Sanitary Sewer Interceptor Project with a meeting with the consultants on October 19.
- Progress continues on the Industrial Water Tower Project. The contractor completed the interior of the tower this week and expects to begin the exterior soon. Staff estimates the tower will remain out of service for about six to eight weeks.
- The Excess Sales Tax Committee met on Monday to discuss the City Commission's Ballfield Improvement Program. The committee asked staff for additional information prior to its meeting next Wednesday.
- Speaking of the Ballfield Improvement Program, the Butler Community College Board of Trustees discussed participating in the City's project during its meeting this week. The Board discussed supporting the project, although they may hold off on the locker room at East Park until bids come in. The City anticipates a formal agreement with the College in the near future.
- Traffic signalization throughout El Dorado will soon need an upgrade. The provider of the City's traffic signal camera technology will no longer support the video cards required to operate the signals. The City currently has thirteen signaled intersections that will cost \$15,000 per intersection to upgrade. The total estimated cost of this project is \$195,000. The Public Works Department plans to begin phasing in the replacement of these cards over the next few years.
- October is Fire Prevention Month, and the El Dorado Fire Department has been visiting each of the elementary schools in town to educate students on the dangers of fire and effective fire prevention tips. Special thanks goes to Firefighter Heather Detrick for leading this year's efforts.
- The City received notice from the Kansas Department of Transportation concerning a City Connecting Link Improvement Project selected for funding. KDOT allocated \$400,000 for construction and construction engineering for a mill and overlay on US-77 from 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue to McCollum Road. The City will have to contribute a minimum of 10% of the project cost and pay the cost above KDOT's contribution, if any. The City will also be responsible for the cost of preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition, and utility relocations. The City does not anticipate any right-of-way acquisition or utility relocation expenses for this project.
- The mill and overlay project on south Main Street will commence in the next week or so. The project will provide new asphalt from the US-54 Bridge to Central Avenue.

- The City plans to submit a proposal to host the American Legion Mid-South Regional Tournament at McDonald Stadium. If selected, the City will host the regional tournament for two years beginning next year. The tournament brings eight teams to the host community for four days. ESPN will also be on-site providing coverage.
- El Dorado Inc. and the City participated in a virtual site visit with an industrial prospect. The visit came because of the City’s proactive economic development campaign whereby the City markets itself as a preferred location for industrial enterprises needing large volumes of water. El Dorado is currently competing for over \$12 billion in potential economic development projects.

**Personnel Update:**

- *Vacant and advertised positions:* Public Works Maintenance Worker (4); Firefighter; Police Officer (2); Wastewater Superintendent; Park Technician; and Office Assistant.
- The Fire Department made a conditional offer of employment for its vacant position following interviews this week.
- The Public Works Department had a newly hired employee resign this week, bringing the total number of vacancies for the department back to four.
- The Utilities Department plans to interview candidates for the Wastewater Superintendent position.

**Commission Calendar:**

- *Upcoming City Commission Items (subject to change):*
  - **October 17 Regular Meeting** –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”; Airport Entrance Road and Parking Lot Design Agreement
  - **October 26 Work Session** – Native Grass Ordinance Proposal
  - **November 7 Regular Meeting** - Ballfield Improvement Program Authorizing Resolution