

CITY OF BEL AIRE
STAFF REPORT



DATE: September 30, 2026

TO: City Manager

FROM: Marty McGee, Public Works Director

Water-

- Retrieved and submitted all monthly water samples to KDHE.
- Flushed hydrants citywide to maintain chlorine residual.
- Replaced colorimeter at the South Water Tower.
- New water services were sent to Wilks Under Ground this month with 12 long services and 9 shorts. Wilks Underground is the new Contractor providing new water service installs for Bel Aire
- The handheld reads and reads were done this month.
- There were a total of 56 shutoffs for September
- Staff has been working on updating the GPS tracking system inputting locations of water services and storm drains. This is a timely procedure but will benefit our city and help new and current employees find locations of water mains, service meters, and sewer lines.
- ON 9-16-26 Wichita had a power failure at the water treatment facility and the Hess pump station causing Bel Aire to issue a BWA from KDHE. KDHE sent PW sample bottles for staff to proceed with 10 Bacterial samples to be tested. After Wichita is clear from the BWA and our samples are clear KDHE will lift the BWA. Once Wichita announced the BWA Bel Aire did not pump water from Wichita trying to avoid any contamination. Unfortunately, on the morning of 9-17 Bel Aire had to rely on Wichita water source to fill our water towers, as CCUA could not keep up with the demand. At 5:42 PM on 9-17-2026 staff collected 10 water samples that were sent to Wichita lab to be tested to determine if Bel Aire could be released from the BWA. The samples were hand delivered to the Wichita lab at 7:46 PM and results will take 24 hours before KDHE determines if the BWA can be lifted. On 9-18-26 at 8:25pm we were given all clear to lift the BWA.
- We replaced an 8-inch gate valve in our pump house as the valve would not close.

Streets-

- Many potholes have been filled around town.
- We are in the process of contracting street repair for Webb Road as there are several failures causing a safety concern. There are also several failures on 53rd Street between Webb and Rock. Anne Stephans has reached out to PEC for guidance. PEC came out on 9-30-26 to evaluate and put together a plan.
- Crack sealing and mastic application continued throughout Central Park streets.
- The council approved the purchase of the new Ford 550 with snowplow and spreader from Don Hatton. This will replace the old Ford 350 parks truck. The purchase of the UTV vehicles was also approved on 9-13-26 and the UTV vehicle was delivered to Public Works on 9-30-26
- Staff relocated the stop sign at 5095 N Remington St.
- Staff installed three 30 MPH speed limit signs, locations, Quail ridge off Woodlawn, Danbury off Woodlawn and Edinburg at Perryton and Jamesville.
- We also installed four 30 MPH speed limit signs in the Sunflower Park area to reduce speeding in this area.
- At 53rd and Webb road the street sign has been replaced twice this month due to accidents. I have spoken with Roby Fox to ensure the street signs are added to the accident report. This will

allow the city to recoup the cost of the signs and poles as this has become a reoccurring accident area.

Sewer-

- Rock Road, 37th and 53rd Street lift stations have been deep cleaned this month. The work was performed by Mayer Specialties Services, and the sewer was hauled to the CCUA wastewater plant for disposal. I have also had Mayer evaluate the 16 manholes that are in question from Rock Road to the 53rd street lift station to determine if the manholes will need to be relined or total replacement. We are gathering as many opinions as possible to determine what is best for the city.
- The city of Bel Aire was awarded the wastewater collection system award. Rance and Adam received the award presented by KWEA. This award recognizes how the city is maintaining our lift stations, pretreating sewer lines and televising and cleaning daily sewer operations.
- Rebecca Lewis with Burns & McDonnell and Public Works staff is continuing educating businesses around town about FOG pretreatment training and grease inspections for businesses in Bel Aire. Each facility will be inspected and educated as to what the city is expecting of our sewer needs and educated on how to improve their facility if needed. Rebecca will be writing a detailed report as to what problems are found and each facilities will be given a timeline to correct the issues. After the timeline is established, staff will return to each facility to reinspect and ensure all issues have been corrected. This program was started in 2025 and has helped businesses see the importance of our sewer needs and how a simple fix on their part can contribute to better our sewer infrastructure. This month we revisited Catholic Care Center and all the problems found during the inspection in 2025 have been corrected.
- The Sunflower and Webb Road lift Stations have also been cleaned by staff this month.
- We cleaned a total of 2,150 feet of sewer lines and 5 lift stations this month. Staff has encountered many roots blocking the sewer, which is the main cause of problems. I have ordered a special cutting head to add to our sewer cleaner which will allow Staff to remove any blockage when encountered. In the past years we have had Mayer Specialties come out and clear our sewer lines when we encountered a blockage, with the new root cutter we purchased this will no longer be needed. The cost for Mayer to come out averaged 5k each time and the purchase of the root cutter was only \$1,600.

Parks-

- All monthly park inspections have been completed with little to no findings
- Central Park- Playground has an issue with the drainage and is being addressed next month with the help of Valspar Sprots who initially installed the drain.

- Staff planted a new tree at Denise Park
- All parks have been maintained and trees trimmed.
- All fence lines and storm drain inlets have been sprayed for weeds.
- The new public works shop was sprayed to kill all the weeds; dirt was removed and regraded and topsoil was added to the entire lot. We reseeded and placed starter fertilizer down to establish a new yard. The grass is sprouting and looking good.
- Tributary 7 was maintained and culverts were cleaned to allow for proper flow.
- Terra Verda was maintained and sidewalks were edged.
- The sprinkler control box for city hall was replaced due to electrical failure.
- Eagle Lake had another fish kill due to the extensive heat this month. Staff removed over 1,000 dead fish and properly disposed of them.

Storm water-

- The fourth storm water sample was sent to KDHE for the year, KDHE requires four samples per year after rain events.
- We had a significant rain event this month and had no flooding reported in Bel Aire. All our storm drains and bridges flowed properly. All spillways and tributaries have been maintained allowing for proper drainage.

Special Events-

- Aurora Park at 39th and Harding, I am currently working with Evergy and Kansas Gas to relocate a telephone pole and gas line at this location. This action needs to be completed so that I can rework the ditch that is causing the road to washout during weather events. Once the utilities have been relocated, I will rework the ditch to fix this issue.
- Public Works hired 3 new employees, Luis Diaz, Charles Shaw and Cade Gooding. We now have a total of 9 employees at Public Works.
- The tree ceremony was held for Art Tenbrink at Denise Park on Saturday 9-12-26.



Denise Park.



KWEA Award for Bel Aire.



53rd and Webb street sign.



New UTV

