



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7651 E. Central Park Ave, Bel Aire, KS
December 17, 2024 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.

Also present were City Manager Ted Henry, City Attorney Maria Schrock, Community Development Director Paula Downs, Director of Finance Barry Smith, City Engineer Anne Stephens, and City Clerk Melissa Krehbiel.

III. OPENING PRAYER: Father Terry Hedrick 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 3, 2024 City Council meeting.

B. Approval of An Application from DG Retail, LLC (dba Dollar General Store #21238) to renew license to sell cereal malt beverages in original and unopened containers, not for consumption on the premises, at 4554 North Woodlawn Avenue, Bel Aire, KS and direct the City Clerk to issue the proper license.

C. Approval of An Application from Seiko, LLC (dba Mirai Ramen and Sushi) to renew license to sell cereal malt beverages for consumption on the premises, at 6254 East 37th Street North Ste. 180, Bel Aire, KS and direct the City Clerk to issue the proper license.

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

VII. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE

A. Consideration of Appropriations Ordinance No. 24-23 in the amount of \$784,855.30.

MOTION: Councilmember Dehn moved to approve Appropriations Ordinance No. 24-23. Councilmember Hamburg seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

VIII. CITY REQUESTED APPEARANCES

A. Jesse Miller, Sedgwick County Fire District No 1 Steering Council

Mr. Miller gave a brief report about the Steering Council and stood for questions from the Council.

IX. CITIZEN CONCERNS: No one spoke.

X. REPORTS

A. Council Member Reports

Councilmember Dehn thanked staff and volunteers for their work on the Christmas in Bel Aire event. He also briefly reported on the December 9th strategic planning meeting for K-254 improvements and an upcoming KDOT study.

Councilmember Hamburg noted that the Christmas lights around her neighborhood look good and wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Councilmembers Davied, Welch, and Schmitz wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

B. Mayor's Report

Mayor Benage reported on the death of Father Michael Schemm, former pastor of the Church of the Resurrection, and recognized his involvement in starting pastor-led prayer at City Council meetings. A vigil will be held for Father Schemm on December 22nd. Mayor Benage also briefly reported on the December 10th meeting of WAMPO. Regarding upcoming meetings, the Chisholm Creek Utility Authority (CCUA) will meet on December 19th.

C. City Attorney Report

City Attorney Maria Schrock reported on an educational seminar she attended regarding dangerous structures, and left turn lanes.

D. City Manager Report

City Manager Ted Henry gave a brief year-end report. Highlights included 120 new housing permits issued year-to-date; new sewer meters installed in lift stations, implementation of 3 new ERP software modules, major investments in the parks system, and high participation in Recreation activities. He noted that City Hall will be closed tomorrow from 11:30 am to 1:30 p.m. for a staff Christmas lunch.

XI. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND FINAL ACTIONS

A. Consideration Of An Ordinance Annexing Three Tracts Of Land Into The City Of Bel Aire, Kansas, Which Have A Common Boundary With The City of Bel Aire, Per The Request of Sedgwick County, And In Accordance With K.S.A. 12-520(e).

MOTION: Councilmember Welch moved to table An Ordinance annexing the three tracts of land, as described in Sedgwick County Resolution 223-2024, into the City of Bel Aire, Kansas. Councilmember Davied seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

B. Consideration of A Resolution Declaring The Entire Boundary Of The City Of Bel Aire, Kansas.

MOTION: Councilmember Welch moved to deny the Resolution Declaring The Entire Boundary Of The City Of Bel Aire, Kansas, as territory has not been added to or excluded from the City of Bel Aire in 2024. Councilmember Davied seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

C. Consideration of a Contract (Work Order No 24-13) for Construction Drawings for Skyview Park.

MOTION: Councilmember Welch moved approve Work Order No. 24-13 of the Master Services Agreement with PEC for construction drawings for Skyview Park in the amount not to exceed \$17,500 and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Dehn seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

D. Consideration of A Resolution Concerning Service, License, And Permit Fees Within The Corporate Limits Of The City Of Bel Aire, Kansas.

MOTION: Councilmember Hamburg moved to adopt A Resolution Concerning Service, License, And Permit Fees Within The Corporate Limits Of The City Of Bel Aire, Kansas and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Welch seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

E. Consideration Of An Ordinance Establishing Compensation For The Mayor And City Council And Repealing Conflicting Ordinances.

MOTION: Councilmember Dehn moved to approve An Ordinance establishing the Mayor's annual salary at \$6,000 and the Council's annual salary at \$3,000 effective on 12/18/24, and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Davied seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 3-2,*** with Councilmembers Welch and Schmitz voting against the motion.

F. Consideration of approving updates to the City of Bel Aire Pay Scale.

MOTION: Councilmember Welch moved to accept updates to the City of Bel Aire Pay Scale. Councilmember Hamburg seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 3-2,*** with Councilmembers Dehn and Davied voting against the motion.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: No executive session was held.

XIII. DISCUSSION AND FUTURE ISSUES: No discussion was held.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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