



**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
7651 E. Central Park Ave, Bel Aire, KS  
April 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 Greg Davied, Tyler Dehn, Emily Hamburg, Justin Smith, and John Welch.

Also present were City Manager Ty Lasher, Interim City Attorney Jennifer Hill, City Engineer Anne Stephens, Director of Public Works Marty McGee, and City Clerk Melissa Krehbiel.

**III. OPENING PRAYER:** Pastor 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:** There were no additions.

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve Minutes of the April 4, 2023 City Council meeting.**
- B. Approve an application by Seiko, LLC (dba Mirai Ramen & Sushi) for license to sell cereal malt beverages for consumption on the premises at 6254 E 37th St N Ste 180, Bel Aire, KS.**
- C. Accept Zoning Certificate related to liquor license application (Mirai Ramen & Sushi) for premises at 6254 E 37th St N, STE 180, Bel Aire, 67220.**

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

**VII. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE**

- A. Consideration of Appropriations Ordinance No 23-07 in the amount of \$1,714,488.12.**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Davied moved to approve Appropriations Ordinance No 23-07. Councilmember Dehn seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

**VIII. CITY REQUESTED APPEARANCES: Special Presentation to Gary Northwall**

Mayor Benage presented a plaque to Gary Northwall and thanked him for his 13 years of service as the Chairman of the Tree Board. Mr. Northwall said he will continue to serve as a member of the board and he invited the public to the Arbor Day Celebration on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

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

**X. REPORTS**

**A. Council Member Reports**

Councilmember Welch briefly reported on the K-254 Corridor Development Association meeting held last Friday.

Councilmember Hamburg reported that she served on the City Attorney selection committee these past couple of weeks. She thanked the Rec Center staff and volunteers for their work on the indoor soccer season that just wrapped up; 182 players participated. She briefly reported on topics discussed at the Legacy Banquet held by Sunrise Christian Academy. Councilmember Hamburg also reminded residents that E-recycle and Shred Day will be held next Saturday at City Hall.

Councilmember Dehn briefly reported on the latest Bel Aire Chamber luncheon, the K-254 Corridor Development Association meeting, and the Federal Issues Forum hosted by the Wichita Chamber of Commerce. He noted that the Parks survey is still open and he encouraged residents to go to the City's website to complete the survey.

Councilmember Davied briefly reported on the K-254 Corridor Association meeting.

**B. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Benage reported that Woodlawn will be closed at the railroad crossing from tomorrow into July. He noted that Los Compas restaurant has closed and encouraged residents to continue to support Dollar General during the construction. Mayor Benage briefly reported on the Kansas Mayor's Conference and the latest meeting of the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Policy Body (WAMPO TPB).

**C. City Attorney Report – No report was given.**

**D. City Manager Report**

City Manager Lasher reported on recent growth in the City. In 2022, 150 new meters were added for the year. During the first quarter of 2023 (the winter months of January, February, and March), the City added 50 new meters.

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

- A. Consideration of approving Bel Aire's cost share of \$11,100.00 to KDOT for the K-254 Corridor Management Plan.**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Welch moved to approve Bel Aire's cost share payment of \$11,100.00 to KDOT for the K-254 Corridor Management Plan and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

- B. Consideration of authorizing the purchase of a used Vac Truck for Public Works at a price not to exceed \$280,000. The City Manager and Public Works Director will negotiate the purchase when a used truck that meets certain specifications becomes available.**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Smith moved to authorize the City Manager to negotiate the purchase of a used Vac Truck for Public Works, meeting certain specifications listed in the staff report, for a price not to exceed \$280,000. Councilmember Welch seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

- C. Consideration of Proposed Change Order 13 for the storm sewer adjustments to Line 4, north of Crestmark in the amount of \$31,734.15.**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Smith moved to approve the quote from Dondlinger Construction in the amount not to exceed \$31,734.15 for the storm sewer adjustment to Line 4 north of Crestmark and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents. Councilmember Hamburg seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

## **XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Executive Session**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Smith moved to go into executive session for the sole purpose of discussing the subject of: Attorney-Client consultation regarding contractual obligations pursuant to KSA 75-4319 exception for attorney-client privilege. Invite the City Manager, Interim City Attorney, Brian Meier and Ken Lee. The meeting will be for a period of 60 minutes, and the open meeting will resume in City Council Chambers at 8:47 p.m. in City Council chambers. Councilmember Dehn seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

The Council then held an executive session. At 8:50 p.m., the Mayor called the meeting to order in open session and stated no binding action had been taken.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Smith moved to take a 5-minute recess. Councilmember Welch seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

The Council held a brief recess.

**B. Executive Session**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Welch moved to go into executive session for the sole purpose of discussing the subject of: matters of non-elected personnel; pursuant to the KSA 75-4319 exception for the same. Invite the City Manager. The meeting will be for a period of 30 minutes, and the open meeting will resume in Council Chambers at 9:25 PM. Councilmember Davied seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

The Council then held an executive session. At 9:25 p.m., the Mayor called the meeting to order in open session and stated no binding action had been taken.

**XIII. DISCUSSION AND FUTURE ISSUES**


**A. Council meeting schedule – July 4<sup>th</sup> conflict?**

Councilmember Hamburg noted that she would prefer to keep the workshop on July 11<sup>th</sup>. There was general consensus to wait until June to decide the schedule.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Approved by the City Council this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.



Jim Benage, Mayor

ATTEST:





Melissa Krehbiel, City Clerk