



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7651 E. Central Park Ave, Bel Aire, KS
January 17, 2023 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, John Welch.

Also present were Assistant City Manager Ted Henry, City Attorney Jacqueline Kelly, City Engineer Anne Stephens, and City Clerk Melissa Krehbiel, and Ken Lee of Garver

III. OPENING PRAYER: A moment of silent prayer was held.

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 January 3, 2023 City Council meeting.

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

VII. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE

A. Consideration of Appropriations Ordinance AP 23-01 in the amount of \$339,457.39.

MOTION: Councilmember Davied moved to approve Appropriations Ordinance AP 23-01. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

VIII. CITY REQUESTED APPEARANCES

A. Woodlawn Update - Pat Herman, Garver

Pat Herman provided an update on Woodlawn Avenue construction progress.

IX. CITIZEN CONCERNS: No one spoke.

X. REPORTS

A. Council Member Reports

Councilmember Dehn reported that he attended the January Bel Aire Chamber luncheon.

Councilmember Smith briefly reported on the most recent meeting of the SCAC. Sedgwick County Association of Cities.

Councilmember Hamburg reported she attended the most recent meeting of the Bel Aire Planning Commission. She thanked the commissioners for volunteering their time.

B. Mayor's Report

Mayor Benage reported on the temporary closure of 53rd street due to construction. He requested that City staff develop a plan to avoid simultaneous closures of 53rd and 45th Street. The plan may delay work on Woodlawn for 7-10 days, but should allow east-west traffic to continue in the area.

Mayor Benage briefly reported on the most recent meetings of the Bel Aire Utility Advisory Committee, the Sedgwick County Association of Cities (SCAC) and the Wichita Area Municipal Planning Authority (WAMPO). He also attended the swearing-in of the Sedgwick County Commissioners and a luncheon hosted by Senator Moran to welcome SpaceX to the area.

He reported that an open house will be held for the K-96 Improvement Project at the National Institute of Aviation Research (NIAR) from 5-7 pm on February 2nd. In other news, WAMPO is requesting input from citizens on their walking and biking path map; a link is available on the City's website. He also encouraged citizens to support businesses on Woodlawn during the construction.

C. City Attorney Report

City Attorney Kelly briefly reported on the first week of the state legislative session.

D. City Manager Report

Assistant City Manager Henry briefly reported on performance measures for the Utility Department, related to the growth of the City. In 2021, the Utility Department performed 1,300 move in /move outs. From 2019 to 2021 there was a 45% increase in E-bills issued by the department, while the number of printed bills has remained the same.

XI. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND FINAL ACTIONS

A. Consideration of the Mayor's appointment of Marty Couey, Logan Schrag, Chad Crittenden, and Sean T. Matheny to the Aurora Park Gravel Roads Task Force.

MOTION: Councilmember Hamburg moved to approve the Mayor's appointment of Marty Couey, Logan Schrag, Chad Crittenden, and Sean T. Matheny to the Aurora Park

Gravel Roads Task Force. Councilmember Dehn seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

B. Consideration of the Bel Aire Chamber of Commerce Funding Policy for 2023.

MOTION: Councilmember Welch moved to approve the Bel Aire Chamber of Commerce Funding Policy for 2023 and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

C. Consideration of accepting an engineering design option for 45th Street from Oliver to Woodlawn. Garver was selected as the design engineer and has provided two options for consideration:

Option A (Basic design of 3-lane with signalized intersection at Oliver) \$673,097.00.

Option B (Expanded design looking at round-about at Oliver and other possible improvements) \$739,702.00.

MOTION: Councilmember Smith moved to accept Option B from Garver for engineering design of 45th Street from Oliver to Woodlawn at a cost not to exceed \$739,702.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents. Councilmember Dehn seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 4-1*** with Councilmember Welch voting against the motion.

D. Consideration of a Legislative Priorities Letter for the 2023 State of Kansas legislative session.

MOTION: Councilmember Smith moved to approve A Legislative Priorities Letter for the 2023 State of Kansas legislative session as amended and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Dehn seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

E. Consideration of a bid from Kansas Paving for Repairs to 53rd Street in the amount of \$29,950.00.

MOTION: Councilmember Welch moved to accept the bid from Kansas Paving at a cost not to exceed \$29,950.00, for Repairs to 53rd Street (Woodlawn to Oliver) and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Hamburg seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION FOR RECESS: Councilmember Smith moved to take a 5-minute recess. Councilmember Davied seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

The Council meeting was in recess from 8:38 p.m. to 8:43 p.m.

A. Executive Session

MOTION: Councilmember Welch 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 Assistant City Manager, the City Attorney, Ken Lee, Brian Meier, Sarah Lohman, Dave Naaman and Jennifer Hill. The meeting will be for a period of 45 minutes, and the open meeting will resume in City Council Chambers at 9:30 p.m. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

MOTION: Councilmember Smith moved to extend the executive session for an additional 30 minutes with the open meeting to resume in Council Chambers at 10:05 p.m. Councilmember Welch seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

MOTION: Councilmember Smith moved to extend the executive session for an additional 10 minutes with the open meeting to resume in Council Chambers at 10:17 p.m. Councilmember Hamburg seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

B. Executive Session

MOTION: Councilmember Smith moved to go into executive session for the sole purpose of discussing the subject of matters of non-elected personnel contracted employees; pursuant to the KSA 75-4319 exception for the same. Invite Jacqueline Kelly into this session. The meeting will be for a period of 15 minutes, and the open meeting will resume in Council Chambers at 10:41 p.m. Councilmember Dehn seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

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

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.