



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7651 E. Central Park Ave, Bel Aire, KS
March 15, 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, Dr. Joel Schroeder, Justin Smith, and John Welch. Diane Wynn was absent.

Also present were City Manager Ty Lasher, City Attorney Jacqueline Kelly, City Engineer Anne Stephens, and City Clerk Melissa Krehbiel.

III. OPENING PRAYER: John Barkett 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. Minutes of the March 1, 2022 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 4-0.***

VII. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE

A. Consideration of Appropriations Ordinance 22-05 in the amount of \$593,153.94.

MOTION: Councilmember Davied moved to accept Appropriations Ordinance 22-05. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 4-0.***

VIII. CITY REQUESTED APPEARANCES: None.

IX. CITIZEN CONCERNS:

Bruce Roepke, 4300 N Rushwood Cir, spoke regarding concerns about protecting the tree canopy in Bel Aire. He asked if any existing regulations protect existing trees.

X. REPORTS

A. Council Member Reports: No reports were given.

B. Mayor's Report

Mayor Benage reported on the most recent meeting of the Sedgwick County Association of Cities (SCAC).

C. City Attorney Report

City Attorney Kelly gave an update on bills currently being discussed in the Kansas legislature.

D. City Manager Report

City Manager Lasher reported that most trash and recycling customers in Bel Aire will have new pick-up days, due to Waste Connections making changes to their routes. Waste Connections will send a postcard to each customer notifying them of the change and residents can see the information on the city's website.

Spring Fest, including an egg hunt, will be held at the Rec Center on April 9th.

XI. SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Councilmember Dr. Joel Schroeder announced that he is resigning from his position as Councilmember because he is moving out of Bel Aire for a new job. He stated he has enjoyed living here and will miss it. He encouraged the Council and Bel Aire residents to think long-term about how infrastructure may be maintained in the future if Bel Aire stops growing. Other communities are also facing these challenges. Will infrastructure for current residential developments be able to be maintained without new tax dollars and specials from new developments? He encouraged Bel Aire residents and Councilmembers to be mindful of this.

Mayor Benage thanked Dr. Schroeder for his service and presented him with a plaque and a medal.

XII. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND FINAL ACTIONS

A. Consideration of accepting a bid for Rock Spring 4th Paving Improvements. Three bids were received:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Paving</u>
Kansas Paving	\$728,675.80

Pearson	\$711,632.30
Prado	\$776,142.00
<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	<i>\$741,900.00</i>

MOTION: Councilmember Smith moved to accept the bid from Pearson Construction in the amount of \$711,632.30 for Rock Spring 4th Paving Improvements and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents. Councilmember Schroeder seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 4-0.***

B. Consideration of purchasing a new pump for the Rock Road Lift Station.

MOTION: Councilmember Davied moved to accept the quote from JCI in the amount of \$37,501.00 for a new pump for the Rock Road Lift Station and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents. Councilmember Welch seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 4-0.***

C. Consideration of A Resolution Of Support For A State-Owned Mental Health Hospital In Sedgwick County, Kansas.

Mayor Benage invited citizen comments on this matter. John Barkett, 6223 Perryton Street, spoke in favor of the Resolution. He stated that he worked as a chaplain at the Larned state mental hospital and observed that patients from Sedgwick County had to travel a long distance to reach the hospital and often had transportation issues when they were released.

MOTION: Councilmember Smith moved to accept A Resolution Of Support For A State-Owned Mental Health Hospital In Sedgwick County, Kansas and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Schroeder seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 4-0.***

D. Consideration of a Farm Lease with Eldon and Harris Entz for Lots 6 & 7, Block B of the Sunflower Commerce Park.

MOTION: Councilmember Schroeder moved to approve the Farm Lease with Eldon and Harris Entz for Lots 6 & 7, Block B of the Sunflower Commerce Park and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Davied seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 3-0-1*** with Councilmember Welch abstaining from the vote.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was no need for an executive session.

XIV. DISCUSSION AND FUTURE ISSUES: No other issues were discussed.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Councilmember Welch moved to adjourn. Councilmember Schroeder seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 4-0.***

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.