

# MANAGERS REPORT



**DATE:** January 11, 2024  
**TO:** Mayor Benage and City Council  
**FROM:** Ty Lasher, City Manager  
**RE:** January 16, 2024 Agenda

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## **Consent Agenda (Item VI)**

The consent agenda contains the Minutes of the December 19, 2023 City Council meeting as well as the January 9, 2024 Special City Council Meeting.

## **Appropriations Ordinance (Item VII)**

Due to the cancellation of the December council meeting, this appropriations ordinance encompasses 12/12/2023 through 01/09/2024 expenses and two payroll cycles. Expenditures amount to \$1,827,681.68. Of the reported expenses, \$353,187.78 are infrastructure costs for new developments. These costs are paid through special assessments.

## **City Requested Appearances (Item VIII)**

The Bel Aire Chamber would like to present their 2023 Annual Report and make a request for funding in 2024. The 2024 budget contains \$15,000 for a chamber grant if Council would like to award extra funding to the chamber in 2024.

## **2024 Bel Aire Chamber of Commerce Funding Policy (Item A)**

Gary O'Neal, Bel Aire Chamber of Commerce President, attended a budget workshop in 2023 requesting \$15,000 in funding for 2024. In 2022 and 2023, the Chamber received \$20,000 each year as a grant. Staff updated the Chamber Funding Policy for 2024 to include the \$15,000 request which is included in your packet. As mentioned earlier, the 2024 Bel Aire budget included a \$15,000 grant for the Bel Aire Chamber.

## **Replacement Police Vehicles (Item B)**

Annually, PD budgets to replace a patrol vehicle. Due to COVID and other supply chain issues, police vehicles have been hard to find. In fact, two vehicles were purchased in 2023 that were ordered in 2021 and 2022 respectively. PD has a supplier with two new vehicles available now so Chief Atteberry would like to purchase those as there is no guaranty any other vehicles will be available this

year. He has two vehicles that are at, or nearing, 80,000 miles and in line for replacement. Experience has shown replacing a police vehicle at 80,000 miles maximizes the resale value while limiting repair costs. Money is available in the capital equipment fund and staff recommends approving the purchase.

### **Bid for Water & Sewer Improvements, Arthur Heights Estates (Item C)**

The Developer of Arthur Heights Estates is ready to move forward with the construction of Water and Sanitary Sewer Improvements to support the subdivision. The cost of the improvements will be financed through a bond and spread as special assessments against the benefiting lots. Four contractors responded to the solicitation of bids, with McCullough being the low bidder. Staff recommends that Council accept the bid for concrete from McCullough at a cost of \$117,136.00.

### **WAMPO MTP Project Prioritization (D)**

Every five years, WAMPO (Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization) produces a Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). This planning document contains a list of projects that are eligible to receive funding and are considered to be regionally significant. To receive funding, projects on the MTP must be submitted for and accepted into the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This is where projects receive a soft commitment for funding from WAMPO and are programmed to receive funding at a certain amount in a specified year or years. While fairly certain, funding is not guaranteed until an agreement has been signed with WAMPO and KDOT and the final funding commitment is made. WAMPO is currently working on the next MTP and has a call for projects out. The project submittal deadline is February 2<sup>nd</sup>. City staff has been working with PEC on project applications. We currently have the following priority list, which Anne describes in more detail in her Staff Report in your packet:

1. 45<sup>th</sup> Street – Oliver to Woodlawn Reconstruction
2. Phase 1, Bike Path
3. Phase 2, Bike Path
4. Phase 3, Bike Path
5. Rock Road from the UP Railroad to 53<sup>rd</sup> Street North Reconstruction
6. Oliver – 37<sup>th</sup> to 45<sup>th</sup> Street Reconstruction
7. Woodlawn – 45<sup>th</sup> to 53<sup>rd</sup> Street.
8. Oliver – 45<sup>th</sup> to 53<sup>rd</sup> Street Reconstruction
9. 53<sup>rd</sup> and Lycee Pedestrian Crossing
10. 45<sup>th</sup> – Woodlawn to Rock Road Reconstruction
11. Northern Intercity Biking and Walking Route

After Council has approved this list, PEC and City staff can finalize the applications and submit them to WAMPO. City Engineer Anne Stephens and PEC consultants will be at the meeting to answer questions.

**Executive Session (Item XII)**

Staff is requesting three separate executive sessions.