



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7651 E. Central Park Ave, Bel Aire, KS
May 19, 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, Brandon McIntosh, and Mike Proctor were present. No one was absent.

Also present were City Manager Ted Henry, City Attorney Maria Schrock 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. Memorial Day - May 25, 2026

Mayor Benage read and signed the proclamation.

VI. DETERMINE AGENDA ADDITIONS: There were no additions.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes of the May 5, 2025 City Council meeting.

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

VIII. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE

A. Consideration of Appropriations Ordinance No. 26-09 in the amount of \$1,281,600.66.

MOTION: Councilmember Hamburg moved to approve Appropriations Ordinance No. 26-09. Councilmember McIntosh seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

IX. CITY REQUESTED APPEARANCES

A. Luis Rodriguez, President, Bel Aire Area Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Rodriguez and founding Chamber member Gary O’Neal spoke about the Chamber’s history and the current projected shortfall in funds. The Chamber has an agreement with the City to help organize and run City events like Spring Fest and Fall Fest, in exchange for grant funding for the Chamber. In recent years the funding has been reduced from \$15,000 per year to \$12,000 per year. With increasing costs for events and reduced membership numbers, the Chamber is projecting a shortfall of \$7,500 in 2026. The Chamber is asking for help in funding the events.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. O’Neal and discussed the topic. There was a general consensus that more information was needed. Mayor Benage requested that the matter be placed on the agenda for further discussion on June 2nd. No official action was taken.

-X. CITIZEN CONCERNS: No one spoke.

XI. REPORTS

A. Council Member Reports

Councilmember Dehn reported on the latest meeting of the K-254 Corridor Development Association, and an upcoming meeting regarding K-254 improvements. He noted a wrong-way driver incident recently occurred on K-254 and he encouraged drivers to always be aware of their surroundings.

Councilmember Proctor attended the recent Bel Aire Chamber of Commerce board meeting.

Councilmember McIntosh thanked the Public Works department for their continued effort in Aurora Park; he was recently approached by a citizen who gave a glowing review of the work done there.

B. Mayor's Report

Mayor Benage reported he attended the most recent meetings of the K-254 Corridor Development Association, the Bel Aire Chamber, and the Sedgwick County Association of Cities (SCAC) the Wichita Regional Economic Area Partnership (REAP) and the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO). He also represented Bel Aire at a recent reception for Boeing CEO Kelly Ortberg. He asked everyone to remember our veterans and those who died in military service on Memorial Day.

C. City Attorney Report

City Attorney Maria Schrock reported on a recent Department of Justice ruling on standards for website regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

D. City Manager Report

City Manager Ted Henry reported on upcoming events:

- Cops & Bobber's will be this Saturday at Central Park pond.
- City Hall will be closed on Monday for Memorial Day.
- On July 11th, a fireworks display will be held in conjunction with National Night Out.

XII. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND FINAL ACTIONS

A. Consideration of A 10-year Franchise Agreement with Waste Connections of Kansas, Inc., for Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials Services.

MOTION: Councilmember Dehn moved to approve a Franchise Agreement with Waste Connections for 10 years as presented and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Davied seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

B. Consideration of a Resolution authorizing the City Manager and Mayor to jointly approve change orders up to \$150,000 for the 2026 Street Maintenance Project.

MOTION: Councilmember McIntosh moved to approve a Resolution authorizing the City Manager and Mayor to jointly approve change orders up to \$150,000 for the 2026 Street Maintenance Project and reporting the change orders to Council at the next regular meeting. Councilmember Proctor seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. MOTION:** Councilmember McIntosh 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 Neil Gosch, Katherine Chlumsky, City Manager, and City Attorney. The meeting will be for a period of 45 minutes, and the open meeting will resume in City Council Chambers at 8:55 p.m. Councilmember Proctor seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

The Council then recessed for Executive Session. At 8:56 p.m., Mayor Benage called the meeting back to order and stated that no binding action had been taken.

XIV. DISCUSSION AND FUTURE ISSUES

Councilmembers briefly discussed the Chamber's earlier request for help with funding events. There was a general consensus that more discussion would need to be had with Chamber leaders. No official action was taken.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Jim Benage, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Krehbiel, City Clerk