



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7651 E. Central Park Ave, Bel Aire, KS
October 21, 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. No one was absent.

Also present were City Manager Ted Henry, City Attorney Maria Schrock, City Engineer Anne Stephens, Director of Recreation Brian Hayes, and City Clerk Melissa Krehbiel.

III. OPENING PRAYER: Father Terry Hedrick provided the opening prayer.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Scouts from Boy Scout pack #585 led the pledge of allegiance.

V. DETERMINE AGENDA ADDITIONS: Mayor Benage added Item XII. B. Executive Session.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes of the October 7, 2025 City Council meeting.

MOTION: Councilmember Hamburg moved to approve the Consent Agenda as listed and 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. 25-19 in the amount of \$2,242,892.69.

MOTION: Councilmember Dehn moved to approve Appropriations Ordinance No. 25-19. Councilmember Schmitz seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

VIII. CITY REQUESTED APPEARANCES: None.

IX. CITIZEN CONCERNS

Gary O’Neal, 4967 N Hillcrest, spoke about a mailer he recently received from the Kansas Republican Party regarding the City Council election. He questioned whether the mailer might cause misperceptions and hard feelings.

X. REPORTS

A. Council Member Reports

Councilmember Dehn reported on the KDOT local consult held on October 8th.

Councilmember Davied reported on Fall Fest. He thanked everyone who contributed citizen comments at the festival; the comments have been forwarded to the appropriate people.

Councilmember Schmitz reported on the KDOT local consult and the League of Kansas Municipalities Conference. He also reported he had several good conversations with citizens at Fall Fest. He suggested looking at creating a four-way stop at 53rd and Woodlawn and adding bathrooms to some parks.

Councilmember Welch suggested that several intersections need to be re-studied with the increases in traffic in the last few years.

Councilmember Hamburg reported on the League of Kansas Municipalities Conference, and possible upcoming State legislation that would affect cities regarding zoning and property taxes. She also reported on the end of Rec soccer season and thanked Rec staff, coaches and volunteers.

B. Mayor's Report

Mayor Benage reported on the KDOT local consult, annual Kansas Mayor’s conference, the League of Kansas Municipalities conference, and the most recent monthly meetings of the Bel Aire Utility Advisory Committee, and WAMPO Transportation Policy Board. He reminded everyone about the November 4th election and early voting.

C. City Attorney Report

City Attorney Maria Schrock reported on a presentation at the LKM conference regarding nuisance property abatement. She also reported on ADA requirements for playground equipment replacement.

D. City Manager Report

City Manager Ted Henry recognized Brian Hayes, Director of Recreation for his 30 years of service to the City.

XI. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND FINAL ACTIONS

A. Consideration Of New Pool Filter Purchase For Central Park Swimming Pool.

MOTION: Councilmember Davied moved to approve purchase contract with United Industries, Inc. for new pool filter as presented at an amount not to exceed \$13,802.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Schmitz seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

B. Consideration Of New Playground Renovation Purchases for Playground North Of The Recreation Center.

MOTION: Councilmember Dehn moved to approve purchase contract with VersaSport LLC for playground renovation as presented at an amount not to exceed \$97,341.18 and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Welch seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 4-1*** with Councilmember Davied voting against the motion.

C. Consideration Of Preliminary Design and Inspection Contract for 2026 Street Maintenance Plan.

MOTION: Councilmember Dehn to approve contract with PEC for 2026 Street Maintenance Plan As Presented at an amount not to exceed \$115,000.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Davied seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

D. Consideration Of New Office Furniture (Chairs and Tables) For New Public Works Facility.

MOTION: Councilmember Davied moved to approve purchase contract with Galaxie Business Equipment Inc. for office furniture As Presented at an amount not to exceed \$17,533.18 and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Schmitz seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. 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 Neil Gosch, City Manager, City Attorney and City Engineer. The meeting will be for a period of 20 minutes, and the open meeting will resume in City Council Chambers at 8:30 p.m. Councilmember Welch seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

The Council then recessed for Executive Session. At 8:31 p.m., Mayor Benage called the meeting back to order in open session and stated that no binding action had been taken.

- B. MOTION:** Councilmember Dehn moved to recess into executive session for preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real property. The discussion will be pursuant to K.S.A. 75- 4319 (b)(6). Invite City Manager and City Attorney. The meeting will be for a period

of 10 minutes, and the open meeting will resume in City Council Chambers at 8:43 p.m. Councilmember Welch seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

The Council then recessed for Executive Session. At 8:44 p.m., Mayor Benage called the meeting back to order in open session and stated that no binding action had been taken.

XIII. DISCUSSION AND FUTURE ISSUES

City Manager Ted Henry noted that the regularly scheduled City Council workshop will be on Veteran's Day, when City offices are closed. There was consensus to cancel the November workshop. Mr. Henry also updated the Council on a water leak at the Recreation Center; plumbers are currently working on the problem. Bottled water and portable restrooms have been provided for patrons and employees. There were no interruptions to Recreation programs.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Jim Benage, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Krehbiel, City Clerk