

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 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met on Wednesday evening. The board will focus on developing community engagement plans over the next month.
- PEC is currently working on the design for the Central/Haverhill Project. As previously mentioned, a water main is leaking at this intersection and a project is being developed to repair the leak and relocate the main from the intersection to avoid the need for disruptive repairs to one of the busiest intersections in El Dorado. This project is anticipated to begin later this summer or fall.
- The Utilities Department is finalizing an agreement for the archeological survey for the Constant Creek Sanitary Sewer Interceptor Project. The City will bid the project once the archaeological survey is started. Garver is ready to sign the plans and update the bid specifications with new dates.
- Staff has been developing a communications plan for the Blight Task Force and proposed utility rate increases. These plans will be presented to the City Commission before public distribution.
- Kids' Week is quickly approaching as it is scheduled for the week of June 9. It will feature the ballet in the park, STEM Day at the Oil Museum, free swim day, a fun night with yard games and other activities. Kate is finalizing the details so the City can begin advertising within the next two weeks.
- Nowak Construction plans to begin construction-related activities for the Central Avenue Improvement Project on June 1 with two crews. One crew with focus on boring the new water main and the other crew will open trench cut for the stormwater and water main improvements. Staff from the Public Works and Engineering Departments met with Nowak and Phillips Southern to discuss the traffic signals along the project to ensure they remain operational during the construction. The Engineering Department will be meeting with property owners along the project corridor to answer questions and concerns. The City will post updates about the project to its website.
- Police Officers Butcher and Mateleska completed field training and will begin to work without a field training officer during their assigned shifts. Police Officers Dickson and Marvin are scheduled to complete field training in the next four weeks.
- Police Officers responded to 191 calls for service during the week, of which thirty-four (18%) were criminal cases worked by officers.
- Sanitation Division employees received training on the new rear-load truck from factory-trained trainers.

- Public Works crews cleaned several stormwater catch basins that were not functioning properly during the recent rain storms.
- The municipal airport sold 385 gallons of fuel and recorded eighty-seven air operations this week.
- A notorious hacker conducted a ransomware attack on the City of Wichita this past week. Many municipal services are still down as the organization attempts to resolve the problems caused by the attack. The City of El Dorado is not immune to cyber-attacks. Ken Huffman completed firewall updates after recent information from some professional organizations regarding cyber-attacks on Kansas law enforcement agencies.
- The Fire Department completed twenty-one hours of training and sixteen inspections. Fire Department statistics include: EMS / Rescue – 9; Hazardous Condition - 1; Service Call – 1; and Good Intent Call – 2.

Upcoming Milestones/Deadlines:

- **May 23** – BG Stadium Turf and Track Replacement Commences
- **June 1** – Central Avenue Improvement Project Commences
- **June 17** – Constant Creek Sewer Interceptor Project Contract Approval
- **August** – Transportation Master Plan Completion

Personnel Update:

- *Vacant, advertised positions:* Public Works Maintenance Worker (6), Patrol Officers (1), Detective (1), Public Utilities Wastewater Chief Operator (1), Utility Cashier (1)
- *Vacant, not advertised:* Sanitation Leadperson (1), Patrol Sergeant (Posting in June)
- *Pending Offers:* Patrol Officer (anticipated start date of May 22) and Firefighter (post-offer background process)
- Water Treatment Operator Ted Pope passed his Class II certification test.
- Joshua Culifer will begin as a Maintenance Worker for the Utilities Distribution Division on May 20.

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

- **May 20 Regular Meeting** – Public Hearings on Dilapidated Houses; W. Towanda Rezoning Request; Belly Acres West Plat; W. Towanda Annexation
- **May 29 Work Session** – General CIP Overview; Economic Development Incentive Policies