

# EL DORADO

## KANSAS

TO: City Commission  
FROM: David Dillner, City Manager  
SUBJ: Weekly Report  
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### **Operational Updates:**

- Ballfield projects have started again now that youth games have ended for the season. Crews started repair work on the North Field at East Park and will continue to work on problem areas.
- The annual Pitch Hit and Run event was held at McDonald Stadium on Thursday night.
- Registrations for fall soccer, volleyball, and flag football opened this week.
- The Kansas Department of Agriculture Food Establishment Inspection Division completed the inspection of the pool concession stand this week. The inspection noted one minor finding for insufficient paper towel holders. Overall, the pool complied and will not be inspected again until 2025.
- The Utility Billing Division is exploring options for entering meter data into the system. One option is to manually enter the data and the other option is a mass upload. This second option will cost about \$11,000 but would reduce the potential of human error. Staff will meet with the contractor on July 23 to finalize the plan before starting the installation process.
- Five applicants have been confirmed for the Police Department's upcoming testing date on July 18 for two open patrol positions.
- The Police Department received the 2024 Community Traffic Safety Award from the Kansas Department of Transportation for its participation in the Click-It-or-Ticket and DUI campaign earlier this year.
- Officers responded to 161 calls for service during the week with 46 of those calls being criminal cases worked by officers.
- Placement of the 16-inch water main started in earnest on Central Avenue this past week. The existing water main was tapped, and the new main was installed from the plant to Griffith Street. Next week, the contractor plans to bore the new water main under Central Avenue east of Griffith Street. This main will connect to the existing 12-inch water main on the south side of Central Avenue. The storm sewer box is also anticipated to arrive next week. Work will commence on the storm system from the outfall on the Kansas Oil Museum property. Traffic control is anticipated to change significantly next week as the 100, 200, and 300 blocks of East Central Avenue will transition to one traffic lane in each direction on the south side of Central Avenue. The traffic signal at the intersection of Vine and Central will flash red "four-way stop" in all directions.
- The Fire Department responded to five fires arising from fireworks during the past week. No structures were damaged.

- The Fire Department completed a total of six hours of training. On July 11, the department actively participated in Thankful Thursday, spraying water to provide relief from the heat for children.
- Firefighter Long and Pye-Barker completed the annual servicing of fire extinguishers around City facilities.
- Noticeable clean-up is still occurring at the shooting range to make room for the debris from the Central Avenue Project. The Police Department is also working to expand the existing range.
- The animal shelter is full and the new state guidelines are slowing the rescue/adoption process.
- The airport sold 677 gallons of fuel and 81 flight operations occurred. A medical helicopter being ferried to Colorado broke down and had to be lifted to a semi-flat bed and trailered to a repair shop. Runway 15/33 reopened after necessary heat-related repairs were completed.
- The Public Works Department completed a 75-foot repair on 5th Avenue. The department plans to return to fix the other side of the street soon. Another “street heave” popped up on North Main by Ace Hardware. This will also be addressed by the department soon.
- Britt Simmons has been training on the automated trash truck and took his first solo trip last Friday. He brought the truck back without any issues.
- The auditors will presentation the annual audit and findings to the City Commission on Monday. The City should receive the electronic copy within the next few days so it can be posted to the City’s website and filed with the appropriate agencies.
- The City will be initiating the sale of General Obligation (G.O.) bonds during Monday’s City Commission meeting.
- July 12 was Carri’s last day with the City. She will be greatly missed by customers and employees alike.
- Ashlyn is reviewing the contract for GoldFest’s “all-star” headliner before we sign on the line and plan to announce the band. We should be able to share the name in the next week or so.
- Kate visited with the National Fishing League and Jacob Riley (Kansas Wildlife and Parks) to discuss the 2025 Crappie Fishing Tournament. Staff is excited to get started on this event, which will draw anglers from across the United States.
- The Farmers Markets continue to draw crowds to East Park. Hopefully, fresh produce and artesian products will continue bring people to this growing event.

**Upcoming Events:**

- July 13 – Downtown Market

**Personnel Update:**

- *Vacant, advertised positions:* Patrol Officers (2),
- *Vacant, not advertised:* Public Works Maintenance Worker (5)

- Travis Schlegel was selected to fill the Code Enforcement Officer position. He previously served as an Engineering Technician.
- The Fire Department has scheduled interviews for a Firefighter position on July 17.
- The Public Utilities Department has a pending offer for a Maintenance Worker position.

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

- **July 15 Regular Meeting** – El Dorado Inc Update; River Road Rezoning Request (R-1, Single Family Residential); Bond Sale Resolution; Temporary Note Resolution; Notice to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate Resolution
- **July 31 Work Session** – Budget Discussion (Enterprise Funds)
- **August 5 Regular Meeting** - Award of Series 2024A General Obligation Bonds; Main Street Quarterly Report; Constant Creek Sewer Interceptor Bid; Standard Traffic Ordinance; Uniform Public Offense Code
- **August 14 Work Session** - Budget Discussion