



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7651 E. Central Park Ave, Bel Aire, KS
November 01, 2022 7:00 PM



I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President Justin Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present were Greg Davied, Emily Hamburg, Justin Smith, and John Welch. Mayor Jim Benage joined the meeting by video conference. Tyler Dehn was absent.

Also present were City Manager Ty Lasher, City Attorney Jacqueline Kelly, City Engineer Anne Stephens, City Clerk Melissa Krehbiel, and Bond Counsel Kevin Cowan of Gilmore & Bell.

III. OPENING PRAYER: A moment of silent prayer was held.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Council President Smith led the pledge of allegiance.

V. PROCLAMATION

A. Veteran's Day, November 11, 2022: Council President Smith read the Proclamation.

VI. DETERMINE AGENDA ADDITIONS: There were no additions.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the October 18, 2022 City Council meeting.

B. Accept a Petition for Water Main Improvements to serve Homestead Senior Landing.

C. Approval of A Resolution Determining The Advisability Of The Making Of Certain Internal Improvements In The City Of Bel Aire, Kansas; Making Certain Findings With Respect Thereto; And Authorizing And Providing For The Making Of The Improvements In Accordance With Such Findings (Water Main Improvements/Homestead Senior Landing).

MOTION: Councilmember Welch moved to approve the Consent Agenda as listed and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Hamburg seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 4-0.***

VIII. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE

A. Consideration of Appropriations Ordinance 22-20 in the amount of \$763,955.65.

MOTION: Councilmember Hamburg moved to accept Appropriations Ordinance 22-20. Councilmember Davied seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

IX. CITY REQUESTED APPEARANCES

A. Rosemarie Wood, NonprofitGO

Ms. Wood introduced Vickie Kline, CEO of NonprofitGO. Ms. Kline gave a brief presentation about the history of, and services provided by NonprofitGO.

X. CITIZEN CONCERNS:

Carolyn Gunzelman, 5029 E 39th Street North, spoke regarding a letter she received from the Mayor regarding a task force for the gravel roads in her neighborhood. She pointed out that the neighbors knew that 51% of the petitions must be returned for the proposed paving project to go forward. That threshold was not met, so clearly there was a consensus against the project. She feels that a task force and hiring a consulting firm is not warranted yet.

Melanie Penner, 4100 N Battin Street, stated she and her husband have lived at their current residence for 31 years. They are in favor of paved streets but not the petition. They were very disappointed that the City Council voted to deny moving forward with the paving. She asked several questions of the proposed task force: how much time and money will be spent to draw up task force documents and pay Garver; who pays for the improvements; who does maintenance; what equipment will be necessary for the maintenance; and who pays qualified personnel to provide the maintenance? Before any road materials are addressed, some streets need to be widened, crowns and bumps removed.

XI. REPORTS

A. Council Member Reports

Councilmember Hamburg reported that she attended Coffee with the Mayor on October 22nd. She encouraged residents to attend the Taste of Italy fundraiser on November 12th.

Councilmember Welch reminded citizens to vote.

Councilmember Davied reminded citizens to vote and thanked poll workers.

Councilmember Smith provided a brief report on the October 27th meeting of the Chisholm Creek Utility Authority (CCUA).

B. Mayor's Report

Mayor Benage briefly reported on the latest meetings of the CCUA and Utility Advisory Committee, as well as Coffee with the Mayor on October 22nd, the League of Kansas Municipalities (LKM) Legislative Dinner held in Newton on October 27th, and a meeting with Boy Scout Pack #585 on October 20th. Mayor Benage reminded residents about Veteran's Day and thanked veterans for their service. He reminded citizens about early voting details, and about a Red Cross blood drive that will be held on November 5th at Resurrection Catholic Church. Mayor Benage encouraged citizens to continue to support Los Cunados & Dollar General during the Woodlawn Avenue construction project.

C. City Attorney Report

City Attorney Kelly briefly reported on the proposed social media policy on the agenda tonight, and regulations regarding political signs.

D. City Manager Report

City Manager Lasher reported on City efforts to follow environmentally friendly practices and the proposed paving projects that Council has considered recently for neighborhoods with gravel roads.

XII. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND FINAL ACTIONS

A. Consideration of confirming the Mayor's appointment of Emily Ryder to the Bel Aire Tree Board. The term will be for 4 years, ending in November 2026.

MOTION: Councilmember Davied moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Emily Ryder to the Bel Aire Tree Board. Councilmember Welch seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

B. Consideration of A Resolution Establishing An Aurora Park Gravel Roads Task Force For The City Of Bel Aire, Kansas.

MOTION: Councilmember Davied moved to accept A Resolution Establishing An Aurora Park Gravel Roads Task Force For The City Of Bel Aire, Kansas and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Welch seconded the motion. *Motion carried 3-1* with Councilmember Smith voting against the motion.

C. Consideration of an engineering consultant agreement with Garver for Gravel Roads Task Force.

MOTION: Councilmember Davied moved to table an engineering consultant agreement with Garver for Gravel Roads Task Force until the Task Force submits a preliminary recommendation to City Council but no later than October 30, 2023. Councilmember Welch seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

D. Consideration of Terminating the Consulting Services Agreement with the Loyd Group, LLC.

MOTION: Councilmember Welch moved to approve the Termination of a Consulting Service Agreement with the Loyd Group, LLC and authorize the Council President to sign. Councilmember Hamburg seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

E. Consideration of a Proposal from Burns & McDonnell for CCUA Cost Sharing Evaluation.

Dave Newman, Burns & McDonnell, stood for questions from Council.

MOTION: Councilmember Hamburg moved to accept the proposal from Burns & McDonnell for CCUA Cost Sharing Evaluation and authorize the Council President to sign. Councilmember Davied seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

F. Consideration of an Agreement for Professional Services with Baughman for Engineering Design and Construction Observation services for the 12” Water Main Extension to serve Homestead Senior Landing in the amount of \$30,000.00.

MOTION: Councilmember Davied moved to approve an Agreement for Professional Services with Baughman for Engineering Design and Construction Observation services for the 12” Water Main Extension to serve Homestead Senior Landing in the amount of \$30,000.00 and authorize the City Manager to sign. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

G. Consideration of a revised Use of City Hall Facilities Policy.

MOTION: Councilmember Hamburg moved to approve the revised Use of City Hall Facilities Policy as presented and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Davied seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

H. Consideration of approval of the City of Bel Aire Media Policy 2022.

MOTION: Councilmember Welch moved to table the City of Bel Aire Media Policy 2022 until the next City Council meeting. Councilmember Hamburg seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: No executive session was necessary.

XIV. DISCUSSION AND FUTURE ISSUES

A. Council Workshop - November 8, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. or November 9th at 6:30 pm?

Councilmembers agreed to hold the next workshop on November 8, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. They briefly discussed the agenda for the workshop.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Councilmember Welch moved to adjourn. Councilmember Hamburg seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 4-0.***

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.