



THIS IS EL DORADO

Commission reviews input on pool, band shell

A project to improve the municipal pool, remodel the band shell and improve Ninth Avenue is being discussed by the El Dorado City Commission.

More than 800 responses were received regarding what residents wanted on three different issues.

The first question was about what should happen with the municipal pool, with options ranging from enhancements of the existing pool to two options for indoor/outdoor aquatic centers. Option B, which included enhancements of the existing pool at Forest Park received the most votes. Fifty-four percent also supported a sales tax for their top choice.

Comments showed there was interest in an enhanced existing pool but maybe not for all of the proposed amenities.

For the Gordy Park Pavilion and Forest Park Band Shell, 68 percent wanted to remodel the current band shell at Forest Park.

When asked about Ninth Avenue, 68 percent wanted the road improved, with 42 percent supporting a sales tax to fund that project.

The Commission directed the City Manager to commence design of a Forest Park Improvement Project. The design will be presented for additional public feedback before a final Commission vote on the ballot question.

A sales tax ballot question will be prepared for the General Election in November, letting voters decide if they



Design work is underway on an overall Forest Park Improvement Project.



would support the sales tax to fund these projects. A final decision by the City Commission on the ballot question is needed by July 20.

To learn more and keep up with the latest on this project, you can visit www.eldoks.gov/pool. You also will find a complete review of the survey results.

Community Events

- **March 2 & 16**
City Commission Meetings
- **March 2**
Potluck @ Senior Center
- **March 4**
Chamber Chat
- **March 6**
Music Bingo @ Senior Center
- **March 9**
Crafty Senior Society @ Senior Center
- **March 11**
Teen Manga Club @ Library
- **March 13**
Coffee and Collections @ Oil Museum
- **March 14**
Pancake and Sausage Feed @ American Legion
- **March 17**
Coutts Brown Bag Program
Book Club @ Bradford Library
- **March 20**
Music Bingo @ Senior Center
Homeschool Days @ Oil Museum
- **March 27**
Live Band @ Senior Center
- **March 28**
Rockfest and Easter Egg Hunt @ Oil Museum
- **March 30**
Heritage/Gordy Page Turners Book Club
- **March 31**
Rosie's Readers @ Equality El Dorado



Reoccurring events:

- **Thursdays**
Little Historians @ KS Oil Museum
Elks Bingo @ Elks Lodge
Toddler Time and Builder's Club @ Library
Coffee Group @ Equality El Dorado
- **Fridays**
Preschool Story Time @ Library
- **Saturdays**
Drop-In Activities @ KS Oil Museum

Sign up for event notifications online at www.eldoks.gov

Commission Action

January meetings

- The Commission approved the consent agenda, which included work session and regular meeting minutes and cereal malt beverage licenses
- The Commission approved the financing agreement between the City, El Dorado, Inc., and Frontier Development, LLC for 124 S. Main St.
- The Commission approved an agreement with KDOT for the K-254 surface preservation project under the City Connecting Link Improvement Program for Central Avenue from Boyer to Haverhill.

What's happening in the City...

ELDO^{KS} Department Updates

Parks and Recreation

- Registrations for baseball and softball are open until Feb. 16. Tee ball is due April 13.
- Park maintenance staff completed bridge plank replacement on the east pedestrian/bicycle bridge at Riverview Park.
- Applications for seasonal employment are open and may be completed online at www.eldoks.gov until Feb. 28. Interviews will be held on March 13.

Engineering

- Staff continued development of the 2026 sales tax paving plans, along with the 2026 CCLIP project on Central Avenue from Boyer Road to Haverhill Road.
- Staff reviewed housing related zoning amendments with the City Commission and set a public hearing at Planning Commission for Feb. 26.
- Staff presented the 12th Avenue bike path concept to the City Commission, then coordinated with JEO on developing multiple concept options for Commission consideration.

Administration

- The 4th Quarter financial report is available at www.eldoks.gov.
- We are hiring! You can view jobs at www.eldoks.gov/jobs.

Experience El Dorado

- Is your business or organization planning something special to celebrate America 250? A red, white and blue bash, an historical nod, a community gathering or something delightfully unexpected? Experience El Dorado will help coordinate city services, look for partnership opportunities and spread the word. Send details to events@eldoks.gov. Your events will be showcased on experienceeldo.com. Let's make El Dorado sparkle with stars, stripes and hometown pride.

Public Utilities

- Curt Johnson was promoted to Wastewater Superintendent in January.
- In January, Water Treatment treated 39.214 million gallons of water and pumped 38.240 gallons of water. They also performed approximately 1,780 tests.
- Wastewater treated 21.01 million gallons in January.
- Water Distribution and Sewer Collections flushed 1,686 feet of sewer main in January and made four water main repairs. They also installed one new water main and replaced a hydrant.

Public Works

- Animal Control will begin offering trapping services again in March, depending on the weather. It must be consistently over 32 degrees at night.
- El Dorado received between four and six inches of snow Jan. 23 through 25. Crews used about 40 tons of salt to treat primary streets during and after the event.

Police Dept.

- Kim Brant graduated from the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center (KLTEC) on Jan. 16 and started the first phase of Field Training Officer.
- Anjelica Lopez-Hern started KLETC on Jan. 26.

Fire Dept.

- The Fire Department had four part-time firefighters complete their training mid-January. They will be utilized to help increase manpower and cover staffing shortages. Some of the part-time members started the last week of January.

SAVE *the* DATE

The City of El Dorado and Experience El Dorado has a lot of fun coming up in 2026!

June 10
Ballet in the Park

June 19-20
Garage Sale Days

July 4
Independence Day and America's 250th Birthday

September 24-26
Gold Fest

Check out community events at eldoks.gov and experienceeldo.com