



THIS IS EL DORADO



Water Treatment staff: Chief Operator Stevie Becker, Operator David Vanpool, Superintendent Derek Kling and Operator Jason Cogdell. Not pictured: Operator Ted Pope

City of El Dorado voted ‘Best Tasting Water In Kansas’

The Kansas Rural Water Association (KRWA) recently voted the City of El Dorado “Best Tasting Water In Kansas – 2025” at their annual conference in Wichita.

The contest presents judges with samples of water from competing utilities. Glasses of the unlabeled water samples are served at room temperature for the most accurate comparison, since ice or chilled temperatures can alter flavor perceptions. Judges are instructed to “sniff, sip, slurp, swish, and swallow,” which gives them a broad sense of each sample’s flavor properties, aroma, and mouth feel. The samples are then rated based on these aesthetic preferences. Following the win, the City of El Dorado is now eligible to represent Kansas at the Great American Water Taste Test at the National Rural Water Association’s (NRWA) Rural Water Rally conference in February 2026.



The City of El Dorado previously won the “Best Tasting Water In Kansas” award in 1986, and was declared the American Water Works Association – Kansas Section’s (KsAWWA) “Best Tasting Water In Kansas” contest in 2016. The accolades affirm the city’s continued investment into its infrastructure and operations, which helps ensure our customers are receiving some of the best water available anywhere.

“El Dorado lake is an invaluable source of water, capturing runoff from the Flint Hills,” said Director of Public Utilities Jason Patty. “Our talented and dedicated staff are committed to setting a high standard of excellence, which translates into a consistent and desirable drinking water.”

What’s Happening in El Dorado

- **June 2 & 16** - City Commission Meetings
 - **June 2** - Community Potluck @ Senior Center
 - **June 4** - Chamber Chat
 - **June 7** - Hot Shot Golf Challenge
 - Living History Day @ KS Oil Museum
 - **June 11** - Ballet in the Park
 - **June 12** - Kids Week STEM Day @ KS Oil Museum
 - Thursday Speaker Series @ KS Oil Museum
 - Listening Tour @ Walnut River Brewing
 - **June 14** - El Dorado Municipal Band Flag Day Concert
 - **June 17** - Coutts Brown Bag Program
 - Book Club @ Bradford Library
 - **June 20-21** - El Dorado Garage Sale Weekend
 - **June 20-22** - Kansas Veterans Festival @ El Dorado Lake
 - **June 20** - Coutts Annual Fundraiser with FunPianos!
 - Nevan Castaneda Performance @ Elks Lodge
 - Live Band @ El Dorado Senior Center
 - **June 21** - Elks Steak Feed
 - **June 27** - Children’s Mental Health Day @ East Park
 - **June 29** - Farmers and Art Market @ East Park
- Reoccurring events:**
- Elks Bingo every Thursday evening
 - Municipal Band Concert every Thursday evening
 - American Legion Bingo every Friday and Saturday evening

Sign up now to be a vendor at this year’s Farmers and Art Market

Vendor registrations are now available for the 2025 El Dorado Farmers and Art Market, which begins on June 29.

The El Dorado Farmers and Art Market promotes locally grown, raised, and produced items every other Sunday through Oct. 5 at East Park. Learn more and register online at: www.experienceeldo.com/farmers-market

DID YOU KNOW?

The El Dorado Municipal Pool will be opening for the season on May 24 for Memorial Day Weekend, weather permitting. Daily admission will be \$2 per day. The pool will be open from 1 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday through Sunday, closed Mondays.



Municipal Band to begin concert season on May 29

The El Dorado Municipal Band is preparing to begin its 103rd season of entertaining the community every summer. Concerts will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays (except Flag Day) from May 29 through July 31 at the Band Shell at Forest Park.

Throughout the season there are three special concerts planned, including:

- June 14 - Flag Day Concert (special concert beginning at 7 p.m.)
- June 19 - Memorial Concert and Ice Cream Social
- July 10 - Concert and Bake Sale

This year the band is led by President Cherokee Manning, Vice President Anita Seivley, Secretary Sandy Derry and Treasurer Amanda Becker. At-large board members include Kelly Davidson, Marlene Avery and Juana Kelley. Music Directors are Brett Martinez, Eric Pretz and Jim Holingsworth.

The band is open to community members and school-age band students (upon completion of their eighth grade year). The first rehearsal is May 22, and rehearsals are held on Tuesday or Thursday before each concert at the Butler Community College Welcome Center, 901 S Haverhill Road).

COMMISSION RECAP APRIL MEETINGS

- The Mayor signed proclamations for Child Abuse Prevention Month, Fair Housing Month, National Day of Prayer and Paul Revere Day.
- The Commission approved a resolution for a water contract with Rural Water District 1.
- The Commission approved an amendment to the Municipal Code creating an additional Common Consumption Area for 703 S. Main St.
- The Commission approved an ordinance amending the Municipal Code pertaining to animals, including a flexible organization structure for animal control services and removing breed-specific restrictions in favor of behavior-based enforcement provisions.
- The Commission heard the recommendation from the Excess Sales Tax Committee.
- The Commission approved the final plat of the Nancy Grange Subdivision in the Industrial Park.
- The Commission approved a special use permit for an accessory apartment at 202 SW Morley Road.
- The Commission approved the rezoning request for 1257 SW Hwy 77 to Light Industrial.
- The Commission approved an ordinance zoning lots in the KB Farms Addition as Office Institutional.
- The Commission approved an ordinance zoning 1126, 1128 and 1204 W. Sixth Avenue to Residential Medium Density District.
- The Commission approved a rezone of 3242 SE Turkey Creek to Residential Suburban District.

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

Listening Tour offers opportunity to share thoughts, ask questions

Do you have questions you would like to ask about projects or activities going on in the city or are there ideas you would like to share for the City? Be sure to join City Manager David Dillner at a future Listening Tour stop.

LISTENING TOUR

with City Manager David Dillner

Upcoming Listening Tour Dates

- **May 15 @ 8:30 a.m.**
McDonald's, 2002 W. Central
- **June 12 @ 6 p.m.**
Walnut River Brewing, 111 W. Locust
- **July 17 @ 9 a.m.**
Elks Lodge, 121 E. Pine
- **August - TBD**
- **September 2 @ 10 a.m.**
Life Enrichment, Butler Welcome Center

Listening Tour events are held once a month at a different time and location each month to reach as many people as possible. If you have a group who would like to host a Listening Tour stop, please email jclements@eldoks.com.

GARAGE SALE WEEKEND



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Submit your address by 5 p.m. June 12 to info@eldoks.com or call Julie at 321-9100 ext. 113 to be included on the online map.