

City of Bel Aire Utility Advisory Committee Minutes

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

1. Called to order at 3:05 pm
2. In attendance: Dan Broyles, Terry Ercolani, Antonio Kitt, Art Tenbrink.
Also in attendance: Deb Appel (Director of Utility Service) and Maria Shrock (City Attorney)
3. Approval of agenda. Terry motion, Dan second, approved.
4. Approval of December 13, 2023 meeting minutes: Dan motion, Terry second, approved.
5. **New business**
 - a. Signed cards for retiring City manager, Ty Lasher and incoming, City manager Ted Henry.
 - b. Lead and Copper Project Initiative
 - Link to online survey [SURVEY](#) Ms. Appel stated there have been no negative responses and overall, there has been good response for this initiative--people have called and asked questions, reports have been given, and visits have been made to several residence that have requested help.
 - EPA mandate however there is no information as of yet if there will be any penalties for not complying.
 - c. Promotion of 2024 inspection backflow preventers
 - UAC should have a booth at the Spring festival. City website has March 23 for a date; from 1 – 3 PM. Dan suggested having a booth inside with a backflow preventer approved inspectors list available to hand out or scan. Have information to share about soil moisture controllers for sprinklers and the lead and copper initiative. Art asked for volunteers for the booth. Dan, Terry and Antonio said they could.
 - A database continues to be populated that notes which residences have sprinkler systems (along with compliance for the backflow preventer).
 - d. 2023 UAC annual report
 - Report is complied with exception of water and wastewater volume usage for 2023.

e. CCUA updates

- Bel Aire Mayor is board chairman for CCUA. Meetings will now be held at the Bel Aire City hall building in the upstairs chamber on the 4th Thursday of the month, except for November & December (meetings will be on the 3rd Thursday).
- KDHE may fine CCUA if certain wastewater contaminants are not reduced. Bel Aire has installed oxidizers to better reduce contaminants at various wastewater lift stations and has installed devices to measure contaminants at additional Bel Aire wastewater collection sites. This additional information will be useful to identify how much of the contaminant issue with CCUA is due to sources in Bel Aire.
- If wastewater contaminants are not reduced and KDHE fine to CCUA occurs, not sure what happens next (would CCUA pass fine onto cities using the facility (Bel Aire, Park City)? Yes. How would the fine be distributed to the municipalities? Uncertain at this time.
- Discussed Integra and water usage changes. Peak water usage per day in Bel Aire (during summer) is around 3M gallons. Integra will use 1-2M per day, every day. Integra may recycle their water (clean water and send back through), but unsure at this time what their typical demand (both inflow and outflow) will be.

f. Kechi tree and limb and brush disposal (**no change**)

- Loss of the Bel Aire brush site has had some negative effects regarding support of public works at Bel Aire residences, as some residents simply move limbs to their back yards. Limbs then need to be moved by public works employees to perform some jobs. The Bel Aire site was shut down after property was sold. Manhours to support the brush site was not a determiner with regards to shutting the site down.
- Evergreen, west of CCUA, is a wood recycling plant that sells mulch, too. They will accept brush from Bel Aire residents at a cost, most likely less than taking brush to the Sedgwick County CDL site.

7. Roundtable discussion

- a. Art noted that coal represents about 40% of the greenhouse effect.
 - b. Art discussed the tonnage of plastic bottles recycled daily in the USA.
 - c. Art discussed issues with getting out of your seatbelt when your airbag has deployed.
Also passed out car escape tool to those present at the meeting. Many thanks!!!
 - d. City does not pay for Cox cable channel 7
 - e. Dan noted that he did not get an attachment/survey for the Lead and Copper Project initiative with his electronic water bill. Art did get the attachment. This will be mentioned to the team working on this initiative.
8. Next meeting: UAC meeting February 14, 2024, 3-5 pm at City Hall Senior Center.
 9. Old, continuing, future business.
 - a. Discussed 2024 field trip. CCUA plant maybe Wichita's new NWTP.
 - b. Discussed with City Attorney (Ms. Shrock) and set a date (14 Feb) for KOMA training for UAC members. She has a PowerPoint presentation that should be no more than 60 minutes. Antonio suggested allowing UAC members to go over PPT prior to meeting and it was agreed upon.
 10. Adjournment of meeting: Terry motion, Dan second. All approved. Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:40 pm.