



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7651 E. Central Park Ave, Bel Aire, KS
December 20, 2022 7:00 PM



I. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Jim Benage called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present were Greg Davied, Tyler Dehn, Emily Hamburg, Justin Smith, and John Welch.

Also present were City Manager Ty Lasher, City Attorney Jacqueline Kelly, Assistant City Administrator Ted Henry, Chief of Police Darrell Atteberry, City Engineer Anne Stephens, and City Clerk Melissa Krehbiel.

III. OPENING PRAYER: Father Michael Schemm provided the opening prayer.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Mayor Benage led the pledge of allegiance.

V. DETERMINE AGENDA ADDITIONS: There were no additions.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes of the December 6, 2022 City Council meeting.

B. Approval of a 2023 Limited Retailer Cereal Malt Beverage License for Dollar General, located at 45th and Woodlawn.

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

VII. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE

A. Consideration of Appropriations Ordinance 22-23 in the amount of \$291,012.33.

MOTION: Councilmember Davied moved to approve Appropriations Ordinance 22-23. Councilmember Hamburg seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

VIII. CITY REQUESTED APPEARANCES

A. Gary O'Neal, Bel Aire Area Chamber of Commerce President

President Gary O'Neal spoke on behalf of the Bel Aire Area Chamber of Commerce. Mr. O'Neal gave a brief year-end report on Chamber activities in 2022 which included growth in membership and sponsorships. For 2023, he requested that the Council keep the grant for the Chamber at the budgeted amount of \$20,000.

IX. CITIZEN CONCERNS: No one spoke.

X. REPORTS

A. Council Member Reports

Councilmember Hamburg reported she attended the Sedgwick County Kansas Legislative delegation meeting and the Bel Aire Holiday event. She noted that local volunteer Connie Schmidt recently passed away suddenly, and Ms. Hamburg encouraged residents to send their condolences to Connie's family.

Councilmember Welch wished everyone safe and happy holidays.

Councilmember Davied gave a brief report on the latest meeting of the Chisholm Creek Utility Authority meeting.

Councilmember Dehn reported he attended the volunteer dinner and the Sedgwick County Kansas Legislative delegation meeting.

B. Mayor's Report

Mayor Benage briefly reported on several meetings he recently attended: the Wichita Area Municipal Planning Organization (WAMPO), Chisholm Creek Utility Authority, Sedgwick County Kansas Legislative Delegation, and the Bel Aire Utility Advisory Committee. He also attended the Bel Aire Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. He reminded residents that a blood drive will be held in Bel Aire next week; call the local Red Cross to schedule an appointment. Also, please continue to support businesses on Woodlawn during the road construction.

C. City Attorney Report

City Attorney Kelly reported she recently attended a meeting of the Wichita Bar Association. Also, the Attorney General's Office will release to the City another round of Opioid Settlement funds before the end of this year.

D. City Manager Report

City Manager Lasher reported that the Public Works Department is prepared for forecasted ice and snow. City offices will be closed December 23rd and 26th, and January 2nd. He thanked the Police Department, who will be working on the holidays.

XI. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND FINAL ACTIONS

- A. Consideration of the Mayor's appointment of Antonio Kitt to Seat 4 on the Utility Advisory Committee. The term will expire on August 1, 2025.**

MOTION: Councilmember Smith moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Antonio Kitt to the Utility Advisory Committee. Councilmember Davied seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

- B. Consideration of the Mayor's appointment of Carolyn Gunzelman, Judy Schroeder, Mark Schroeder, Lisa Bellecci, Connie White, and Leon "Butch" Amey to the Aurora Park Gravel Roads Task Force.**

MOTION: Councilmember Davied moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Carolyn Gunzelman, Judy Schroeder, Mark Schroeder, Lisa Bellecci, Connie White, and Leon "Butch" Amey to the Aurora Park Gravel Roads Task Force. Councilmember Hamburg seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

- C. Consideration of the 2023 Agreement For Senior Centers By And Between Sedgwick County, Kansas And City Of Bel Aire.**

MOTION: Councilmember Smith moved to approve the 2023 Agreement For Senior Centers By And Between Sedgwick County, Kansas And City Of Bel Aire, and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Davied seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

- D. Consideration of a resolution declaring the official boundaries of the City of Bel Aire as of December 20, 2022 and repealing and replacing all previously adopted boundary declarations of the City of Bel Aire.**

MOTION: Councilmember Hamburg moved to approve a resolution declaring the official boundaries of the City of Bel Aire as of December 20, 2022 and repealing and replacing all previously adopted boundary declarations of the City of Bel Aire and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Dehn seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

- E. Consideration of approving a contract with Axon Enterprises, Inc. for In-Car Cameras and Storage System for the Police Department.**

MOTION: Councilmember Smith moved to approve a 60-month contract with Axon Enterprises, Inc. for in-car camera systems and cloud storage, in the amount of \$14,307.36 per year and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Dehn seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

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XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Councilmember Smith moved to go into executive session for the sole purpose of discussion the subject of: Attorney-Client consultation regarding contractual obligations pursuant to the KSA 75-4319 exception for attorney-client privilege. Invite the City Manager, the City Attorney and Jennifer Hill. The meeting will be for a period of 45 minutes, and the open meeting will resume in City Council Chambers at 8:40 p.m. Councilmember Hamburg seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

The Council then held an executive session. At 8:45 p.m., Mayor Benage called the meeting to back to order in open session. Mayor Benage stated no binding action had been taken.

MOTION: Councilmember Smith moved to extend the executive session for an additional 10 minutes with the open meeting resuming in Council Chambers at 8:55 p.m. Councilmember Hamburg seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

The Council then returned to executive session. At 9:05 p.m., Mayor Benage called the meeting back to order in open session. Mayor Benage stated no binding action had been taken.

XIII. DISCUSSION AND FUTURE ISSUES: No future issues were discussed.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.