



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7651 E. Central Park Ave, Bel Aire, KS
June 04, 2024 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, Tyler Dehn, Emily Hamburg, Justin Smith, and John Welch. Also present were City Manager Ted Henry, City Attorney Maria Schrock, City Engineer Anne Stephens, and City Clerk Melissa Krehbiel.

III. OPENING PRAYER: Mark Posson provided the opening prayer.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Mayor Benage led the pledge of allegiance.

V. PROCLAMATION

A. National Flag Week June 9-15, 2024

Mayor Benage read and signed the Proclamation.

VI. DETERMINE AGENDA ADDITIONS: There were no additions.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes of the May 21, 2024 City Council meeting.

B. Accept a Resolution designating authorized signers for Stryv Bank.

C. Approve a 2% rate increase for solid waste and recycling services fees paid by the City to Waste Connections effective June 1, 2024. Any changes to the rate the City of Bel Aire charges to customers for trash and recycling service will be discussed and approved by Resolution.

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

VIII. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE

A. Consideration of Appropriations Ordinance No. 24-10 in the amount of \$1,501,145.90.

MOTION: Councilmember Dehn moved to approve Appropriations Ordinance No. 24-10. Councilmember Davied seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

IX. CITY REQUESTED APPEARANCES: None.

X. CITIZEN CONCERNS: No one spoke.

XI. REPORTS

A. Council Member Reports

Councilmember Hamburg briefly reported on the latest meeting of the Chisholm Creek Utility Authority (CCUA) and the June 1st cleanup of Bel Aire Park by the Tree Board and community volunteers. She also encouraged residents to support the Lions Club's concession stand at Bel Aire Recreation ball games this summer.

Councilmember Smith briefly reported on the latest meeting of CCUA.

Councilmember Dehn briefly reported on the K-254 Corridor Management Plan meeting and the 53rd Street public information meeting. He also volunteered at the Bel Aire Recreation summer camp's fishing day. He reminded citizens that a walking event will be held at Eagle Lake Park on Saturday at 9 a.m.

B. Mayor's Report

Mayor Benage reported that, to date, he has received 5 applications for appointment to the City Council. Applications can be submitted on the City's website or emailed to Mayor Benage with a letter of interest and a resume. The deadline is this Friday, June 7th.

He briefly reported on the K-254 Corridor Management Plan meeting and the May 23rd CCUA meeting. He encouraged citizens to attend the regional transportation plan meeting that will be held at City Hall tomorrow evening.

C. City Attorney Report

City Attorney Maria Schrock briefly reported on staff training regarding the sewer use ordinance, and on the special ballot question regarding Charter Ordinance 25 which will appear on the August 6th primary election ballot.

D. City Manager Report

City Manager Ted Henry reported on the recent meetings with the Tree Board, the Public Works Department the police department regarding officer retention, and the 53rd Street

reconstruction meeting. He encouraged citizens to reach out to City staff with any concerns or questions about 53rd street. He thanked the Tree Board and community members for their work at the park cleanup. He also briefly reported on recent staff activities, including the software conversion, recreation center activities and statistics from the building and zoning department. Over the last five months, the building and zoning department has processed over 381 total permits and completed 1,178 inspections in the last 5 months. The City is projected to issue 150 new construction permits this year.

XII. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND FINAL ACTIONS

A. Consideration of a request to continue Partnership with PBS Kansas. Victor Hogstrom, PBS Kansas President & CEO, will be present to answer questions from the Council.

Victor Hogstrom, PBS Kansas President & CEO, presented the request and stood for questions from the Council.

MOTION: Councilmember Hamburg moved to deny the request for Partnership with PBS Kansas. Councilmember Davied seconded the motion. *Motion failed 2-3* with Councilmembers Smith, Welch and Dehn voting against the motion.

MOTION: Councilmember Smith moved to accept the request for Partnership with PBS Kansas in the amount of \$4,000. Councilmember Davied seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-1* with Councilmember Hamburg voting against the motion.

Mayor Benage requested a Motion to amend the agenda, to go to executive session.

MOTION: Councilmember Smith motioned to move Agenda Item XIII A (Executive Session) before XII B. Councilmember Dehn seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

Item XIII A. (Executive Session)

MOTION: Councilmember Welch moved to go into executive session for the sole purpose of discussing the subject of: attorney-client consultation regarding contractual obligations pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) for consultation with an attorney for the public body or agency which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship. Invite the City Manager, City Attorney, City Engineer, and Neil Gosch. The meeting will be for a period of 30 minutes, and the open meeting will resume in City Council Chambers at 8:15 p.m. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

The Council recessed to Executive Session. At 8:17 p.m. the Council returned from Executive Session. Mayor Benage noted that Councilmember Dehn was not present. Councilmember Dehn returned at 8:18 p.m. Mayor Benage then called the meeting to order in open session.

B. Consideration of A Resolution Of The City Of Bel Aire, Kansas Establishing Curbside Recycling System And Residential Solid Waste Collection Administration Fees.

MOTION: Councilmember Smith moved to accept the Resolution Of The City Of Bel Aire, Kansas Establishing Curbside Recycling System And Residential Solid Waste Collection Administration Fees and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Davied seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

C. Consideration of the Sidewalk Replacement Program Fiscal Year 2024.

MOTION: Councilmember Welch moved to table the Sidewalk Replacement Program Fiscal Year 2024. Councilmember Hamburg seconded the motion. *Motion failed 1-4,* with Councilmembers Davied, Dehn, Hamburg and Smith voting against the motion.

MOTION: Councilmember Smith moved to approve the Sidewalk Replacement Program Fiscal Year 2024 and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Davied seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-1* with Councilmember Welch voting against the motion.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Executive Session: *This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.*

B. MOTION: Councilmember Hamburg moved to recess into executive session to discuss CCUA negotiations pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2): for legal consultation with the City Attorney which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship. Invite the City Manager and City Attorney. The meeting will be for a period of 20 minutes, and the open meeting will resume in City Council Chambers at 9:23 p.m. Councilmember Dehn seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

The Council recessed to Executive Session. At 9:23 p.m. the Council returned from Executive Session. Mayor Benage then called the meeting to order in open session.

XIV. DISCUSSION AND FUTURE ISSUES

A. City Council Workshop - June 11, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.?

The Council briefly discussed the agenda for the workshop which will be held at 6:30 p.m. on June 11th.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

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