

EL DORADO

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

- Storms Tuesday kept crews busy cleaning up Mother Nature's fury. The Public Works and Parks Departments were cleaning up trees and limbs that fell in this past week's storms. Wind velocities were upwards of 60 miles per hour during the event.
- The Refuse Division was notified that one of the new rear-load garbage trucks is on its way to Kansas City to be inspected before delivery to El Dorado. The delivery of this vehicle has been a work in progress for about a year or so. One of the automated collection trucks should return to El Dorado next week after undergoing extensive repairs in St. Louis.
- Staff started to fill the municipal pool this week. The Parks and Recreation Department anticipates starting the filtration system this weekend. The first scheduled event is on May 21 (water temperatures will be cool) and opening day is slated for May 25.
- This season's new lifeguards completed training and testing. Their certifications are good for two years. They will attend in-service at our facility on May 24 and will shadow experienced guards for several rotations once the pool opens.
- The City partnered with Butler Community College to install a new sound system at McDonald Stadium.
- The air conditioning in Gym 3 at the Activity Center is not currently working. USD 490 ordered parts for the repair. The gym is still open for use, although the temperature feels like a nice summer day. Gyms 1 and 2 are cooling as normal.
- Spring soccer ended Monday night. Staff will remove the soccer goals from the grounds soon.
- Public Works and Engineering met this week to discuss strategies for future pavement maintenance. In the coming weeks, both departments will meet with vendors. The Engineering Department compiled a list of crack seal companies and has vetted treatments. Erik Tharp completed continuing education training and is certified now by the Pavement Preservation and Recycling Alliance.
- Chief Holton and Deputy Chief Murphy attended the annual Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police Conference this week.
- Officers responded to 107 calls for service during the week. Twenty-two calls were criminal cases worked by officers.
- On May 1, officers responded to a stolen vehicle out of Texas detected by the Flock camera system. The department located the vehicle and officers attempted to stop it, which led to the driver fleeing and eventually crashing near Central and Haverhill. The

two occupants of the vehicle were taken into custody on charges of deprivation of property and possession of drugs/paraphernalia. The driver was also wanted by the State of Texas.

- The Fire Department completed 112 hours of training and conducted a live burn training at Station 2 on April 27. Many career and volunteer members attended and gained hands-on experience in fire suppression. Fire Department statistics included: Fires – 1; EMS / Rescue – 11; Hazardous Condition - 5; Service Call – 2; Good Intent Call – 5; False Alarm – 4.
- The auditors continue to prepare the preliminary audit findings. They hope to have something back to the City next week so we can complete the remaining documents for the annual comprehensive financial report.
- Departments started to prepare their proposed operational budgets for consideration for next year’s budget. Departments will begin to prepare personnel budgets for inclusion in the operating budget as well.
- The City’s social media reach continues to expand. Facebook followers are upwards of 5,300 and Instagram is approaching 1,100 followers.
- Staff is preparing a market plan for the automated metering project to inform the public before it rolls out throughout the community. We are also looking at a multi-year utility rate plan to fund proposed capital projects for the Utilities Department.
- Experience El Dorado staff will be going to the County food truck event Friday and possibly some of the Brewery’s Thursday night food truck events to recruit more food trucks for GoldFest. We anticipate increased attendance based on the proximity of the athletic events that day and need to make sure there are plenty of food options that can turn over orders quickly.
- Staff participated in a kick-off meeting with the Arnold Group concerning the compensation study on Thursday. Haley will be submitting documents to the Arnold Group over the next two weeks. This information will include job descriptions, current pay plan schedule, and other pertinent data needed to understand the City’s positions. The study is anticipated to be completed in August to allow the recommendations to be incorporated into the upcoming proposed budget for consideration.
- The Mother’s Day 5K will take place on Saturday morning at North Main Park.
- Art in the Alley by Alabaster Collective will take place between Alabaster Collective and Coutts on Saturday from 10 to 4.
- SAVE THE DATE: Coffee with a Cop is scheduled for May 14 at 7:00 pm at the Elks Club, 121 E. Pine Avenue.

City Manager’s Priorities:

1. Housing Work Plan
2. Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan
3. Economic Development Incentive Update

Upcoming Milestones/Deadlines:

- **May 6** – Central Avenue Project Contract Approval
- **May 20** – 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 (2), Detective, Public Utilities Distribution Maintenance Worker
- *Vacant, not advertised:* Wastewater Operator
- Interviews were completed for the Utilities Distribution Maintenance Worker. A decision on the candidates will be made at the beginning of next week.
- Several departments have interviewed high school students for summer internships as part of a campaign to increase awareness in municipal career opportunities. The City plans to hire up to ten high school interns as part of this effort. Departments interviewing include Experience El Dorado, Engineering, and Utilities.

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

- **May 6 Regular Meeting-** Central Avenue Improvement Project Bids; Stadium Authorizing Resolution and Agreement
- **May 15 Work Session** – Central Avenue Project Overview; Utility CIP Review; Utility Rate Proposal; Economic Development Incentive Policies
- **May 20 Regular Meeting** – Public Hearings on Dilapidated Houses; W. Towanda Rezoning Request; Belly Acres West Plat