

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 steel I-beams for the new scoreboard at McDonald Stadium have been set. They are now in a 10-day curing period before we can install the scoreboard and begin wiring it. Parks staff expect it to be operational by March 1.
- Parks staff are installing new netting and brackets on the backstop at McDonald Stadium, which should be completed by February 15.
- The protective padding has been installed in the home bullpen at McDonald Stadium. Installation of the padding in the visitor bullpen will begin next week.
- Registrations are trickling in for baseball, softball, and soccer. The hard deadline for baseball and softball is earlier this season, as the league voted to begin the season earlier. Registrations **MUST** be received by February 19 for entrants to be placed on a team this season.
- The Parks and Recreation Department is receiving applications for summer employment. Recruiting visits have been made to local high schools. Staff plan on having interviews in early March.
- Work continues at the concession and restroom facilities in Central and East Parks. There have been no setbacks this week, and the target completion date of February 28 looks promising.
- Wet ground is slowing tree work on the bike path and clean-up work at the cemeteries.
- The Public Utilities Department sent out the RWD Wholesale Contract letters with a return deadline of February 28. Several districts' contracts are up for renewal, so the City is working to get commitments from the districts on their projected water demands.
- Four members of the Fire Department attended the Kansas Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators annual seminar in Wichita this past week. Topics included explosion dynamics, Wi-Fi Smart Plugs involved in fire ignition, digital forensics for fire investigations, and child and adolescent forensic interviewing.
- Chief Haag attended an ESF8 meeting with Butler County Emergency Management on Monday. This meeting coordinates the County EOC's medical support function. During the meeting, participants debriefed a carbon monoxide incident that occurred at the Gordy Square Apartments on January 16.
- Year-to-date, the Fire department has responded to 204 calls for services this year compared to 164 calls over the same period in 2023.

Fire Call Type	2024	2023
Fires	8	18
Medical Calls	125	90
Hazardous Conditions	10	9
General Service	25	18
Good Intent	27	25
False Alarm	9	4
TOTAL	204	164

- On February 14, the El Dorado Opioid Task Force will host guest speaker Tony Hoffman. Tony is an Olympic BMX Coach who travels the country, speaking to youth about his struggles with crime and drug addiction. After incarceration, Tony decided to pursue his dream as a BMX Racer. His dream was to one day make it to the Olympics, however, he suffered a career-ending injury. Tony was approached by the Olympic Committee and asked to step into the role of a BMX Coach, a role he still does. The event will be held at the Performing Arts Center and the public is invited to attend.
- Work started this week to move offices within the Police Department to better accommodate staff and to make more efficient use of the building for years to come.
- The Flock camera system is installed and is already being used by the Police Department. The department investigated three vehicles that were identified by the system this past week, including a possible stolen vehicle and two vehicles with possible outstanding warrants.
- Human Resources sent out information for an upcoming job fair at the college.
- The Department of Labor is looking at changes to the minimum pay requirements for salaried individuals.

City Manager’s Priorities:

1. Strategic Plan Update
2. Housing Work Plan

Upcoming Milestones/Deadlines:

- **February** – McDonald Stadium Scoreboard Installation
- **April** – Completion of East Park Concession/Restroom Facility
- **May 6** – Constant Creek Sewer Interceptor Project Contract Approval

Personnel Update:

- *Vacant, advertised positions:* Public Works Maintenance Worker (2), Police Officer (2), Detective (1)
- *Vacant, unadvertised positions:* Management Analyst (This position will be advertised again in 1Q 2024.)
- Officers Dickson and Marvin are scheduled to graduate from KLETC on March 20.

- The Police Department currently has three openings. The department scheduled testing dates for February 15 and February 22.

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

- **February 14 Work Session** – Strategic Planning; BG Stadium Financing; CIP Criteria
- **February 19 Regular Meeting** – Chamber Annual Update; Smith-Adlesperger, Phase III Reauthorization; Towanda Development Annexation (80 acres west of Butler Community College)
- **February 28 Work Session** - Executive Work Plan; Fee Schedule Resolution; Food Truck Ordinance; Common Consumption Ordinance; Publication Charter Ordinance Discussion
- **March 4 Regular Meeting** – Excess Sales Tax Recommendation; Set Hearing for Condemnation Proceedings; N. Main CCLIP and Walnut Complex Parking Bids