



# THIS IS EL DORADO

## City Hall office hours, phone directory menu changes

You may have noticed some changes if you've been to City Hall, through our drive-thru or called our offices lately.

At the beginning of August, City Hall implemented new hours. This change affects Administration, Utilities, Finance and HR. Parks and Recreation had already changed their hours previously. City Hall is now open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to noon Friday. For those paying their utility bills, this includes the inside window and drive-thru window.

It is our hope this offers some extended times that we can be open to the public. Opening at 7:30 a.m. will allow people to stop by City Hall before they have to go work. It also benefits our employees by allowing them one afternoon a week to be able to run their own errands that may need to be completed before 5 p.m.

During weeks with a holiday, the hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the remaining days we are open that week to accommodate the day(s) we were closed.

In addition to City Hall, the Engineering Department also adjusted their hours. They are now open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to noon on Friday.

Another change being implemented at City Hall is in the automated phone system that you will reach when calling our offices.

The new options you will be presented with are:

- To pay a bill, speak to someone about your account or to reach Administration, please press one. (You will be directed to a submenu)
- To speak to someone about trash service or a street issue, please press two.
- To report a water or sewer line emergency or to speak to someone in the water or sewer department,

## What's Happening in El Dorado

- **Sept. 17-24** - Gold Fest Week
- **Oct. 1** - O.K. Kids Day
- **Oct. 3 & 17** - City Commission Meetings
- **Oct. 5** - Chamber Chat
- **Oct. 6** - Thankful Thursday Downtown
- **Oct. 8** - Mud Run
- **Oct. 18** - Coutts Brown Bag Program and Library Book Club
- **Oct. 26** - Coutts Caterpillars Preschool Program
- **Oct. 31** - Trick or Treat Down Main Street

**Find more events at [www.eldoks.com](http://www.eldoks.com) and sign up for notifications of upcoming events.**

please press three.

- For building inspections, permitting, zoning or construction services, please press four.
- For non-emergency police requests or to speak to someone in municipal court, please press five. (You will be directed to a submenu)
- For non-emergency fire requests including fire inspections or reports, please press six.
- For recreation programming or to report an issue in a park, please press seven.
- To speak to someone at the animal shelter, please press eight.
- For all other requests, please press zero.

If you call after our offices close, your selection will direct you to the appropriate voicemail to leave a message.



Your trash cart lid must close when filled with trash. If you have additional trash, you can either purchase orange trash bags from City Hall or inquire about the availability of a third cart from Public Works by calling 322-4481.



Fire Department staff look over the new truck before it is sent to Salina to custom finish it in April.

## El Dorado FD gets new hazmat truck, new agreement with county

The El Dorado Fire Department's rolling stock now includes a dedicated Hazmat Response truck that serves not only El Dorado, but all of Butler County.



Last year the City Commission approved the purchase of a Toyne apparatus for \$227,200, which was delivered to the department earlier this year, then it went to Salina to be custom fitted to carry the items the department needs. The truck returned to the department in July. It replaces their previous 2011 International Support Vehicle, which was also used for hazmat response.

Deputy Chief Tony Yaghjian said explained this new truck is a dedicated hazmat response vehicle, where the last one did double duty as a fire trucks.



This purchase was part of the hazmat response contract renewal with Butler County in April. As part of the agreement, Butler County paid 75 percent of the cost of replacing the

hazmat apparatus with a new dedicated unit. This made the cost for the city \$56,800, which was paid from the Equipment Reserve Fund.

Although hazmat response is coordinated through Butler County Emergency Management, it is the El Dorado Fire Fighters who make up the response team. They respond to such things as gas leaks, chemical spills and more.

"El Dorado assists other fire departments with hazmat incidents," Yaghjian explained. "Their role is to mitigate the situation, such as containing liquids that may have spilled. It is the responsible party's duty to dispose of the hazardous materials."

## Police Department News



The El Dorado Police Department is partnering with several local agencies to help provide services to residents and create awareness about the help that is available to those in the community. This month we are spotlighting the partnership with South Central Mental Health Counseling Center:

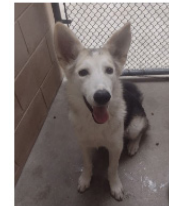
One of our partnerships is with South Central Mental Health Counseling Center. SCMHC provides quality mental health services that empower adults, children and families, and communities. They work with things including, depression, anxiety, substance abuse, respite care and more. Learn more about our partnerships at [www.eldoks.com/community-partners-resources](http://www.eldoks.com/community-partners-resources)

## Have you seen our new Animal Shelter page on the website?

We have made some changes to our Animal Control and Shelter page on the website to make it easier for everyone to view the animals we have available at the shelter and all of the necessary information, such as adoption deadlines, availability, breed and more. So if you're looking for a new family member, be sure to check out the page at [www.eldoks.com/animal-control-shelter](http://www.eldoks.com/animal-control-shelter). Our hope is that this page makes it easier for people to see the dogs and cats who are needing new homes.

### Animals at the Shelter

Animals brought into the shelter are kept on a state-required stray hold for 72 hours allowing time for the owner to claim them before they are available for adoption. If you are interested in one of the available animals, please visit the shelter to meet them at 222 E. Locust St. or call 316-322-8844 for more information. See adoption fees below.



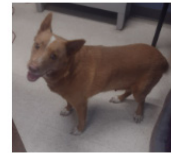
ID Number 2451  
Husky/Shepherd Mix, Neutered Male,  
Cream/Black, 7-8 months of age.

Picked up August 1

No Microchip

Available for adoption: Aug. 5  
Available until noon Aug. 12

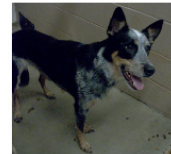
Rescue Tagged



ID Number 2450  
Heeler Mix, Female, Adult

Picked up August 3

Available for adoption: Aug. 9  
Available until noon Aug. 12



ID Number 2428  
Australian Cattle Dog, Female

Came in Aug. 8

Available for adoption: Aug. 15  
Available until noon Aug. 19



ID Number 2491  
Shihpoo Mix, Female, Adult



### Contact Us



Mary Brill

Animal Shelter Assistant

Animal Control and Shelter

222 E. Locust St.  
El Dorado, KS 67042

Ph: 316-322-8844

Hours

Sunday - Closed  
Monday - Friday  
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
(Closed Noon - 1 p.m.)  
Saturday - Closed

[Staff Directory](#)



Jay Marshall

Animal Control Officer

Phone: 316-322-8844

[More Information](#)

### Quick Links

[Animal Licenses and Permits Ordinance](#)

[View All](#)

## Newsletter Correction

The article about the City's tall grass and weeds ordinance in our July newsletter was printed by mistake. This ordinance is still being considered by the City Commission and has not been approved.