

MANAGERS REPORT



DATE January 5, 2023
TO: Mayor Benage and City Council
FROM: Ty Lasher, City Manager
RE: January 10, 2023, Workshop Agenda

Capital Projects:

Ted has been closing out the books for 2022. As a result, he has drafted a year-end report of expenses, revenues, and fund balances. Keep in mind these are not final nor audited but he is confident there will be only minor adjustments. This will lay the groundwork for discussing future capital projects.

The second piece of capital projects is prioritizing, scheduling, and funding. We have more work to do but wanted to start by rolling out the top 16. At the meeting, we'll dive in deeper on estimated costs and funding opportunities. After Council input, we will finalize a timeline and funding options to be considered at the February workshop. Without further ado, here is the list:

1. 53rd between Oliver and Woodlawn
2. 45th between Oliver and Woodlawn
3. Upgrade HVAC for City Hall (planned for 2023)
4. Upgrade/Expand existing Public Works facility
5. Purchase electronic locking system for City Hall (planned for 2023)
6. Funding to refresh existing parks
7. 53rd between Woodlawn and Rock overlay
8. Replacing the pool with a splash pad
9. Funding to build (and link) sidewalks/ bike paths throughout the city.
10. Funding to build sidewalk from Central Park to Isely
11. Funding to build new parks
12. Woodlawn from 53rd to K254
13. Rock from 45th to K254
14. Purchase new ERP system (water/sewer accounts, courts, accounting, hr.)
15. Upgrade/Expand existing rec center
16. Add turn lanes at 53rd and Woodlawn for grade school

2023 Bel Aire Legislative Policies:

The legislation season is upon us once again at the state and federal levels. Each year, both legislative bodies meet to consider new legislation. Often, bills are introduced that can negatively or positively affect the City of Bel Aire. The League of Kansas Municipalities (LKM) creates a legislative platform and helps lobby for cities. The Regional Economic Area Partnership, which represents south central Kansas, also creates a legislative platform. In the past, the governing body reviewed the League and REAP platforms to identify a list of five priorities that are most important for Bel Aire. Included in your packet is the 2022 Bel Aire priorities and 2023 REAP / LKM platforms. Once Council has determined a list of priorities, staff will create a letter for final review and approval. The letter will then be sent to all our representatives in Topeka and Washington. Staff will also use these priorities when speaking individually with legislators for supporting / opposing legislation that comes up daily.

SCFD #1 Steering Council:

The Sedgwick County Commission, acting as the Sedgwick County Fire District Board (SCFD), created a SCFD #1 Steering Council. The Council shall act in an advisory capacity to the SCFD Board as outlined in Resolution #913-2022. The composition shall consist of 9 members: One representative from the cities of Goddard, Maize, Bel Aire, Park City and Haysville respectively. Additionally, four members shall be at-large from within the SCFD. The term shall be four years with a maximum of two terms. The commissioners would like to appoint members by the end of March and therefore Mayor Benage would like to have a nominee from Bel Aire confirmed at the January 17th council meeting.