



**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
7651 E. Central Park Ave, Bel Aire, KS  
November 19, 2024 7:00 PM



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**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Jim Benage called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL:**

Councilmembers Greg Davied, Tyler Dehn, Emily Hamburg, Tom Schmitz, and John Welch were present.

City Manager Ted Henry, City Attorney Maria Schrock, City Engineer Anne Stephens, and Director of Finance Barry Smith were also present.

**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:** There were no additions.

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Approval of Minutes of the November 5, 2024 City Council meeting.**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Welch 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. 24-21 in the amount of \$3,661,135.66.**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Dehn moved to approve Appropriations Ordinance No. 24-21. Councilmember Hamburg seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

**VIII. CITY REQUESTED APPEARANCES**

**A. Special Presentation to James Schmidt**

**B. City Engineer Anne Stephens - Woodlawn Update**

**C. Kirk Jurgensen, PEC - Update on New Public Works Facility**

Mayor Benage presented a plaque to James Schmidt for his years of service as the Chairman of the Planning Commission and thanked him for his service.

Kirk Jurgensen and Anne Stephens then gave their respective presentations and stood for questions from the Council.

**IX. CITIZEN CONCERNS:**

David Landoll, 4743 Krueger, commented about his neighbor's skeleton lawn statue and the need for an ordinance to prohibit holiday decorations past the holiday season.

**X. REPORTS**

**A. Council Member Reports**

Councilmember Hamburg reported she attended the latest meeting of the Sedgwick County Association of Cities (SCAC) meeting at Clinic in a Can. She also attended the Tree Board event, and the volunteer dinner.

Councilmember Welch thanked the Lions Club for their fundraiser dinner.

Councilmember Davied reported he attended SCAC and the volunteer dinner.

Councilmember Dehn reported last week he spoke to Boy Scout Pack 585 at Resurrection Church. He also attended the volunteer dinner.

**B. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Benage briefly reported on the results of the latest election. He participated in the Veteran's Day parade with the Republican Women United. He also attended the Taste of Italy fundraiser, the volunteer dinner, and the most recent meetings of the Utility Advisory Board (UAC), SCAC, and the WAMPO policy board. He wished everyone a blessed Thanksgiving and asked for continued prayers for rain.

**C. City Attorney Report**

City Attorney Maria Schrock briefly reported on a recent Kansas Open Records Act (KORA) training she attended. She anticipates that a new ordinance regarding KORA will be brought before the Council in the coming months.

**D. City Manager Report – No report was given.**

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

### **A. Consideration Of An Ordinance Annexing Three Tracts Of Land Into The City Of Bel Aire, Kansas, Which Have A Common Boundary With The City of Bel Aire, Per The Request of Sedgwick County, And In Accordance With K.S.A. 12-520(e).**

Lynn Packer, Director of Public Works for Sedgwick County, presented the request to annex and stood for questions from the Council.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Welch moved to table the item. Councilmember Dehn seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Greg Davied- Aye

Tyler Dehn- Aye

Emily Hamburg- Aye

Tom Schmitz- Aye

John Welch- Aye

***Motion carried 5-0.***

### **B. Consideration Of An Agreement With Sedgwick County For Them To Pay A Share (\$281,000) Of The Actual Costs Of The 53<sup>rd</sup> Street Road Project.**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Hamburg moved to approve An Agreement with Sedgwick County for their payment of \$281,000, towards the 53<sup>rd</sup> Street Road Project, and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Davied seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

### **C. Consideration Of A Personnel Policy Manual Update Concerning The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (PWFA).**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Welch moved to adopt an update to the Personnel Policy Manual as presented. Councilmember Dehn seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

### **D. Consideration of selecting a bid for Sanitary Sewer Improvements to serve Skyview at Block 49 2nd, Phase 2.**

| <u>Contractor</u>        | <u>Bid Amount</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Engineer's Estimate      | \$213,622.50      |
| Apex Excavating          | \$164,690.00      |
| Dondlinger & Sons        | \$240,297.88      |
| McCullough Excavation    | \$174,430.00      |
| Mies Construction        | \$150,526.60      |
| Nowak Construction       | \$281,018.80      |
| Utility Contractors, LLC | \$209,477.00      |

**MOTION:** Councilmember Dehn moved to accept the bid from Mies in the amount not to exceed \$150,526.60 for Sanitary Sewer Improvements Improvements to serve Skyview at Block 49 2nd, Phase 2 and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Welch seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

### **E. Consideration of selecting a bid for water and sewer improvements to serve Bel Aire Lakes, Phase 1.**

|                            | <u>Engineer's Est.</u> | <u>Mies</u>    | <u>Nowak</u>   |
|----------------------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Group A –Transmission Main | \$624,164.00           | \$514,572.00   | \$355,010.80   |
| Group B – Water            | \$364,808.40           | \$326,474.00   | \$265,722.50   |
| Group C – Sewer            | \$475,661.63           | \$496,158.50   | \$445,274.40   |
| Total                      | \$1,464,634.03         | \$1,337,204.50 | \$1,066,007.70 |

**MOTION:** Councilmember Schmitz moved to accept the bid from Nowak in the amount not to exceed \$1,066,007.70 for water and sewer improvements to serve Bel Aire Lakes, Phase 1 and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Davied seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

**F. Consideration of an agreement (Work Order No. 24-12, Master Services Agreement) with Professional Engineering Consultants for part time Construction Inspection services for the Bel Aire Lakes Subdivision Phase 1 water and sanitary sewer Construction.**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Davied moved to accept Work Order No. 24-12 with Professional Engineering Consultants for part time Construction Inspection services for the Bel Aire Lakes Subdivision Phase 1 water and sanitary sewer Construction for the amount not to exceed \$ 43,400 and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Dehn seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

**G. Consideration of the 2024 Food for Fines Program.**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Hamburg moved to deny the 2024 Food for Fines Program. Councilmember Davied seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-1* with Councilmember Schmitz voting against the motion.

**XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** No executive session was held.

**XIII. DISCUSSION AND FUTURE ISSUES**

**A. Update on ERP upgrade**

City Manager Ted Henry and Director of Finance Barry Smith gave a brief presentation regarding the City's recent software upgrade and stood for questions from the Council.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Approved by the City Council this 3rd day of December, 2024.

Jim Benage  
Jim Benage, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Krehbiel  
Melissa Krehbiel, City Clerk

