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2026 proposed budget would slightly increase mill levy

After publishing a notice of the City of El Dorado's intent to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate by will a mill levy of up to 61 mills, city staff looked for ways to keep expenses low to keep the mill levy as close to last year as possible. The final result was a proposed 2026 mill levy of 58.710 mills, just slightly higher than the 2025 levy of 58.417 mills. The City Commission set the public hearing for the intent to exceed the RNR and the 2026 budget hearing for 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15 at City Hall.

The revenue neutral rate is the mill levy that generates the same total revenue as the previous year, based on the current year's assessed property values.

COMMISSION RECAP
AUGUST MEETINGS

- The Commission approved the bid from APAC Kansas for \$488,519 for the resurfacing of Central Avenue from Haverhill to Jones.
- The Commission approved a resolution setting a public hearing for Sept. 22 to consider the adoption of a redevelopment project plan and establishment of a Reinvestment Housing Incentive District for 124 S. Main St.
- The Commission approved a resolution authorizing the scheduling of a public hearing Sept. 15 for the purpose of abating or removing dangerous structures at 918 N. Gordy, 920 N. Gordy, 937 Oak, 1500 W. Second, 1015 N. Taylor, 610 W. Tenth, 501 W. Twelfth, 502 W. Twelfth and 1125 N. Walnut.
- The Commission accepted the recommendation of the Excess Sales Tax Committee, except for the youth recreation facility funds, which will be decided on at a future date.
- The Commission approved an ordinance for Case No. 25-04 Special Use Permit for an accessory apartment at 255 SE 20th St.
- The Commission approved an ordinance amending Appendix A of the Zoning Regulations to allow public assembly venues by Special Use Permit in the A-R and R-S zoning districts.

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

What's Happening in El Dorado

- **Oct. 1** - Chamber Chat
- **Oct. 2** - Thankful Thursday @ Downtown
- **Oct. 3** - Music Bingo @ Senior Center
- **Oct. 4** - Walnut River Revival @ Civic Center
- **Oct. 5** - Elks Lodge Monthly Breakfast
- Farmers and Art Market @ East Park
- **Oct. 6** - Community Potluck @ Senior Center
- **Oct. 6 & 13** - City Commission Meetings
- **Oct. 7** - Catching Up with the Classics Book Club @ Library
- **Oct. 9** - Thursday Speaker Series @ KS Oil Museum
- **Oct. 10** - Witches Night Out @ Downtown
- Coffee and Collections @ KS Oil Museum
- **Oct. 11** - Pancake and Sausage Feed @ American Legion
- Tartar Sauce Fishing Tournament and Fish Fry
- Kansas Oil Museum Cemetery Tours
- **Oct. 13** - Crafty Senior Society @ Senior Center
- **Oct. 15** - Beyond the Veil: History of Spiritualism @ Library
- **Oct. 17** - Music Bingo and Live Band @ Senior Center
- **Oct. 18** - Lord's Acre @ First United Methodist Church
- Silk and Sage Soiree @ KS Oil Museum
- Elks Steak Feed @ Elks Lodge
- Kansas Oil Museum Cemetery Tours
- Teen History After Hours @ KS Oil Museum
- **Oct. 21** - Coutts Brown Bag Program
- Book Club @ Bradford Library
- **Oct. 24** - Library's Sloppy Joe Dinner @ Civic Center
- Sketch the Past @ KS Oil Museum
- **Oct. 25** - Trunk or Treat @ El Dorado State Park
- Haunted House at the Energy Education Center
- Storytelling Recording Booth at KS Oil Museum
- **Oct. 31** - Teen Creative Studio @ KS Oil Museum
- Elks Halloween Party
- Trick or Treat Down Mainstreet

Reoccurring events:

- Tuesdays - Full STEAM Ahead @ Library
- Thursdays - Little Historians Story Time @ KS Oil Museum
- Elks Bingo @ Elks Lodge
- Toddler Time and Builder's Club @ Library
- Fridays - Preschool Story Time @ Library
- Fridays & Saturdays - American Legion Bingo @ Legion
- Saturdays - Drop-In Activities @ KS Oil Museum

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



Fourth Weekend in September

Learn more and register for events
at experienceeldo.com



9.20.25 | Saturday

Gold Rush 10K, 5K, 1K

1K: 8 a.m.; 10K and 5K: 8:30 a.m.

East Park | 100 S Woodland

Lace up your running shoes for an exhilarating Oz Events challenge at the Gold Rush!

9.21.25 | Sunday

Chalk the Walk

Downtown El Dorado | 100 Block of N Main

Exhibit your artistic abilities, all within the confines of two sidewalk squares. Artists may work on their sidewalk squares until 9.25.25. Chalk and prizes courtesy of Equality El Dorado.

9.22.25 | Monday

Medallion Hunt

Clues posted at 9 a.m. | \$500 cash prize

Clues will be posted on Experience El Dorado's Facebook page, website, and on the front doors of City Hall (220 E First).

9.25.25 | Thursday

Paint Night with Coutts Museum of Art

6 p.m.

Coutts Museum of Art, The 112 Building | 112 N Main

Join Coutts for an evening of creativity and community! This event is for ages 10 and up. Spots are limited.

Miss El Dorado Pageant

7 p.m.

Performing Arts Center | 500 W Central

Behold the poise, confidence and talent! Who will be crowned Miss El Dorado?

9.26.25 | Friday

Karaoke at Club Vaudeville

10 p.m. - 2 a.m.

Club Vaudeville | 206 S Main

Unleash your inner superstar on the Club Vaudeville stage!

9.27.25 | Saturday

The Golden Pickle Pickleball Tournament

9 a.m.

North Main Park | 900 N Main

Grab your pickleball paddle and a partner to compete in El Dorado Rotary Club's tournament for The Golden Pickle.

Mud Volleyball

9 a.m.

East Park | 100 S Woodland

Cheer on the mud volleyball teams as they battle it out to see who will be the champion of Gold Fest Mud Volleyball 2025.

Museum Crawl

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Visit all of El Dorado's great museums! Kansas Oil Museum, Coutts Museum of Art, WWII History Center, and El Dorado Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum will be open for Gold Fest.

Gold Fest Film Fest Screening

3 p.m.

Performing Arts Center | 500 W Central

Check out this year's collection of short films that exhibit each filmmaker's interpretation of Gold Fest or their pride in El Dorado.

Gold Fest Block Party

2 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Downtown El Dorado | Central and Main

Shop the Artisan Market, chow down at the Food Court, visit the Kids Zone and check out the Adventure Zone for the mechanical bull, axe throwing trailer and rock-climbing wall. Contests will start at 5 p.m. in front of the stage.

7 p.m. - 24K Magic - The World's #1 Bruno Mars Tribute Show

8 p.m. - World Classic Rockers

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