

# 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:

- The City received its insurance renewal rates from ICI and will see an overall 9% increase in premiums. Most of ICI's municipal clients will see a 10-15% increase because of storm losses continuing to drive up property replacement costs. The City was offered two wind/hail deductible options for property coverage. A \$50,000 deductible will cost \$195,000 and a \$75,000 deductible will cost \$184,000 in premium. The City selected the \$75,000 option based on the age and material of most rooftops and to provide a more flexible option for the City's fund balance in the event of a loss event. Property coverage also increased because the insurance company has been auditing City buildings and revising its replacement costs. The City's total insurance coverage package cost \$477,907 last year.
- First quarter sales tax figures are trending lower than a year ago. This comes as no surprise since sales tax receipts had been increasing every year since 2020. Year-to-date, the City has brought in \$830,225 (-9.8%) compared to \$901,408 during the same period a year ago.
- Compensating use tax is also trending lower. Year-to-date, the City brought in \$147,222 (-14%) compared to \$171,421 during the same period a year ago.
- The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) recently conducted a routine compliance inspection of the Water Reclamation Facility. The facility is in compliance with our permit. It was noted that "the facilities appeared to be operating well and were well maintained and very clean. Staff should be commended on their efforts and continued dedication to the clean water resources of Kansas." It goes without saying that the Public Utilities Department does a great job keeping the treatment plants in good working order and in compliance with all regulatory requirements.
- The Police Department will be hosting Standardized Field Sobriety Testing on June 11 and 12. The Kansas Highway Patrol will instruct the class, which will be open to outside agencies.
- The City submitted its industrial properties and the CIC industrial properties to the Kansas Department of Commerce's site certification program for review. KDOC will likely take several weeks to review before deciding whether to certify the sites or require additional information.
- Scott presented an update on the Transportation Master Plan to the Kiwanis Club. Management provided an update to the Rotary Club. Both clubs were asked to complete the survey.

- Staff is finalizing the Pavement Conditions Index that will be used to determine how best to allocate street maintenance funds each year.
- The Central Avenue Improvement Project bids will be opened on April 4 and the City Commission will consider awarding the contract at its April 15 regular meeting. The City Commission will receive an overview of the project at the May 1 work session. Staff started meeting with property owners located along the project area.
- The Planning Commission considered a rezoning request for 200 N. Star Street from “R-1, Single-Family” to “C-2, Business Central” at the March 28 meeting. The Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing for the request to rezone the acreage south of W. Towanda Avenue and the Belly Acres West Plat at its April 25 meeting.
- The McDonald Stadium scoreboard is installed and wired! Staff will have training on Thursday to learn how this board operates. BCC and EHS have been invited.
- The construction area around the East Park concession facility has been fenced off to discourage people from walking through the mud and tracking mud into the new facility. Openings have been provided on each end to collect foul balls that may enter the area.
- Information kiosks have been constructed and installed at the main entrance to both Central and East Park. The kiosks will house signage and other information.
- The first lifeguard training class will be held next week in Wichita. The second opportunity is at the end of April.
- Fire department statistics from March 21 to 27 include twenty-four incidents:
  - Fires – 4
  - EMS / Rescue – 11
  - Hazardous Condition- 1
  - Service Call – 2
  - Good Intent Call – 3
  - False Alarm –3
  - Other – 0
- Deputy Chief Yaghjian and Captain Shane McCoy attended a planning meeting for the upcoming HF Sinclair Exercise scheduled for April 3.
- Chief Haag attended a Fire Chiefs Association training on fire department performance, behavior, and appearance.
- April is the month in which most prescribed burning takes place and the Flint Hills Smoke Management plan will again be in effect starting April 1 and will conclude on April 30.
- The City discussed the possibility of hosting GoldFest at BG Stadium this year with Butler Community College. The College has a home football scheduled for the same day. T.C. was very supportive of the idea and thought that we would possibly be able to pull in some out-of-town attendees from the other team. Staff is working on the logistics and will be bringing the proposal to the next EFABC meeting.
- Gravity Works is getting a design together for the Gordy Park Pavilion. We have asked for a few options to see if there are some additions that could be funded with tourism grant monies.

- The auditors were on-site this week. This annual “check-up” takes considerable time for staff as we work to answer all the questions posed about the prior year’s finances. The independent audit will be presented to the City Commission later this year.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** The Mural Plaza ribbon cutting has been scheduled for May 2.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** Coffee with a Cop is scheduled for May 14 at 7:00 pm at the Elk’s Club, 121 E. Pine Avenue.

**City Manager’s Priorities:**

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

**Upcoming Milestones/Deadlines:**

- **April** – Completion of East Park Concession/Restroom Facility
- **April 4** – 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 (6), Patrol Officers (1), Management Internship, Detective, Wastewater Plan Operator
- The firefighter position closed and interviews will happen soon.

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

- **April 1 Regular Meeting** – Fee Schedule Ordinance; Street Cut Ordinance; Excess Sales Tax Projects
- **April 10 Work Session-** Civic Center Disposition, RHID Policy, Quail Ordinance; Stadium Financing; Public Comment Policy
- **April 15 Regular Meeting** – El Dorado Inc. Quarterly Report; Public Hearing for 1000 Blk of W. Locust (sewer); Public Hearing for 119 W. Ash (concrete); Public Hearing for Adlesperger-Smith Infrastructure (sewer); Public Hearing for Adlesperger-Smith Infrastructure (street); Stadium Authorizing Resolution & Interlocal Agreement; Central Avenue Improvement Project Bids
- **May 1 Work Session** - Central Avenue Project Overview; CIP Final Review; Economic Development Work Plan