

MANAGERS REPORT



DATE: January 12, 2023
TO: Mayor Benage and City Council
FROM: Ty Lasher, City Manager
RE: January 17, 2023 Agenda

Consent Agenda (Item VI)

The consent agenda contains only the Minutes of the January 3, 2023 City Council meeting.

Appropriations Ordinance (Item VII)

This reporting period covers late 2022 and early 2023 expenses and includes one payroll period. Annual renewals, dues, and subscriptions include \$4,020 to Patti Partnership/Civic Plus for website renewal, \$8,866 to Lexipol for PD training software, and \$14,192 to Saltus Tech for PD Digiticket. The City paid Burns and McDonnell Engineering \$69,084 which brings their total to \$169,528 thus far.

City Requested Appearances (Item VIII)

Pat Herman with Garver Engineering will be at the meeting to give an update on the Woodlawn Expansion.

Gravel Road Task Force Appointments (Item A)

Mayor Benage was approached by Marty Couey, Logan Schrage, Chad Crittenden and Sean Matheny to be on the Gravel Roads Task Force. All individuals live in Aurora Park and have attended meetings in the past.

Bel Aire Chamber of Commerce Funding Policy (Item B)

Gary O'Neal, Bel Aire Chamber of Commerce President, attended the December 20, 2022 Council meeting and gave a year-end report of 2022. For fiscal year 2022, the city granted \$20,000 to fund the Bel Aire Chamber of Commerce for 2022 and included the same amount in the 2023 budget. Chamber President O'Neal requested \$20,000 in funding for 2023. Staff updated the Chamber Funding Policy for 2023 to include that dollar amount requested which is included in your packet.

Garver Engineering Design (Item C)

Council decided to move forward on engineering design of 45th street from Oliver to Woodlawn. This project is on the list for future WAMPO funding, meaning KDOT will be involved. Per KDOT requirements, engineers are selected using a Request for Qualifications. Our City Engineer drafted the RFQ and sent it to most of the engineering firms in the Wichita metro area with three responding. Mayor Benage created an interview committee consisting of City Engineer Anne Stephens, Councilmembers Greg Davied and Tyler Dehn, as well as himself. Interviews were held with Garver, PEC and MKEC. The Committee recommended Garver, and the City Council accepted their recommendation at the December 6, 2022 meeting, instructing staff to negotiate a fee. After meeting with Anne and Garver representatives, we have created two options for Council to consider. The first option is a basic version that simply designs the 3-lane road with a signalized intersection at Oliver. The second option is more extensive and what was presented to the committee: looking at possible road realignment and a round-about at Oliver and access control along the road, as well as possible drainage improvements. For Council's information, MKEC charged \$570,000 for the design of Woodlawn from 45th to 37th including the signalized intersection of 45th. Using the consumer price index increase of 16% from 2019 – 2022, the estimated cost for engineering design of a mile of road similar to Woodlawn would be \$661,000 if all other things were equal. In addition, engineering fees are typically estimated at 8% for subdivision development work. 45th is most likely a \$12 million dollar project so would expect around \$960,000 in engineering design. Therefore, both Option A and B are in the ballpark. Council heard a brief presentation from Garver at the January 3rd meeting but tabled action to discuss funding at the January 10th workshop. Discussion occurred at the January workshop which identify money available to pay for the engineering in 2023. Consideration is back on the agenda for this meeting.

City of Bel Aire 2023 Legislative Priorities (Item D):

The legislation season is upon us at the state and federal levels. Every year, both legislative bodies meet to consider new legislation. Often, bills are introduced that negatively or positively impact the City of Bel Aire. The League of Kansas Municipalities (LKM) creates a legislative platform and helps lobby for cities. The Regional Economic Area Partnership (REAP), which represents south central Kansas, also creates a legislative platform. Included in your packet is the 2022 Bel Aire priorities and 2023 REAP / LKM platforms. Council reviewed both platforms at the January 10th workshop and came up with a short list of priorities specifically affecting the

City of Bel Aire. The City Attorney drafted a letter outlining the legislative priorities for Bel Aire in 2023 based on Council input from the workshop. You can certainly make any changes during the meeting and prior to approving the letter to be signed and sent.

Executive Session (Item XII)

Staff is requesting an executive session with language contained on the agenda.