



**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**7651 E. Central Park Ave, Bel Aire, KS**  
**July 18, 2023 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 Councilmembers Greg Davied, Justin Smith, and John Welch. Councilmember Emily Hamburg participated via videoconference. Councilmember Tyler Dehn was absent.

Also present were City Manager Ty Lasher, City Attorney Maria Schrock, 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 Benage led the pledge of allegiance.

**V. DETERMINE AGENDA ADDITIONS**

**A. Consideration of adding Item C, Purchase of an Autosampler, to Final Actions.**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Welch moved to approve the addition of Item C, purchase of an autosampler, to Final Actions. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 4-0.***

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Minutes of the July 11, 2023 City Council meeting.**

**B. Accept Petitions for Drainage, Paving, Sanitary Sewer, and Water Distribution System Improvements to serve Sunflower Commerce Park Third Addition.**

**C. Accept Resolutions Determining The Advisability Of The Making Of Certain Internal Improvements In The City Of Bel Aire, Kansas; Making Certain Findings With Respect Thereto; And Authorizing And Providing For The Making Of The Improvements In Accordance With Such Findings (Paving, Sanitary Sewer, Storm Drainage and Water Improvements / Sunflower Commerce Park Third Addition).**

- D. Confirm the Mayor's reappointment of Bill Moss to Seat 5 on the Utility Advisory Committee. The term will expire on August 1, 2026.**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda 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 No 23-13 in the amount of \$688,088.03.**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Davied moved to accept Appropriations Ordinance No 23-13. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 4-0.***

## **VIII. CITY REQUESTED APPEARANCES**

- A. Woodlawn Construction Update - Pat Herman, Garver**

Pat Herman, Garver, gave an update on construction progress and stood for questions from the Council.

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

## **X. REPORTS**

- A. Council Member Reports: No reports were given.**

- B. Mayor's Report**

- Mayor Benage briefly reported on a conference he attended at WSU regarding mental health and substance abuse, and the most recent meetings of the Bel Aire Utility Advisory Committee and the Sedgwick County Fire District 1 Steering Council.
- Mayor Benage also attended a press conference on July 14<sup>th</sup> regarding new direct flight service from Wichita to the Washington D.C. area.
- He briefly reported on a meeting he attended on July 12th with the Superintendent of USD 259.
- Mayor Benage encouraged residents to continue supporting businesses on Woodlawn during the construction project.

- C. City Attorney Report**

City Attorney Maria Schrock reported that she recently met with City Attorneys from two neighboring cities. She has also reviewed contracts and worked on in-house projects with City staff.

- D. City Manager Report**

City Manager Ty Lasher reported that City staff is looking into short-term solutions for the potholes on 53<sup>rd</sup> Street between Oliver and Woodlawn, such as reducing the speed limit

and making temporary repairs. Staff will bring suggestions for long-term solutions to the City Council in the coming months.

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

### **A. Consideration of an Agreement Between City Of Bel Aire And TranSystems Corporation For Professional Services (Integra Site Access Transportation Plan).**

Brett Letkowski, Senior Vice President of TranSystems, stood for questions from the City Council.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Smith moved to accept the Agreement Between City Of Bel Aire And TranSystems Corporation For Professional Services as presented. Councilmember Welch seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 4-0.***

### **B. Consideration of an Agreement for Professional Services with Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH) for Engineering Design services for the water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer and paving improvements to serve the first phase of Sunflower Commerce Park 3rd in the amount of \$261,200.**

Jake Vasa, P.E. represented Short Elliot Hendrickson and stood for questions from the City Council. City Engineer Anne Stephens also answered questions from the Council. City Attorney Maria Schrock reviewed recent changes requested by City staff which were incorporated into the proposed agreement.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Davied moved to approve an Agreement for Professional Services with Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH) for Engineering Design services for the water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer and paving improvements to serve the first phase of Sunflower Commerce Park 3rd in the amount of \$261,200 and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 4-0.***

### **C. Consideration of purchasing a wastewater autosampler.**

City Engineer Anne Stephens stood for questions from the Council.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Smith moved to accept the quote from Haynes Equipment Co in the amount of \$10,855.00 for the 5800 Refrigerated Sampler w/ Heater and appurtenances and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents. Councilmember Welch seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 4-0.***

## **XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **A. Executive Session**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Welch moved to go into executive session for the sole purpose of discussing the subject of Attorney Client consultation about preliminary contract negotiations pursuant to the KSA 75-4319 exception for: Attorney Client Privilege. Invite the City Manager, City Attorney and City Engineer. The meeting will be for a period of 25 minutes and the open meeting will resume in the City Council Chambers at 8:10 PM. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 4-0.***

The Council then held an executive session. At 8:11 p.m. Mayor Benage called the meeting back to order in open session and stated that no binding action had been taken.

**XIII. DISCUSSION AND FUTURE ISSUES:** There was no discussion.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:12 p.m., Councilmember Hamburg left the meeting early due to a lost video connection.

**MOTION:** At 8:12 p.m., Councilmember Davied moved to adjourn. Councilmember Welch seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 3-0.***