



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7651 E. Central Park Ave, Bel Aire, KS
October 06, 2026 7:00 PM



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

II. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Greg Davied, Tyler Dehn, Emily Hamburg, and Mike Proctor were present. Councilmember Brandon McIntosh participated in the meeting by videoconference.

Also present were City Manager Ted Henry, City Attorney Maria Schrock, Director of Finance Barry Smith, City Engineer Anne Stephens, City Clerk Melissa Krehbiel, and City Bond Counsel Kevin Cowan of Gilmore & Bell, P.A.

III. OPENING PRAYER:

A. Mark Posson provided the opening prayer.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Mayor Benage led the pledge of allegiance.

V. DETERMINE AGENDA ADDITIONS

Mayor Benage stated that item IX B was removed from the agenda.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. **Approval of Minutes of the September 15, 2026 City Council meeting.**
- B. **Accept Re-Petition for Phase 1 Paving Improvements to serve Skyview at Webb.**
- C. **Accept Re-Petition for Phase 1 Storm Water Drainage Improvements to serve Skyview at Webb.**
- D. **Adopt A Resolution Determining the Advisability of the Making of Certain Internal Improvements in the City of Bel Aire; Making Certain Findings With Respect Thereto; And Authorizing and Providing for the Making of the Improvements in Accordance With Such Findings (Paving Improvements/Skyview at Webb Addition - Phase 1); And Amending, Restating and Repealing Resolution No. R-2025-12.**

- E. **Adopt A Resolution Determining the Advisability of the Making of Certain Internal Improvements in the City of Bel Aire; Making Certain Findings With Respect Thereto; And Authorizing and Providing for the Making of the Improvements in Accordance With Such Findings (Storm Water Drainage Improvements/Skyview at Webb Addition - Phase 1); And Amending, Restating and Repealing Resolution No. R-2025-14.**
- F. **Approve an Agreement with Envision Management , LLC for reassessment of special assessments for Lots 2 through 29, Block 1, Spring Pines Subdivision for Water Distribution System Improvements/Englert Addition.**
- G. **Receive, for information only, Change Order No. 27 with Pearson Construction and Atlas Electric for Crosswalk Electrical Lowering for the Woodlawn Reconstruction Project.**
- H. **Receive, for information only, Change Order No. 28 with Pearson Construction for Waterline Lowering and Fire Hydrant installation for the Woodlawn Reconstruction Project.**

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

VII. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE

- A. **Consideration of Appropriations Ordinance No. 26-18 in the amount of \$1,261,277.46.**

MOTION: Councilmember Hamburg moved to approve Appropriations Ordinance No. 26-18. Councilmember Proctor seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

VIII. CITY REQUESTED APPEARANCES: None.

IX. CITIZEN CONCERNS

Diane Albert, 547 N Yale Ave, Wichita, stated that she serves on Wichita Public Schools Board of Education. Ms. Albert responded to a conversation held at the last City Council meeting. She said claims that Wichita Public Schools are not serious about educating children dismisses teachers' work, students' progress, and the board's commitment. Regarding achievement, Ms. Albert said the information provided to the council actually shows improvement in graduation rates, reading, math, and science. Ms Albert acknowledged that they are not where they want to be academically, and they have taken many steps to improve. They are strengthening reading instruction and have stronger interventions and monitoring outcomes. Regarding claims that the district lied to Bel Aire, those decisions pre-dated current leadership. Current leadership met with City leaders. They changed admissions for Bel Aire students to attend Northeast Magnet and are expanding Easley from a K through 5 to K through 8. Regarding claims that future ready centers are a distraction from academics; Textron tells them the manufacturing center graduates are helping older trainees with math and reading. Regarding bonds, which pay for major building projects over time, Kansas requires voter approval for any school bonds, unlike cities who can

issue bonds without voter approval. Imagine if the City of Bel Aire were held to the same standards Wichita public schools are and residents had to approve these bonds. Would this council have the necessary funds to do more road repairs without bonds? Yet you ask voters to reject a school facility's investment because academic performance has fallen short? Residents still need roads. Children still need quality classrooms. Accountability and necessary investments must happen together. Judge the bond on the need, plan, cost, and oversight. Wichita Public Schools maintains roughly 10 million square feet of buildings, and that responsibility continues while we work to improve student outcomes. Ms. Albert invited anyone interested to talk to her and tour the schools.

X. REPORTS

A. Council Member Reports

Councilmember Hamburg reported on the latest meeting of the Chisholm Creek Utility Authority (CCUA).

Councilmember Proctor thanked Ms. Albert for coming to the meeting.

Councilmember Davied reported he attended the CCUA meeting and a WAMPO meeting about connectivity.

Councilmember Dehn thanked Diane Albert for visiting the meeting, and for her work on the school board. Mr. Dehn gave a brief report on the recent Kansas Economic Outlook Conference.

B. Mayor's Report

Mayor Benage reported on the latest meetings of the CCUA and the LKM work group on property taxes. He also attended the Kansas Economic Outlook Conference and a meeting with members of the K254 Corridor Development Association and KDOT to discuss immediate safety concerns. Mayor Benage has been communicating with Prado Construction about finishing the bike path on 53rd Street. Parts of the path were opened for use last week, and work continues in the pipeline area.

C. City Attorney Report

City Attorney Maria Schrock reported that she and two Bel Aire Police Officers attended the annual conference regarding impaired driving hosted by the Kansas Highway Patrol and Kansas Department of Transportation.

D. City Manager Report

City Manager Ted Henry commented on the communications campaign for the recent boil water advisory; he thanked city staff for their efforts. The public can sign up for alerts on the City website. The website update has been completed; the update includes a more spacious layout, a better layout for cell phones and improved accessibility. Regarding building permits, the City has already issued more building permits than last year. Regarding upcoming events, Fall Fest will be

held October 17th and Trunk-or-Treat will be hosted by the Bel Aire Police Department on October 24th. City offices will be closed on October 12th.

XI. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND FINAL ACTIONS

A. Consideration of A Resolution Authorizing The Offering For Sale Of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026A, And General Obligation Temporary Notes, Series 2026B, Of The City Of Bel Aire, Kansas.

At this time, two-way communication with Councilmember McIntosh could not be maintained due to technical difficulties. Councilmember McIntosh did not participate in voting after this time.

MOTION: Councilmember Davied moved to adopt A Resolution Authorizing The Offering For Sale Of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026A, And General Obligation Temporary Notes, Series 2026B, Of The City Of Bel Aire, Kansas and authorize all required signatures. Councilmember Proctor seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 4-0***, with Councilmember McIntosh absent from the vote.

B. Consideration of Purchase of Mobile Data Computers and Authorization of a Contract.

This item was removed from the agenda earlier in the meeting.

C. Consideration of Incorporating by Reference, the Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities (53rd Edition), as published by the League of Kansas Municipalities in 2026 (STO 2026).

MOTION: Councilmember Hamburg moved to adopt the Ordinance Incorporating the 53rd Edition of the Standard Traffic Ordinance as presented and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Proctor seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 4-0***, with Councilmember McIntosh absent from the vote.

D. Consideration of Incorporating by Reference, the Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities (42nd Edition), as published by the League of Kansas Municipalities in 2026 (UPOC 2026).

MOTION: Councilmember Proctor moved to adopt the Ordinance as presented and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Davied seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 4-0***, with Councilmember McIntosh absent from the vote.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. None

XIII. DISCUSSION AND FUTURE ISSUES

A. Discussion / Presentation of 2027 Street Projects

Anne Stephens, City Engineer, and Robert Miller, PEC, gave a brief presentation of street improvements that were completed in 2026. Mr. Miller presented ideas to modify the 2027 Street Maintenance plan. He mentioned areas that are showing increased deterioration, prioritizing arterial streets and main collector roads. Some funds from last year's street maintenance project are available because they were not used. Mr. Miller requested feedback from the Council to create a draft plan for 2027.

Councilmembers commented on priorities for updating the plan. No official action was taken.

B. Workshop - October 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Councilmember Dehn moved to adjourn. Councilmember Davied seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0*, with Councilmember McIntosh absent from the vote.