

City of Bel Aire Utility Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, Oct 11, 2023

1. Called to order at 3:00 pm
2. In attendance: Dan Broyles, Terry Ercolani, Bill Moss, Art Tenbrink.
Also: Deborah Appel, Bel Aire City Treasurer
3. Approval of agenda. Bill motion, Dan second, approved.
4. Approval of Sept. 13, 2023 meeting minutes: Dan motion, Bill second, approved.
5. New business
 - a. Summary discussion of PEC Water/Wastewater engineering study
 - Art summarized key points
 1. We should expect 13 to 18 times more water and wastewater flow in the future (does not include Integra)
 2. Estimated expansion costs: \$37M for water and \$38M for wastewater
 3. Will need more water storage capability, too (another water tower)
 - Discussed various options suggested by PEC--the amount of existing infrastructure that can be used, what new infrastructure is needed, and how the different options would be incorporated into the existing systems
 - b. CCUA Updates
 - Art summarized August water usages, well field capacities remaining, wastewater treatment totals, and wastewater testing results.
 - Art Tenbrink attended CCUA meeting in September as Bel Aire representative (filling in for usual Bel Aire representatives). Expenditures for plant upkeep were discussed and voted on.
 - c. Kechi tree limb and brush waste disposal--not discussed, no change to this item
 - d. November "Did You Know?" Art wrote, noted Waste Connections schedule through the holiday season. Also noted that December-February water use rates determine the baseline sewer charge for the following year. Dan motion, Bill second, approved.

6. Roundtable discussion

a. Deb Appel

- Regarding setting of baseline sewer rate, noted that water leaks at resident's property may cause baseline to increase. Bel Aire can recalculate baseline if there's evidence of fix and change is significant
- Past issues regarding setting of baseline: tenants need to be aware if their water is used for rental site irrigation
- Bel Aire water rates are high (compared to Wichita) when comparing at the minimum usage levels. But if water usage includes a large amount for irrigation, Bel Aire water rates are very comparable to Wichita rates.
- Bel Aire's water usage billing software: effort is ongoing to find a better solution. Existing software supplier tried to address issues, but not much improvement seen; next step is to investigate other software vendors.
- EPA requires lead and copper water supply survey. By October 2024, Bel Aire to collect data from all residents regarding water supply pipe materials installed at their residence. Bel Aire communication will be soon. If resident does not supply information, Bel Aire will be required to collect data from the resident (may involve home visit).
- History of trash service. Deb asked if CCUA was ever involved as part of Bel Aire trash service contracts. Art, Dan, Bill said "No", they did not recall CCUA ever being involved in trash decisions or contracts. Further discussion: Would a one-vendor-only trash service system in Bel Aire be of benefit? Currently, Bel Aire allows residents to pick their trash service (although a large majority use Waste Connections). Note, Bel Aire does have a single-source for recycling: Waste Connections.

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- Bill inquired about the reddish covering applied to Oliver and some Bel Aire streets. Deb noted that it is the first part of a scrub seal process being applied to help maintain the roads. It is a two week process that will be completed by end of October.

- c. Art: short discussion regarding housing costs and watching out for deer on roadways.
- 7. Next meeting: UAC meeting November 8, 2023, 3-5 pm at City Hall Senior Center.
- 8. Old, continuing, future business. None to report.
- 9. Adjournment of meeting: Bill motion, Dan second. All approved. Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 pm.