

MANAGERS REPORT



DATE: January 13, 2022
TO: Mayor Benage and City Council
FROM: Ty Lasher, City Manager
RE: January 18, 2022 City Council meeting

Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance (Items IV And V)

Boy Scout Pack #585 will do a presentation of colors and lead the pledge of allegiance.

Proclamation – School Choice Week (Item VI)

National School Choice Week celebrates all types of K-12 options, including traditional public schools, public charter schools, public magnet schools, private schools, online academies, and homeschooling. NSCW does not favor one type of education option over another. Every January, participants plan tens of thousands of events and activities—such as school fairs, open houses, and student showcases—to raise awareness of school choice across all 50 states. Year-round, National School Choice Week develops resources and guides to assist families searching for schools or learning environments for their children.

Consent Agenda (Item VIII)

Contains only the January 4, 2022 City Council meeting.

Appropriations Ordinance (Item IX)

This is the first report for 2022 and includes dates from 2021 and 2022. The majority of the overall expenses were bonded Capital Projects totaling \$542,823.48. One-time annual expenses such as dues, memberships, and subscriptions can be seen in this reporting period and typical for first-of-year expenses. This reporting includes one payroll period.

Senior Funding (Item A)

The Bel Aire Senior Club has been in existence since 1990 operating as a non-profit and have kept their status through 2021. In 2002, when City Hall was constructed, a room was set aside for seniors. The City applied for and received senior funding for the Senior Center from the Sedgwick County Department of Aging. Since that time, there have been two separate and independent groups. Over the years, the City has given grants to the Senior Club and the amount has varied. In order to maintain the Senior Center Level 1 status, the City must provide and track a set number of activities as well as have the appropriate number of participants. The Senior Club would take attendance and share those numbers

with the Rec Department. Over the last couple of years, the Senior Club has not shared their participation numbers, or very few, with the Recreation Center. The size of their club also provides minimal numbers for events. The money the Senior Club has spent over this same period has gone to fewer functions but more donations. In 2020, the City hired WSU to take a comprehensive look at how our senior center is functioning. One of their recommendations was for the Rec Center to take over all planning for seniors. As our seniors age, getting volunteers is becoming more difficult. The Rec Staff would prefer to be more involved in assisting the Club with their activities and using those events for required numbers for the Sedgwick County Department of Aging reports. Rather than granting those funds to the Club, staff would prefer to assist with planning and paying for Club events based on input from their board. You can see below, the Senior Club was budgeted \$4,000 in 2022. Staff is recommending a revised Senior Policy where the club would request funding for events and the Senior Director would approve. The max would be \$4,000 for 2022 and the events would need to benefit all seniors as well as count towards the Aging Department requirements. Included in your packet is the proposed policy.

	2022
Senior Center Budget*	\$ 35,010
Senior Club Grant	\$ 4,000
Bel Aire Chamber Grant	\$ 10,000
Special Events Budget	\$ 12,000

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Senior Club Grant	\$2,500	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000

City of Bel Aire 2022 Legislative Priorities (Item B):

The legislation season is upon us at the state and federal levels. Every year, both legislative bodies meet to consider new legislation. Often, bills are introduced that negatively or positively impact 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. Included in your packet is the 2021 Bel Aire priorities and 2022 REAP / LKM platforms. Council reviewed both platforms at the January 11th workshop and came up with a short list of priorities specifically affecting the City of Bel Aire. The City Attorney drafted a letter outlining the legislative priorities for Bel Aire in 2022 based on Council input from the workshop. You can certainly make any changes during the meeting and prior to approving the letter to be signed and sent.

Accepting Land Bank 2021 Ending Sales and Financial Report (Item C)

The Land Bank Ordinance requires an annual inventory be taken as well as sales, revenues and expenses be reported. Included in your packet is a report detailing revenues and expenditures for 2021 by the Land Bank. Action is to simply receive and file.

Executive Session (Item XIV)

Staff has no need for an executive session