

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 will receive state funds from KDOT's 2023 Innovative Technology Program to assist with the cost of the street condition assessment. The \$52,500 grant will reduce the City's expenses for this part of the Transportation Master Plan. The City contracted with PEC to complete an assessment of the street system, which will inform capital investment decisions over the next decade or so.
- The City must amend an easement agreement with BNSF for the Constant Creek Sanitary Sewer Interceptor Project. The project crosses BNSF's railroad right-of-way and will require an amended easement because we are changing the pipe size and material. Staff does not know how long the process will take to secure the easement, although we will begin this process so it may be resolved as quickly as possible.
- PEC is coordinating with utilities along the Central Avenue Project. Geotechnical field work is completed. Final plans will be made in February.
- Several wholesale water contracts are up for renewal. The Public Utilities Department is reviewing year-end usage before determining modified water allocations for these contracts based on historical peak averages.
- Phase II of the Ultraviolet Replacement Project at the Water Reclamation Facility will begin on January 23.
- It can be difficult to determine the best strategy for pre-treating streets during winter weather because of the changes in temperature and moisture types throughout the event. A slight temperature change alters the effectiveness of one strategy over another. Rain turning to snow also makes it difficult to treat because any material is prone to washing off the surface. Despite all these challenges, the Public Works Department did a great job with snow removal this week.
- Butler Community College, El Dorado Inc., and the Workforce Alliance hosted a Community Impact Meeting to discuss employment, education, and skills training for the El Dorado workforce. It was a great discussion about some of the opportunities to develop the community's workforce. One topic discussed was the community's ACT WorkKeys Certification Program. ACT WorkKeys is a system of assessments and curriculum that build and measure essential workplace skills that can affect your employees' job performance and increase opportunities for career changes and advancement. The City plans to become a community leader in implementing this program as a means of increasing hiring effectiveness and identifying opportunities to upskill employees.

- The Walnut River Brewing Company met with staff to discuss food truck regulations to accommodate bringing single food truck vendors to Locust Street to complement the brewery operations. Staff plans to develop proposed regulations for the City Commission's consideration.

City Manager's Priorities:

1. Strategic Plan Update
2. Housing Work Plan

Upcoming Milestones/Deadlines:

- **February** – Constant Creek Sewer Interceptor Project Bid Opening
- **February** – McDonald Stadium Scoreboard Installation
- **April** – Completion of East Park Concession/Restroom Facility

Personnel Update:

- *Vacant, advertised positions:* Public Works Maintenance Worker (2), Police Officer (3), Public Utilities Maintenance Worker
- *Vacant, unadvertised positions:* Management Analyst (This position will be advertised again in 1Q 2024.)

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

- **January 16 Regular Meeting** – El Dorado Inc. Annual Report, KB Farms Re-plat, RZ of 1358 & 1360 SW Hwy 77 (from Ag Residential to Residential Suburban); Advisory Committee Appointments
- **January 31 Work Session** – Experience El Dorado Joint Meeting; Strategic Plan; Executive Work Plan
- **February 5 Regular Meeting** – No items scheduled at this time.
- **February 14 Work Session** – No items scheduled at this time.