



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7651 E. Central Park Ave, Bel Aire, KS
April 04, 2023 7:00 PM



I. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Jim Benage called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present were Greg Davied, Tyler Dehn, Emily Hamburg, Justin Smith, and John Welch.

Also present were City Manager Ty Lasher, Interim City Attorney Jennifer Hill, City Engineer Anne Stephens, and City Clerk Melissa Krehbiel.

III. OPENING PRAYER: Mark Posson provided the opening prayer.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Mayor Benage led the pledge of allegiance.

V. PROCLAMATION

A. Arbor Day - April 29, 2023

Mayor Benage read and signed the proclamation.

VI. DETERMINE AGENDA ADDITIONS: There were no additions.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the March 21, 2023 City Council meeting.

Councilmember Welch noted in the motion for item VI. E., the word “moved” was omitted and should be added.

MOTION: Councilmember Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Davied seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

VIII. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE

A. Consideration of Appropriations Ordinance No. 23-06 in the amount of \$1,300,914.49.

MOTION: Councilmember Davied moved to approve Appropriations Ordinance No. 23-06. Councilmember Dehn seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

IX. CITY REQUESTED APPEARANCES

A. Chairperson Rebecca Armstrong, Tree Board

Chairperson Rebecca Armstrong announced that the Tree Board will host the annual Arbor Day celebration on April 29th at Central Park playground. She encouraged residents to celebrate Arbor Day by planting and caring for trees. She also thanked Gary Northwall for his many years of service as chairman of the Tree Board.

B. Woodlawn Update - Pat Herman, Garver

Pat Herman gave an update on Woodlawn Avenue construction progress.

C. 45th Street Design Update - Ken Lee, Garver

Ken Lee gave an update on the design of the 45th Street project. Garver has met with local school representatives and will gather more input from them in the coming weeks.

X. CITIZEN CONCERNS

Michael Mitchell, 5117 N Dublin St, spoke about his concerns regarding speeding in his neighborhood. He asked that the Council look into traffic controls for the area.

XI. REPORTS

A. Council Member Reports

Councilmembers Hamburg and Davied briefly reported on the March 23rd meeting of the Chisholm Creek Utility Authority (CCUA) meeting.

Councilmember Dehn reported on the annual Kansas Rural Water Association conference held last week. He also volunteered at the Bel Aire Spring Fest; he thanked the Bel Aire Chamber and the Rec Center for their work on the festival. He reminded residents that the Bel Aire Chamber will hold their monthly luncheon tomorrow and the topic is the K-96 expansion project. Councilmember Dehn reported he will attend the Federal Issues Forum next Tuesday sponsored by the Wichita Chamber of Commerce.

B. Mayor's Report

Mayor Benage wished everyone a blessed Easter. He attended the March 23rd CCUA meeting and Spring Fest at the Rec Center. He thanked the Bel Aire Lions Club, Bel Aire Chamber and staff for their work on the event. Mayor Benage encouraged residents to patronize Dollar General and Los Compas during Woodlawn construction.

C. City Attorney Report: No report was given.

D. City Manager Report

City Manager Lasher reported on recent City growth. In the first quarter of 2022, the Utility Department completed 255 turn on /turn offs for water customers. In the first quarter of 2023 they completed 456 turn on / turn offs. Mr. Lasher also reminded residents that the annual E-recycling and Shredding Day will be held on April 29th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at City Hall.

XII. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND FINAL ACTIONS

A. Consideration of accepting the Amendment to the Engineering Agreement with PEC for the Water and Sanitary Sewer Master Plans.

MOTION: Councilmember Hamburg moved to accept the Amendment to the Engineering Agreement with PEC for the Water and Sanitary Sewer Master Plans in the amount not to exceed \$48,500.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Dehn seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Councilmember Smith moved to go into executive session for the sole purpose of discussing the subject of: Attorney-Client consultation regarding contractual obligations pursuant to the KSA 75-4319 exception for attorney-client privilege. Invite the City Manager, Interim City Attorney, Brian Meier and Ken Lee. The meeting will be for a period of 30 minutes, and the open meeting will resume in City Council Chambers at 8:32 p.m. Councilmember Welch seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

The Council then held an executive session. At 8:32 p.m. Mayor Benage called the meeting to order in open session and stated no binding action had been taken.

MOTION: Councilmember Smith moved to extend the executive session for 15 minutes until 8:48 p.m. Councilmember Hamburg seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

The Council then held an executive session. At 8:54 p.m. Mayor Benage called the meeting to order in open session and stated no binding action had been taken.

MOTION: Councilmember Dehn moved to extend the executive session for 15 minutes until 9:10 p.m. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

The Council then held an executive session. At 9:12 p.m. Mayor Benage called the meeting to order in open session and stated no binding action had been taken.

XIV. DISCUSSION AND FUTURE ISSUES

A. Monthly Workshop – April 11, 2023 at 6:30 pm?

There was consensus that a workshop was not necessary, and no workshop will be held in April.

B. Council meeting schedule – July 4th conflict?

The Council briefly discussed the scheduling conflict with the July 4th holiday. There was consensus to decide the matter at a later date.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Councilmember Welch moved to adjourn. Councilmember Davied seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*