



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7651 E. Central Park Ave, Bel Aire, KS
February 03, 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 Tyler Dehn, Emily Hamburg, Brandon McIntosh, and Mike Proctor. Councilmember Greg Davied participated via videoconference.

Also present were City Manager Ted Henry, City Attorney Maria Schrock, Director of Finance Barry Smith, and City Clerk Melissa Krehbiel.

III. OPENING PRAYER: Dr. Robert Lindsted 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. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE

A. Consideration of Appropriations Ordinance No. 26-02 in the amount of \$717,445.11.

MOTION: Councilmember McIntosh moved to approve Appropriations Ordinance No. 26-02. Councilmember Dehn seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

VII. CITY REQUESTED APPEARANCES: None

VIII. CITIZEN CONCERNS: No one spoke.

IX. REPORTS

A. Council Member Reports

Councilmember Hamburg reported on the latest meeting of the Chisholm Creek Utility Authority (CCUA).

Councilmember Proctor reported he fielded a citizen's concern about a code violation.

Councilmember Dehn reported he attended the latest meeting of the steering committee for the K-254 Corridor Development Association. Councilmember Dehn reminded everyone that the Bel Aire Chamber monthly meeting will be held this Thursday. He also reminded residents to attend the K-254 Open House on Thursday at Northeast Magnet High School. He encouraged K-254 Corridor Development Association members to attend the meeting with Wilson & Company on Friday at City Hall.

Councilmember Davied reported he attended the latest meeting of CCUA, and the League of Kansas Municipalities Elected Officials Day in Topeka on January 28th.

B. Mayor's Report

Mayor Benage briefly reported on Local Government Day on January 28th, and the most recent CCUA meeting. He noted that Representative Steve Brunk has introduced a bill regarding local government agreements for shared roads. On Thursday, Mayor Benage will speak at the Bel Aire Chamber of Commerce meeting. He encouraged everyone to attend the K-254 meeting at Northeast Magnet High School on Thursday.

C. City Attorney Report

City Attorney Maria Schrock gave a brief update on upcoming topics to be considered by the Kansas Legislature. Topics include by-right housing development, competency evaluations in Municipal Courts, allowing golf carts on sidewalks, and a bill requiring cities to gain permission from the Kansas Attorney General before entering into contingency fee contracts for legal services.

D. City Manager Report

City Manager Ted Henry thanked the Public Works department for clearing streets during the recent snow event. He reminded everyone about the Chamber meeting, and K-254 open house. The City will hold a public open house for the proposed Bicycle-Pedestrian path on February 17th at 5:30 p.m. He noted that discussion of the City's capital improvement plan will begin soon. In other news, the old playground equipment was recently removed at the Recreation Center. The old equipment will go to a local church.

X. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND FINAL ACTIONS

A. Consideration of electing a President of the Council.

MOTION: Councilmember Davied moved to elect Councilmember Hamburg as President of the Council. Councilmember Dehn seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

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B. Consideration of the First Amendment to the Development Agreement for Chapel Landing 7th.

MOTION: Councilmember Hamburg moved to approve the First Amendment to the Development Agreement for Chapel Landing 7th and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember McIntosh seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

C. Consideration of A Purchase Contract for 2026 Computer Replacements (11 new computers) at \$14,955.89.

MOTION: Councilmember McIntosh moved to approve a Purchase Contract with Imagine IT for (11) new computers at a cost not to exceed \$14,955.89 and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Davied seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

XI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes of the January 20, 2026 regular City Council meeting.

B. Approval of Minutes of the January 27, 2026 Special City Council Meeting.

C. Adopt A Resolution Repealing Resolution No. R-2024-25, Which Related to Water Distribution Improvements and Established an Improvement District for Chapel Landing 7th Addition and authorize the Mayor to sign.

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

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. MOTION: Councilmember Hamburg moved to recess into executive session to discuss information related to the city's financial interest pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(4) to discuss data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships. Invite the City Manager and City Attorney. The meeting will be for a period of 10 minutes, and the open meeting will resume in City Council Chambers at 7:38 p.m. Councilmember Dehn seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

The Council then recessed for Executive Session. At 7:39 p.m., Mayor Benage called the meeting to order in open session and stated that no binding action had been taken.

XIII. DISCUSSION AND FUTURE ISSUES

A. Workshop - February 10, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

The Council briefly discussed recent requests from fireworks vendors to extend fireworks dates. Councilmembers Hamburg, Dehn, McIntosh and Proctor stated they were not in support of extending. Councilmember Davied said he might support one extra day but not more. No official action was taken by the Council.

City Manager Ted Henry briefly listed topics that will be on the workshop agenda.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Jim Benage, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Krehbiel, City Clerk