



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7651 E. Central Park Ave, Bel Aire, KS
July 07, 2026 7:00 PM



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

II. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Tyler Dehn, Emily Hamburg, Brandon McIntosh, and Mike Proctor were present. Councilmember Greg Davied joined the meeting at 7:07 p.m. via videoconference.

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

III. OPENING PRAYER: A moment of silent prayer was held.

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 June 16, 2026 City Council meeting.

B. Receive, for information only, Change Orders Nos. 1, 2, and 3, for the 2026 Street Maintenance & Repairs Project with Kansas Paving. The original contract amount was \$675,243.00. The cumulative amount of the executed change orders is \$8,808.33, resulting in a revised total contract amount of \$684,051.33.

MOTION: Councilmember McIntosh moved to approve the Consent Agenda as listed and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Hamburg seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 4-0.***

VII. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE

A. Consideration of Appropriations Ordinance No. 26-12 in the amount of \$1,533,157.08.

MOTION: Councilmember Dehn moved to approve Appropriations Ordinance No. 26-12. Councilmember McIntosh seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

VIII. CITY REQUESTED APPEARANCES: None

IX. CITIZEN CONCERNS: No one spoke.

X. REPORTS

A. Council Member Reports

Councilmember Hamburg attended the June 25th Chisholm Creek Utility Authority (CCUA) meeting. She also attended a meeting on June 29th with CCUA, KDHE and the EPA regarding water reuse.

Councilmember McIntosh reported that he received several emails about Flock cameras; and several citizens expressed frustration with Woodlawn, but they are excited that work has started again. He and other Council members received an email asking them to re-open the discussion about golf carts.

Councilmember Proctor reported that he spoke to family members who have had reduced neighborhood crime due to cameras; he also learned that in his neighborhood there were a couple of car break-ins over the last couple of months.

Councilmember Dehn reported that he attended the K-254 open house a few weeks ago; since then he has seen several news stories about the improvements. Councilmember Dehn thanked Mayor Benage and Kechi Mayor Harris for the letter they sent regarding K-254. He noted that construction projects that had been delayed are now moving forward. He thanked the Police Department and City Manager for raising funds for and organizing this weekend's event celebrating National Night Out and America's 250th anniversary.

B. Mayor's Report

Mayor Benage noted successful management of stormwater during the last rain event; he thanked Public Works staff for their work. Mayor Benage and Kechi Mayor Joanie Harris sent a letter to KDOT regarding K-254 improvements, which resulted in some news media attention. KDOT has started survey work at K-254 at River Valley Road. On June 17th he attended the 2026 State of Homelessness report. On June 25th he attended the CCUA meeting. Mayor Benage reported that John Welch has stepped down from serving as an alternate to the CCUA Board. He reported that the memorial tree dedication ceremony for Art Tenbrink will be rescheduled due to wet ground conditions at the park last weekend. He encouraged Council members to attend the League of Kansas Municipalities (LKM) conference on October 8-10. He reported that a voter registration booth will be located at the National Night Out event on July 11th.

C. City Attorney Report

City Attorney Maria Schrock briefly reported on the new Standard Traffic Ordinance and Uniform Public Offense Code, and the benefits of reviewing and regularly adopting the new codes. She also reported on the success of including a QR code for payments on traffic tickets.

D. City Manager Report

City Manager Ted Henry invited everyone to attend the National Night Out event and noted the community support for the event. He reported on upcoming road construction; mobile signs will be put up about 1 week before construction. Mr. Henry shared pictures of stormwater drainage areas that have been improved by the Public Works staff over the past two years and thanked staff for their work.

XI. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND FINAL ACTIONS

A. Consideration of a Resolution Setting the Date, Time, and Place, for a Public Hearing Regarding the City's Intent to Levy a Property Tax Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate and the Notice of Intent to the Sedgwick County Clerk of the City's Intent to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate.

MOTION: Councilmember Dehn moved to adopt a Resolution setting a public hearing on the Revenue Neutral Rate for September 1, 2026 at 7pm at Bel Aire City Hall; authorize publication of the formal public hearing notices; authorize staff to notify the Sedgwick County Clerk of the City's intent to exceed the revenue neutral rate and authorize the Mayor to sign the necessary documents. Councilmember Proctor seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

B. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing a Donation to Friends of McConnell, an Affiliate Organization of the Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce in the Amount of \$500.00, \$1,000.00, \$2,500.00, or \$5,000.00.

MOTION: Councilmember Hamburg moved to deny a Resolution authorizing a donation to the Friends of McConnell. Councilmember Davied seconded the motion. *Motion carried 3-2*, with Councilmembers Proctor and Dehn voting against the motion.

C. Consideration of Ratification of Change Order No. 1 for the Multi-Use Path on East 53rd Street Project, Increasing the Original Contract Price of \$588,362.04 by \$3,932.25 for a total contract price of \$592,294.29.

MOTION: Councilmember Dehn moved to approve Ratification of Change Order No. 1, for the Multi-Use Path on East 53rd Street Project, increasing the contract price by \$3,932.25, and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Hamburg seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

D. Consideration of Change Order No. 2 for the Multi-Use Path on East 53rd Street Project, Decreasing the Current Contract Price of \$592,294.29 by \$87,582.75 for a total contract price of \$504,711.54.

MOTION: Councilmember McIntosh to approve Change Order No. 2, for the Multi-Use Path on East 53rd Street Project, decreasing the current contract price by \$87,582.75, and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Davied seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

- E. Consideration of Change Order No. 3 for the Multi-Use Path on East 53rd Street Project, Increasing the Current Contract Price of \$504,711.54 by \$86,165.00 for a total contract price of \$590,876.54.**

MOTION: Councilmember Proctor moved to approve Change Order No. 3, for the Multi-Use Path on East 53rd Street Project, increasing the current contract price by \$86,165.00, and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Dehn seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

- F. Consideration of an Agreement with The Arnold Group, LLC, for a Classification and Compensation Study at \$16,560.00.**

MOTION: Councilmember Dehn moved to approve the Agreement with The Arnold Group, LLC, for a Classification and Compensation Study, in an amount not to exceed \$16,560.00, and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Proctor seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0-1* with Councilmember McIntosh abstaining from the vote.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. No executive session**

XIII. DISCUSSION AND FUTURE ISSUES

- A. Discussion of Closure of 53rd and Rock Intersection (2026 Street Maintenance Program)**

City Engineer Anne Stephens reported that the intersection of 53rd and Rock is currently under construction and the contractor has requested to close the intersection, in order to finish the work more quickly. The Council discussed the topic and Councilmembers expressed general consensus that closing the intersection would be acceptable if the work could be completed more quickly. No official action was taken.

- B. Discussion of four-way stops at 53rd and Oliver, and 53rd and Webb**

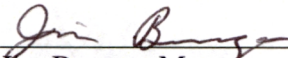
The Council briefly discussed future installation of four-way stops at these intersections, and the need for more traffic study data in these areas. No official action was taken.

- C. Reminder: City Council Workshop to be held on July 14, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.**

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by the City Council this 21st day of July, 2026.


Jim Benage, Mayor

ATTEST:


Melissa Krehbiel, City Clerk

