

# EL DORADO

## K A N S A S

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

- A proposed term sheet concerning the stadium financing project was sent to Butler Community College and USD 490 for review. We plan to discuss the proposal before sending it to the EFABC and each entity's governing body for approval.
- Governor Kelly announced more than \$930 million in highway projects added to the IKE development pipeline. The City of El Dorado did not receive funds, although an important regional project along the K-254 corridor will receive \$50 million for a new interchange, overpass, and connector road at Webb Road and Rock Road. These improvements are already needed along the corridor and will become even more necessary if Integra Technologies should receive CHIPS Act funding. This regional project is one example of the K-254 Corridor Development Association's efforts. The organization continues to strengthen K-254 to serve the South Central Kansas region.
- The Utilities Department continues its due diligence in preparation for a major water leak repair at the intersection of Central Avenue and Haverhill Road. PEC is analyzing the water system to determine the options to repair the leak while minimizing the impact on the public and making the system more efficient.
- Staff will meet with Troy Palmer and his team next week to discuss Prairie Trails Golf Course and the incentives offered by the City. We will discuss his plan and relay what we believe are the top priorities to get the golf course to a better condition. Jason Reiswig has looked over the course. The underground electrical and irrigation systems are the most important projects that need to be completed. There is no sense in spending money on greens or fairways if the irrigation system does not function properly. Any investment will go to waste when it gets hot outside if sufficient water cannot be provided to the course.
- The Chamber is coordinating a meeting with Mayor Young, Commissioner Wilkinson, and the city manager to discuss the business interests related to the homelessness issue.
- Staff met to discuss a process for an MIH/KHITC application this spring/summer when the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation opens these funding opportunities again. The City anticipates interest from at least three parties.
- The City participated in a visioning session with representatives from the Chamber, Main Street, El Dorado Inc. to discuss how these entities will work together moving forward. There is some sense among the participants that a different approach is needed to improve efficiencies and reduce the number of asks for memberships or sponsorships.

- The Hamblin Field outfield fence has been installed. Staff still need to install wind slats and fence caps.
- Staff completed a punch list walk-through for the concession/restroom facility at Central Park on Friday. Only a few items remain to be finished at both facilities. The contractor expects to complete everything except exterior wraps within the next week or two. The wraps will be installed once the weather warms up.
- Staff assessed the project and determined that it should be done entirely by the contractor. The contractor installing the scoreboard at McDonald Stadium has not set a firm date for installation, although we hope to have the project completed in the next two weeks.
- The soccer coaches' meeting was held Monday night. Coaches should contact their players with practice information early next week. The baseball/softball coaches' meeting was held Thursday night. Coaches should contact their players by the week of March 18.
- Soccer goals will be placed at the Walnut River Complex early next week.
- The registration deadline for tee ball is April 8.
- The Parks and Recreation Department started accepting reservations for swim parties for the 2024 season.
- Seasonal staff interviews for the Parks and Recreation Department are being held on March 8 and March 13.
- Recreation staff will begin making changes to the backstops at Central and East Park next week. This is the next project in the Ballfield Improvement Plan.
- Jason Patty met with the Wholesale Water 8 Board on Wednesday to discuss a proposed water supply contract. The board is comfortable with the proposed allocation and suggested a few language clarifications for the proposed contract. Ashlyn will begin to draft the agreement for consideration by the City and Wholesale 8.
- **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:**

- **March** – McDonald Stadium Scoreboard Installation
- **March** – Transportation Master Plan Public Engagement Phase Ends
- **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 (4), Patrol Officers (2), Management Internship, Firefighter, Detective, Wastewater Chief Operator
- A conditional offer of employment was extended to a Patrol Officer candidate.

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

- **March 13 Work Session** – Excess Sales Tax Projects; Refuse Rates; Street Cut Ordinance; Economic Development Work Plan; Food Truck Ordinance
- **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; Set public hearing for 1000 Blk of W. Locust (sewer); Set Public Hearing for 119 W. Ash (concrete); Liquor Tax Distributions; Common Consumption Ordinance; Food Truck Ordinance
- **March 20 Special Meeting-** Joint meeting with Commission and Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
- **March 27 Work Session-** Civic Center Disposition, RHID Policy, Proposed CIP