

MANAGERS REPORT



DATE January 5, 2024
TO: Mayor Benage and City Council
FROM: Ty Lasher, City Manager
RE: January 9 Workshop

IT Systems Upgrade:

As you are aware, we had an email issue that occurred last month which came through our website. That issue was resolved by our website management company but our systems IT, Imagine IT, has an additional fix that could ensure such an issue doesn't happen again. Staff has requested a representative attend the workshop to explain the product and answer any questions.

PEC Assistance:

We have discussed numerous times the growth occurring and the stress that is placing on our staff. PEC is already being utilized to assist with many projects including comp plan, engineering review, etc. Staff have been meeting with PEC to create a consulting agreement whereby PEC would be available to assist with almost any need that might arise and staff does not have the time or expertise. This would include planning, zoning, engineering, project management, etc. The City would pay a monthly retainer that would give us access to a number of professionals, depending on the need for that month. Staff would like to discuss the proposal.

Police – Vehicle Replacement:

Annually, PD budgets to replace a patrol vehicle. Due to COVID and other supply chain issues, police vehicles have been hard to get. In fact, two vehicles were acquired in 2023 due to orders being cancelled from 2021. PD has a supplier with two new vehicles available so Chief Atteberry will be at the workshop to discuss this opportunity.

2024 Bel Aire Legislative Agenda:

The legislation season is upon us once again at the state and federal levels. Each year, both legislative bodies meet to consider new legislation. Often, bills are introduced that can negatively or positively affect the City of Bel Aire. The League of Kansas Municipalities (LKM) creates a legislative platform and helps lobby for cities. The Regional Economic Area Partnership (REAP), which

represents south central Kansas, also creates a legislative platform. In the past, the governing body reviewed the League and REAP platforms to identify a list of five priorities that are most important for Bel Aire. Included in your packet are the 2021- 2023 Bel Aire priorities as well as 2023 REAP / LKM platforms. Mayor Benage started the 2024 priorities with 11 for discussion and inclusion. Once Council has determined a list of priorities, staff will create a letter for final review and approval. The letter will then be sent to all our representatives in Topeka and Washington. Staff will also use these priorities when speaking individually with legislators for supporting / opposing legislation that comes up daily.