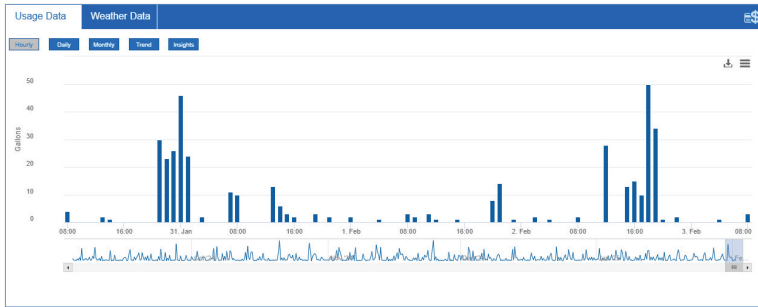




THIS IS EL DORADO

What's Happening in El Dorado

- **March 3 & 17** - City Commission Meetings
 - **March 3** - Community Potluck @ Senior Center
 - **March 5** - Chamber Chat
 - **March 13** - Thursday Speaker Series @ KS Oil Museum
 - **March 18** - Coutts Brown Bag Program
 - **March 21** - Live Band @ El Dorado Senior Center
 - **March 25** - Library Book Club
- Sign up for event notifications online at www.eldoks.com*



City offers water meter portal to view account, meter data

After completing the installation of the new automated water meters throughout El Dorado in 2024, the City has now released the online portal for water customers.

“Get My Meter Info” offers a web portal, as well as an app for your phone, allowing you to access your water usage summary, including monthly water usage history; as well as several specific sections such as usage data, weather data and notification history.

Usage Data shows your water consumption, offering details for a specific period with hourly, daily and monthly view options (see chart above).

Notifications allow you to select which notifications you would like to receive such as leak alerts, abnormal usage alerts and more.

To register through the website, visit <https://portal.eldoks.gov>. To establish the account, enter “City of El Dorado” as the utility name and your utility account number as it appears on your bill.

You also can download the My Meter Info app through the App Store or Google Play. Your mobile app must be linked to your web account, so you must first access your account via the web portal and click the mobile device icon to initiation the pairing process. Once you load the app, open the app and scan the QR code on the website to link your mobile device with your account. For more information, visit www.eldoks.gov.



News from the Animal Shelter

The El Dorado Animal Shelter begins this year with several changes, including a new animal control office and shelter attendant. Here are a few important deadlines and changes:

City Animal Licenses

The deadline to get your animal license for 2025 is March 1. After that date, a penalty of \$2 per month is charged for each month it is late. Licensing fees are: \$5 for each sterile animal and \$40 for each non-sterile animal. The licensing period begins Jan. 1 and lasts for one year. In addition to obtaining a license from the shelter, you can also purchase your animal license at City Hall from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday or 7:30 a.m. to noon on Fridays or from many local animal clinics.

Pit Bull Registrations

The 2025 Pit Bull registrations were due by Feb. 1. If you have not gotten your registration yet, please contact the Animal Shelter as soon as possible at 316-322-8844.

New Animal Control Officer, New Shelter Attendant and Animal Control Reporting

Heather Rose began as the city’s new Animal Control Officer in January. For animal control reports, such as dogs running at large, welfare checks or deceased animal pickups on roadways, you can contact the non-emergency police dispatch number at 316-322-4398. You can also reach Rose at hrose@eldoks.com for other questions or concerns. The shelter is only taking animals from inside the corporate city limits of El Dorado. In addition to Rose, Jennifer Bell also joined the staff as the new shelter attendant at the beginning of February.

For more information, please visit www.eldoks.gov/animal_shelter.

Protect your investment: Hire licensed contractors in El Dorado

Are you thinking about a home renovation project? Hiring licensed contractors is crucial whether it's a major remodel or a small repair. This safeguards your investment and ensures work is done to code, keeping your home safe and compliant with regulations.

Why Hire Licensed Contractors?

Safety: Licensed contractors have the knowledge and experience to perform the work safely and correctly.

Quality: They adhere to strict standards, ensuring high-quality work that meets industry best practices.

Compliance: Hiring licensed professionals ensures your project complies with all applicable city, state and federal laws.

Insurance: Licensed contractors carry liability insurance, protecting you from financial responsibility in case of accidents or damage.

Who Needs a License?

In El Dorado, trade licenses are required for Electrical, Plumbing, and HVAC contractors. Anyone working on your electrical systems, plumbing, heating and air conditioning must be licensed.

General contractors play a crucial role in construction projects within the city. They must be licensed with the city and oversee, supervise and ensure that projects are built correctly and adhere to the city's codes and standards. Their scope of work encompasses various tasks, including framing, siding, window replacement, roofing, additions and drywall installation. Generally, general contractors handle most construction work on your property, except for specialized trades like electrical, plumbing and HVAC, which require licensed tradesmen.

What to Ask For

Don't hesitate to ask your contractor for their license and registration information. You can also verify their license status with the City of El Dorado at 316-321-9100 ext. 153.

Consequences of Hiring Unlicensed Contractors

Hiring an unlicensed contractor can lead to the following:

Faulty Work: Work may be substandard, leading to costly repairs and safety hazards.

Fines: Homeowners can face fines for allowing unlicensed work on their property.

Legal Issues: You may encounter legal complications if disputes arise and your contractor is not licensed.

Remember: Always obtain a permit for any construction work requiring one. The homeowner is responsible for ensuring any work on their home is done by a licensed professional. Check for trade licenses, contractor licenses and insurance certificates before work begins.

For More Information: Contact the City of El Dorado Building Official Brandon Taylor at 316-322-4453 or visit www.eldoks.gov.



- El Dorado Inc. presented their quarterly report and the Kansas One Shot Turkey Hunt gave an update.
- The Commission approved the consent agenda, which included the minutes, appropriation ordinance and advisory board appointments.
- The Commission approved an ordinance amending the sale of alcoholic beverages to allow Sunday sales to begin at 9 a.m.
- The Commission approved a resolution for a wholesale water contract between the City and Butler Wholesale Water District 8.

Watch the full meetings at eldoks.com/135/Agendas-Minutes-and-Videos

Mayor, Commission 2025 election

Those who run for office and serve on boards or committees are an integral part of a successful community and government. In El Dorado, there are four commission seats and the mayor who serve as the legislative body for the City.

Every two years, two of the commission seats and the mayor's seat are up for election. This year is an election year for the commission seats currently held by Commissioners Leon Leachman and Kelly Tetrick, as well as Mayor Bill Young.

Thinking about running for City Commission?

Candidates who are interested in running must file at the Butler County Election Office by noon on June 1 of the election year. Candidates can either file by fee (\$20) or get a nomination petition with 50 qualified signatures. Packets can be picked up in the Butler County Clerk's Office.

Individuals running for Commission should be prepared to attend approximately four to five meetings each month, totalling approximately ten hours. Meetings fall on the first and third Mondays at 5:30 p.m., on alternating Wednesdays at 5 p.m. and others as needed for various committees. An e-mail address and tablet is provided for all city communications.

Following the November election, City officials will be sworn in at the first meeting in December. The Vice Mayor is selected by the Commission at their first meeting in January each year. If a vacancy is created during a term, the Commission will appoint someone to fill the vacancy until the next election for that position.

2025 Deadlines and Important Dates

- Filing deadline is at noon June 2, 2025.
- Primary Election will be Aug. 5, 2025 (if needed)
- Early voting ends at noon Nov. 3, 2025
- General Election will be Nov. 4, 2025

To learn more about the commission, meeting procedures and election information, visit: www.eldoks.gov/election.



2025 Butler County Landfill vouchers are available at City Hall, 220 E. First, or Public Works, 222 E. Second. Each residential address (with ID) will receive two free vouchers (this doesn't include the \$12 fee per mattress).