



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7651 E. Central Park Ave, Bel Aire, KS
February 17, 2026 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, Brandon McIntosh, and Mike Proctor were present.

Also present were City Manager Ted Henry, City Attorney Maria Schrock, Director of Public Works Marty McGee, City Engineer Anne Stephens, and City Clerk Melissa Krehbiel.

III. OPENING PRAYER: Gary Green provided the opening prayer.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Mayor Jim Benage led the pledge of allegiance.

V. DETERMINE AGENDA ADDITIONS: There were no additions.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes of the February 3, 2026 City Council meeting.

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

VII. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE

A. Consideration of Appropriations Ordinance No. 26-03 in the amount of \$1,117,609.85.

MOTION: Councilmember Dehn moved to approve Appropriations Ordinance No. 26-03. Councilmember Hamburg seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

VIII. CITY REQUESTED APPEARANCES

A. Garver - Proposed Improvements to 45th Street

Ken Lee, Garver, gave a project overview presentation for proposed sidewalks, and other improvements on 45th Street. He also gave an update on two other projects: the 53rd Street – Oliver to Woodlawn sidewalk project is tentatively scheduled to start on March 2nd; and for the Aurora Park project, they are working on final stabilization and closeout.

IX. CITIZEN CONCERNS: No one spoke.

X. REPORTS

A. Council Member Reports

Councilmember McIntosh reported he attended the K-254 open house last week and the bike-ped open house tonight.

Councilmember Hamburg reported she attended K-254 open house and the bike-ped open house. She noted that the KDOT survey for K-254 is still open on the City's website and encouraged residents to complete survey.

Councilmember Proctor attended the K-254 open house and the bike-ped open house. He also attended the latest Bel Aire Chamber Of Commerce meeting, where he was elected as secretary.

Councilmember Davied attended the bike-ped open house.

Councilmember Dehn attended the monthly Bel Aire Chamber of Commerce meeting, the K-254 open house, and a meeting last Friday morning with KDOT and Wilson & Company regarding K-254. He attended the bike-ped open house today and thanked those who attended.

B. Mayor's Report

Mayor Benage gave a presentation about property taxes at the recent Bel Aire Chamber meeting. He also attended the K-254 open house and the bike-ped open house. Mayor Benage spent last Thursday and Friday in Topeka. He has been working on a House Bill regarding agreements between local governments concerning shared roads. He also testified about House Bill 2745 regarding property taxes.

C. City Attorney Report – No report.

D. City Manager Report

City Manager Ted Henry reported on current projects. Final asphalt was laid last week for the Aurora Park Project. The 53rd street sidewalk project is scheduled to begin on March 2nd. Bids for the street maintenance project will be taken tomorrow. Next week, officials will meet for preliminary discussion of installing a crosswalk on Woodlawn. Everygy will soon begin replacing defective blue light bulbs in streetlights around the city. Last week, Mr. Henry and Mayor Benage sat in interviews for the new Attorney for the Chisholm Creek Utility Authority. At the recent K-254 open house at Northeast Magnet High School, about 100 people attended. On Friday, about 50 people attended the K-254 meeting at City Hall. Next Thursday, Mr. Henry will give a presentation at the Women in Commercial Real Estate meeting in Bel Aire. Finally, he noted that the Tree Board meets next Monday at 6 p.m.

XI. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND FINAL ACTIONS

- A. **Consideration of An Agreement for Federal-Aid Construction Engineering Inspection Services By Consultant (Cost Plus Net Fee CE Agreement) by and between the City of Bel Aire, Kansas, Sedgwick County, and the Kansas Department of Transportation for the 53rd Street Multi-Use Path (KDOT BLP Project No 87 N-0806-01).**

MOTION: Councilmember Hamburg moved to accept An Agreement for Federal-Aid Construction Engineering Inspection Services with Sedgwick County, and the Kansas Department of Transportation for the 53rd Street Multi-Use Path and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Proctor seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

- B. **Consideration of a Contract between the Secretary of Transportation, Kansas Department of Transportation and the City of Bel Aire, Kansas for participation in the High Risk Urban Roads Program (Project No. U-2611-01, KDOT Bureau of Transportation Safety).**

MOTION: Councilmember Dehn moved to approve the Contract between the Secretary of Transportation, Kansas Department of Transportation and the City of Bel Aire, Kansas for participation in the High Risk Urban Roads Program and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Proctor seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

- C. **Consideration of a Purchase Contract for (1) New Forklift at \$37,563.70.**

MOTION: Councilmember Davied moved to Approve a Purchase Contract with Lift Truck Center for 1 New Forklift at a cost not to exceed \$37,563.70 and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember McIntosh seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

- D. **Consideration of A Resolution of the Governing Body of the City Of Bel Aire, Kansas Amending Its Resolution No. R-22-37, Which Relates to the Advisability of Issuing Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds for the Purpose of Financing the Acquiring, Equipping and Constructing Of a Storage Facility to be Located in the City (Bel Aire Secure Storage, LLC).**

MOTION: Councilmember McIntosh moved to adopt A Resolution of the Governing Body of the City Of Bel Aire, Kansas Amending Its Resolution No. R-22-37, Which Relates to the Advisability of Issuing Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds for the Purpose of Financing the Acquiring, Equipping and Constructing Of a Storage Facility to be Located in the City and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Dehn seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. **MOTION:** Councilmember McIntosh 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 Neil Gosch, Katherine Chlumsky, City Manager, City Attorney and City Engineer. The meeting will be

for a period of 30 minutes, and the open meeting will resume in City Council Chambers at 8:30 p.m. Councilmember Davied seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

The Council then recessed for Executive Session. At 8:31 p.m., Mayor Benage called the meeting back to order and stated that no binding action had been taken.

- B. MOTION:** Councilmember Proctor moved to recess into executive session to discuss the performance review of the City Attorney. The discussion will be pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. The meeting will be for a period of 10 minutes, and the open meeting will resume in City Council Chambers at 8:41 p.m. Councilmember Davied seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

The Council then recessed for Executive Session. At 8:42 p.m., Mayor Benage called the meeting back to order and stated that no binding action had been taken.

XIII. DISCUSSION AND FUTURE ISSUES

A. Discussion of WAMPO Call For Projects

Anne Stephens, City Engineer spoke to Council about identifying projects for the Call for Projects from Wichita Area Metropolitan Policy , due March 2nd. The Council discussed previously identified projects. There was a consensus that the 45th Street Project could be submitted.

Mayor Benage also presented a draft letter regarding support for K-254 improvements. Council Members requested more time to review the letter.

No official action was taken.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Jim Benage, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Krehbiel, City Clerk