

MANAGER'S REPORT



DATE: February 27, 2025
TO: Mayor Benage and City Council
FROM: Ted Henry, City Manager
RE: March 4, 2025 Agenda

Proclamations

American Red Cross Month is observed every March. The Red Cross uses this month to honor and celebrate all the volunteers who support the mission of their organization. Local civic groups often host blood drives in Bel Aire. This proclamation supports the Red Cross in the great work they do.

Consent Agenda (Item VII)

In addition to the Minutes of the February 18, 2025 City Council meeting, the Consent Agenda includes several other items:

Applications for Fireworks Sales Permit – Three vendors have submitted applications for Fireworks Sales Permits for the 2025 season. All three have met the requirements outlined in the City Code. Staff recommends that the Council approve the applications.

Petitions for Improvements to serve Arthur Heights Estates – The developer of Arthur Heights Estates has submitted new petitions in order to encompass additional development costs.

Resolutions for Improvements, Arthur Heights Estates – The Resolutions authorize the improvements outlined in the petitions. These improvements will ultimately be bonded and spread as special assessments against the benefiting lots.

Appropriations Ordinance (Item VIII)

This appropriation ordinance encompasses 02/12/2025 through 02/25/2025 expenses and one payroll cycle. Expenditures amounted to \$278,692.88. No reported expenses for infrastructure costs for new developments were paid during this time frame.

City Requested Appearances

Ken Lee with Garver will present an award.

Bid for Paving Improvements, Arthur Heights Estates (Item A)

Garver worked with the Developer to design the paving improvements for Arthur Heights Estates. Four contractors submitted bids, with Prado Construction offering the lowest bid. The paving project came in above the Engineer's Estimate from the original petition amount. Revised petitions and resolutions are being presented earlier in the meeting, to cover the increase in costs.

If the petitions and resolutions are accepted, the Council may then select a bidder. The cost of the improvements for these projects will be financed through a bond and spread as special assessments against the benefiting lots. Staff recommends that the City Council accept the bid from Prado in the amount of \$310,520.00.

Agreement with Wichita Gymnastics, LLC (Item B)

Bel Aire Rec has offered numerous successful tumbling classes in the past. We have offered classes both by agreement with an outside group as well as hiring local instructors. Recreation Staff began searching for a local instructor in 2023, but there was little interest. Recreation Staff then reached out to Wichita Gymnastics (WG) last year. WG has been providing recreational and competitive gymnastics since 1969. Staff have collected a list of interested Bel Aire area participants, showing that there is a demand for the classes. Rec staff, the City attorney and WG collaborated on the draft agreement. Specific class information and fees will be planned once the governing body authorizes staff to proceed. Per agreement, Bel Aire Recreation will provide space, use of existing equipment, marketing, registration, and will retain 50% of gross participation fees collected. Staff recommend that the Council approve the agreement.

Municipal Water Conservation Plan (Item C)

Following last summer's drought, it became apparent that Bel Aire's Municipal Water Conservation Plan needed to be revised. The Utility Advisory Committee then reached out to citizens and worked with City Attorney Maria Schrock to revise the plan. The revised plan is now ready for City Council approval. Maria will be at the meeting to answer any questions.

Executive Session

One executive session is on the agenda.

Discussion and Future Issues

The next City Council workshop is scheduled for March 11th at 7:00 p.m.