



**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**7651 E. Central Park Ave, Bel Aire, KS**  
**March 04, 2025 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, City Engineer Anne Stephens, Director of Recreation Brian Hayes, Director of Finance Barry Smith, Chairman Terri Ercolani of the Utility Advisory Committee, City Clerk Melissa Krehbiel, and Bond Counsel Kevin Cowan of Gilmore & Bell, PA.

**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. PROCLAMATION**

**A. American Red Cross Month - March 2025**

Mayor Benage read and signed the proclamation.

**VI. DETERMINE AGENDA ADDITIONS:** There were no additions.

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes of the February 18, 2025 City Council meeting.**
- B. Approve Shocker Fireworks to be located at 4620 N Oliver as qualifying for Fireworks Retail Sales Permit pending Sedgwick County Fire Marshall inspection.**
- C. Approve Waz Up Fireworks, LLC to be located at 9745 E 50th St N (Clinic In A Can) as qualifying for Fireworks Retail Sales Permit pending Sedgwick County Fire Marshall inspection.**

- D. **Approve Wholesale Fireworks to be located at 6334 E. Crestmark Street as qualifying for Fireworks Retail Sales Permit pending Sedgwick County Fire Marshall inspection.**
- E. **Accept a petition for Paving Improvements to serve Arthur Heights Estates.**
- F. **Accept a petition for Water Distribution System Improvements to serve Arthur Heights Estates.**
- G. **Adopt A Resolution Determining The Advisability Of The Making Of Certain Internal Improvements In The City Of Bel Aire, Kansas; Making Certain Findings With Respect Thereto; Authorizing And Providing For The Making Of The Improvements In Accordance With Such Findings (Street Improvements/Arthur Heights Estates); And Amending, Restating And Repealing Resolution No. R-2023-08.**
- H. **Adopt A Resolution Determining The Advisability Of The Making Of Certain Internal Improvements In The City Of Bel Aire, Kansas; Making Certain Findings With Respect Thereto; Authorizing And Providing For The Making Of The Improvements In Accordance With Such Findings (Water Distribution System Improvements/Arthur Heights Estates).**

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

#### **VIII. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE**

- A. **Consideration of Appropriations Ordinance No. 25-04 in the amount of \$278,692.88.**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Dehn moved to approve Appropriations Ordinance No. 25-04. Councilmember Schmitz seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

#### **IX. CITY REQUESTED APPEARANCES**

- A. **Ken Lee, Garver - award presentation**

Mr. Lee presented a plaque for the ACEC Engineering Excellence Award. The award recognizes Garver Engineering, LLC and the City of Bel Aire for the Cozy Drive paving project.

#### **X. CITIZEN CONCERNS:** No one spoke.

#### **XI. REPORTS**

- A. **Council Member Reports**

Tyler Dehn reminded residents that the Bel Aire Chamber will hold its monthly luncheon tomorrow. He attended the KDOT transportation safety conference yesterday and plans to attend tomorrow. He reported that he was selected for the Champion's Institute for Smart Growth Cities.

Councilmember Welch reported he recently gave blood.

Councilmember Hamburg reported on the latest CCUA meeting.

## **B. Mayor's Report**

Mayor's Report briefly reported on the February 27<sup>th</sup> CCUA meeting. A special CCUA meeting will be held on Thursday via Zoom to consider a bond resolution for the plant expansion. The following week, Bel Aire and Park City will consider Ordinances related to the bonds. On March 3<sup>rd</sup> he attended a reception for CEO Kathy Warden of Northrup Grumman.

## **C. City Attorney Report**

City Attorney Maria Schrock briefly reported on the pros and cons of an auto-renewal agreement, like the program partner agreement on the agenda tonight.

## **D. City Manager Report**

City Manager Ted Henry gave a progress report on the implementation of the new ERP software.

# **XII. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND FINAL ACTIONS**

## **A. Consideration of approving a bid for Paving Improvements to serve Arthur Heights Estates. Four bids were received:**

<b><u>Bidder</u></b>	<b><u>Total Bid</u></b>
<i>Engineer's Est</i>	\$242,346.00
APAC	\$361,732.25
Kansas Paving	\$324,122.00
Pearson	\$337,997.00
Prado	\$310,520.00

**MOTION:** Councilmember Schmitz moved to accept the bid from Prado Construction in the amount of \$310,520.00 for Paving Improvements to serve Arthur Heights Estates and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents. Councilmember Davied seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

## **B. Consideration of A Program Partner Agreement with Wichita Gymnastics, LLC**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Davied moved to approve a Program Partner Agreement with Wichita Gymnastics, LLC as an Automatic Renewal Agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign with the addition of 30 days in the Item 2 blank. Councilmember Dehn seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

## **C. Consideration of Municipal Water Conservation Plan 2025, recommended for approval by the Utility Advisory Committee on 02/12/25.**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Welch moved to adopt the Municipal Water Conservation Plan 2025 as amended to strike Trigger 3 from Stage 4 (p.16), authorize the Mayor to sign, and submit to the City of Wichita. Councilmember Davied seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-1* with Councilmember Schmitz voting against the motion.

**D. Consideration of approving a quote for Computer Replacements for 2025 at a cost not to exceed \$27,697.93.**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Welch moved to approve the quote from ImagineIT for Computer Replacement Program 2025 at a cost not-to-exceed \$27,697. Councilmember Davied seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

**XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Hamburg moved to recess into executive session to discuss with legal counsel and receive legal advice related to pending litigation. The discussion will be pursuant to K.S.A. 75- 4319 (b)(2) for legal consultation with Neil Gosch, which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship. Invite the City Manager, City Engineer, City Attorney, and Katherine Chlumsky. The meeting will be for a period of 15 minutes, and the open meeting will resume in City Council Chambers at 8:15 p.m. Councilmember Dehn seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

The Council then recessed for Executive Session. At 8:16 p.m. Mayor Benage called the meeting to order in open session and stated that no binding action had been taken.

**XIV. DISCUSSION AND FUTURE ISSUES**

**A. Council Workshop - March 11 at 7:00 p.m.?**

The Council briefly discussed the agenda for the upcoming workshop, which will be held next Tuesday. City Manager Ted Henry noted that a special meeting of the City Council will be held at 7:00 p.m. immediately before the workshop, to discuss CCUA bonds.

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

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