



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7651 E. Central Park Ave, Bel Aire, KS
April 15, 2025 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, Tom Schmitz, and John Welch were present.

Also present were City Manager Ted Henry, City Attorney Maria Schrock, City Engineer Anne Stephens, Director of Public Works Marty McGee, Chief of Police Darrell Atteberry, and City Clerk Melissa Krehbiel.

III. OPENING PRAYER: Gary Green 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 26, 2025

Mayor Benage read and signed the proclamation.

VI. DETERMINE AGENDA ADDITIONS: There were no additions.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes of the April 1, 2025 City Council meeting.

B. Approval of the Mayor's reappointment of Paul Matzek to the Bel Aire Planning Commission, term ending 6/01/2028.

C. Approval of the Mayor's reappointment of Bruce Roepke to Tree Board, term ending 4/6/2027.

D. Approval of the Mayor's reappointment of Rebecca Armstrong to the Tree Board, term ending 4/16/2027.

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

VIII. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE

A. Consideration of Appropriations Ordinance No. 25-07 in the amount of \$1,084,013.20.

MOTION: Councilmember Dehn moved to approve Appropriations Ordinance No. 25-07. Councilmember Schmitz seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

IX. CITY REQUESTED APPEARANCES

A. Rebecca Lewis, Burns and McDonnell - Sewer Sampling Data and Pretreatment Program Update

Ms. Lewis gave a presentation and stood for questions. No action was taken by the Council.

X. CITIZEN CONCERNS: No one spoke.

XI. REPORTS

A. Council Member Reports

Councilmember Davied said he attended the Spring Festival and thanked everyone who worked on the event.

Councilmember Dehn reported on the Spring Festival and the latest meetings of the Bel Aire Area Chamber of Commerce, Safe Routes to Schools, and K-254 Corridor Development Association.

B. Mayor's Report

Mayor Benage reported on the latest meetings of REAP Executive Committee, WAMPO TPB, the K-254 Corridor Development Association, and Republican Women United. He briefly reported Bel Aire's Spring Festival and on recent bills in the state legislature that would affect cities. Mayor Benage wished everyone a blessed Easter.

C. City Attorney Report

City Attorney Maria Schrock briefly reported on a new Kansas statute that will allow year-round sales of fireworks. The new statute may prompt revisions to the City's regulations regarding fireworks.

D. City Manager Report

City Manager Ted Henry reported that he recently received a letter from Sedgwick County Public Works regarding plans for repairs to sections of roads that were recently annexed by the

City. Mr. Henry also reported on how new software can be utilized for more precise, data-driven budget preparation.

XII. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND FINAL ACTIONS

Executive Session

MOTION: Councilmember Hamburg moved to recess into executive session to discuss with legal counsel and receive legal advice related to pending litigation. The discussion will be pursuant to K.S.A. 75- 4319 (b)(2) for legal consultation with Neil Gosch, which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship. Invite the City Manager, City Engineer, City Attorney, and Katherine Chlumsky. The meeting will be for a period of 10 minutes, and the open meeting will resume in City Council Chambers at 8:03 p.m. Councilmember Welch seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

The council then recessed for executive session. At 8:06 p.m. Mayor Benage called the meeting to order in open session and stated that no binding action had been taken.

A. Consideration of approving revised By-Laws for the Bel Aire Utility Advisory Committee (UAC).

MOTION: Councilmember Davied moved to accept the revised By-Laws for the Bel Aire Utility Advisory Committee (UAC) and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Welch seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

B. Consideration of accepting a proposal for the purchase and outfitting of a replacement police vehicle (Dodge Durango).

MOTION: Councilmember Davied moved to accept the proposal from Parks in the amount of \$65,904 for the purchase and outfitting of a replacement police vehicle (Dodge Durango). Councilmember Dehn seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

C. Consideration of approving Change Order No 1 (2025 Street Maintenance Project) for the reconstruction of the drainage structure under Krueger Street.

MOTION: Councilmember Hamburg moved to approve Change Order No 1 (2025 Street Maintenance Project) for the reconstruction of the drainage structure under Krueger Street in the amount of \$91,500 and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Welch seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

D. Consideration of approving Change Order No. 2 (Bel Aire Lakes Addition Phase 1) for addition of a fire hydrant near the Webb Road sanitary sewer lift station.

MOTION: Councilmember Welch moved to accept Change Order No. 2 (Bel Aire Lakes Addition Phase 1) for addition of a fire hydrant near the Webb Road sanitary sewer lift station in the amount not to exceed \$35,000, give city engineer authority to work through a plan, negotiate a final price, and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Dehn seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: This item was addressed earlier in the meeting, before Item XII A.

XIV. DISCUSSION AND FUTURE ISSUES

A. Special Meeting April 29th 7:00PM?

The Councilmembers briefly discussed their availability for a potential special meeting. There was a general consensus to schedule the meeting for 7:00 p.m. on April 29, 2025.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Jim Benage, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Krehbiel, City Clerk