

EL DORADO

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TO: City Commission
FROM: David Dillner, City Manager
SUBJ: Weekly Report
DATE: February 23, 2024

Items of Note:

- A punch list walk-through is scheduled for Monday afternoon at the East Park Restroom/Concessions facility. The contractor plans to finish the electrical, plumbing, and painting (interior and exterior) this week.
- The deadline for baseball, softball, and soccer registrations passed. Individuals not assigned to a team have been placed on a waiting list without a guarantee of being placed on a team.
- The scoreboards at Central and East Park are being wired this week and should be operational by Friday.
- The installation of the McDonald Stadium scoreboard should begin late next week. The original scoreboard is still operational and will remain in use until the work is completed.
- Applications for summer employment are due on March 1. Interviews are planned for March 8.
- High School baseball and softball practices will begin next week, so traffic at McDonald's Stadium and East Park will increase significantly.
- The Municipal Minute and Citizen's Academy videos increased the City's social media traffic. In the past month, our reach on Facebook is up 184%, new followers are up 50%, and visits are up 19%. Instagram reach is up 125%, followers are up 75%, and visits are up 54%.
- Kate Bosserman is creating a new Visitor's Guide. Experience El Dorado has had several requests for copies from several visitor centers. This is a priority since the City is currently out of visitor guides.
- This week, a vehicle reported stolen out of Kansas City, Kansas was detected on the City's Flock system. The vehicle was recovered in the 900 block of S. Haverhill Road.
- The Police Department assisted in locating Larry Wescott, who had been reported as a missing person from El Dorado. He was found safe in Arkansas City.
- El Dorado Inc. hosted its annual meeting this week. Jay Kalbas, from the Kansas Geological Survey, was the keynote speaker. He presented the potential of hydrogen to become an important energy source in Kansas. El Dorado has many assets that align the community well for hydrogen production.
- Staff met with the City's financial advisor and bond counsel to begin planning this year's bond issuance anticipated for the Fall. We also began discussing the financing structure for the BG Stadium track and turf replacement. We plan to have a follow-up meeting before beginning a discussion with the other two entities.

- Staff met to discuss the preparation of an upcoming work session where code enforcement will be a topic of discussion.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** The Mural Plaza ribbon cutting has been scheduled for May 2.

City Manager's Priorities:

1. Housing Work Plan
2. Economic Development Work Plan
3. Quality of Life Work Plan

Upcoming Milestones/Deadlines:

- **February** – McDonald Stadium Scoreboard Installation
- **March** – Transportation Master Plan Public Engagement Phase Ends
- **March 4** – N. Main CCLIP Mill and Overlay Bid Approval
- **March 4** – Excess Sales Tax Committee Recommendations to Commission
- **April** – Completion of East Park Concession/Restroom Facility
- **April 1** – Central Avenue Project Contract Approval
- **May 6** – Constant Creek Sewer Interceptor Project Contract Approval
- **May 15** – Turf and track replacement at BG Stadium begins
- **August** – Transportation Master Plan Completion

Personnel Update:

- *Vacant, advertised positions:* Public Works Maintenance Worker (2), Police Officer (3), Management Internship, Firefighter
- *Vacant, unadvertised positions:* Sanitation Lead
- High School Internship positions were sent to EHS and CHS this week. Engineering, Water Distribution, and Marketing are all advertised for a high school intern.
- Firefighter Emilee Escareno turned in her notice. Her last shift will be on March 30.
- The Police Department extended a conditional offer of employment to a patrol officer candidate this week.

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

- **February 28 Work Session** - Housing 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; Severe Weather Preparedness Proclamation; Food Truck Ordinance; Temporary CMB License (BCC)
- **March 13 Work Session** – Excess Sales Tax Projects; Refuse Rates; Street Cut Ordinance; Economic Development Work Plan
- **March 18 Regular Meeting** – Rezone & Replat for Belly Acres West; Rezone near Airport (Ag to R-S); Rezone for Towanda Development (W. of BCC); Set public hearing

for Adlesperger-Smith Infrastructure; Liquor Tax Distributions; Common Consumption Ordinance