

City of Bel Aire Utility Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, August 9, 2023

1. Called to order at 3:00 pm
2. In attendance: Dan Broyles, Terry Ercolani, Antonio Kit, Bill Moss, Art Tenbrink.
Also: Mayor Benage
3. Approval of agenda: Bill motion, Dan second. Approved.
4. Approval of July 12, 2023 meeting minutes: Bill motion, Terry second. Approved.
5. New business
 - a. UAC membership. Noted a change regarding membership: reappointments for officers are for three years (was two) after completion of existing term dates. Any new appointments for an unexpired term will be for the remainder of that term.
 - b. CCUA updates. Lengthy discussion regarding proposed funding of CCUA's wastewater plant expansion. Reviewed Ty Lasher's letter to the governing board members regarding an article in the August edition of the Bel Aire Breeze newspaper, which covered the CCUA wastewater treatment issues with KDHE. There were several inaccurate statements made in the article.
 - c. Cox Channel 7--issues with Cox Channel 7 airtime (discussed at last month's meeting) were reviewed. A looping video is shown on the channel now. Further discussion: does the city need to have a dedicated cable channel for communication? The city does have a You-Tube channel and Facebook presence on the internet.
 - d. Kechi tree limb and brush waste disposal--no action.
 - e. September "Did You Know?" Content is regarding our water sources for Bel Aire (CCUA and Wichita). Bill made a motion to approve with no changes, Dan second; approved.
6. Roundtable discussion
 - a. Bill noted that some residents have lawns with tall grass. Bel Aire ordinance regarding lawns not known (other than a 1 foot maximum height limit on grass), but it was noted that Garrett Wichman (Bel Aire Code Enforcement Officer) could be contacted if there are any issues.

- b. Dan asked if Integra Technologies (who is proposing a semiconductor facility in Bel Aire) or Evergy has provided information regarding Integra's planned electrical power usage for their facility. So far, no information has been communicated.
- c. Terry noted that Bel Aire crews have done a good job keeping brush from expanding along the creek feeding Eagle Lake on north side.
- d. Antonio asked about the latest completion schedule for the Woodlawn project. It is now in the October/November timeframe.
- e. Art noted the following:
 - i. Significant note: 80% of the world's population experienced the hottest July ever (considering over 100 years of data collection) last month.
 - . When the first Utility Advisory (then) Board was formed in 2006, the original members were former mayors Bill Brookhauser and Dale Walter. Other members were then Bill Moss, Ellie Skokan and Jim O'Reilly. Art reported that Jim O'Reilly (who he replaced) died July 20, 2023 at age 90.
 - ii. Congress approved \$52B for the US semiconductor industry, and Integra Technologies will be part of that funding. However, studies have shown that 115,000 jobs will need to be filled in the industry by 2030, and there will be a lack of qualified people to fill these jobs. It was also noted that WSU Tech and Integra are working together to train people for the jobs at the proposed Bel Aire plant. It was also noted that 20% of semiconductors produced in China are used in the United States.
 - iii. The average car weight is increasing. In 2023, the average weight is 4329 lbs, over 1000 lbs heavier than in 1980. The weight trend should continue as electric vehicles become more prevalent.
 - iv. Climate news: Studies show that the Arctic could be ice-free by 2030. China has had six major typhoons this year, with extreme amounts of rainfall. USA and Mexico average temperatures have increased 3.7 deg F (2.1 deg C)

7. Next meeting: UAC meeting September 13, 2023, 3-5 pm at City Hall Senior Center.
8. Old, continuing, future business. None to report.
9. Adjournment of meeting: Bill motion, Dan second. All approved. Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 pm.