## City of Bel Aire Utility Advisory Committee Minutes Wednesday January 12, 2022

- 1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tenbrink at 3:04 PM.
- 2. Roll Call: present Markley, Moss, Broyles, and Tenbrink. Tyer Dehn was absent due to illness.
- 3. Approval of Agenda: Moss moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Markley, agenda approved.
- 4. Approval of September 8, 2021, Meeting minutes moved by Moss and seconded by Markley, minutes were approved.

## 5. New Business:

- A. 2021 Annual Report written by Tenbrink was reviewed and approved by the committee to be forward to the city governing body.
- B. Tenbrink handed out a copy of a newsletter written by State Representative Ron Highland of the 51<sup>st</sup> District. Rep. Highland is the chairman of the newly (2021) form water committee. In the news latter it was pointed out the aquifers in Western Kansas are one issue that requires immediate action. The water tables in Western Kansas are declining. Adding to the problems in Western Kansas are the uranium contamination of the water supply in both SW and NW Kansas. Larkin has built a uranium removal plant. The contamination is moving east affecting the small town of Deerfield and the next city to be affected will be Garden City. Markley volunteer to review the Water Committee Web Site and report back next UAC meeting.
- C. February "Did You Know" Covered the 3% annual automatic water rated increase that is now in effect. After a brief discussion and minor wording changes the DYK was approved to be forward to the city staff.
- D. Nearby Sedgwick County Christmas tree collection and recycling sites: The committee reviewed a newspaper article on where to recycle Christmas trees and discussed what can be done next season to allow Bel Aire residents to be aware of the options of Christmas tree drop off and recycling sites in our area.
- 6. Round Table discussion of individual comments, suggestions, and concerns:
  - A. Markley had o report
  - B. Moss had no report.
- C. Broyles said he and his wife were leaving on a Caribbean Cruise this coming weekend.
  - D. Tenbrink reported:
  - i. The city was in preliminary negotiations with CCUA on our cost structure. He also stated he was surprised to learn Bel Aire had to get Park City Council to approve Bel Aire to get more water from CCUA.
  - ii. Tenbrink read from a newspaper article of the Parker Solar Probe launched three years ago to study the sun. It now has successfully flew through the sun's corona, or upper atmosphere in April to sample particles and magnetic

fields. The corona is about 1.8 million degrees Fahrenheit at its hottest point, compared with the surface of the sun around 10,340 degrees Fahrenheit.

- iii. Like a lot of us, Tenbrink was not aware that Bel Aire had three voting precincts. Also, he notices survey box for city council and mayor term limits when he was at the city building but did not see one when he went to the rec center to vote. He noted in the Bel Aire Breeze the survey showed 55% said mayors term limits should change from two years to four years. About 80% said the mayor should not be able to serve consecutive terms. About 85% said the council should not be able to serve consecutive terms
- 7. Next UAC meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 9, 2022 @ 3:00 pm at the Bel Aire City Hall Senior Center.
- 8. Old, Continuing, and Future Business:
  - A. Next field trip: a trip to CCUA water and sewer treatment plant
  - B. 2021 Annual UAC Report
  - C. 2022 Water Conservation Plan
  - D. Legionnaire's disease presentation.
- 9. Adjournment: Markley move to adjourn the meeting and was second by Moss. Meeting was adjourned at 4:23 PM.

Dan Broyles UAC Interim Secretary