



**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
7651 E. Central Park Ave, Bel Aire, KS  
January 18, 2022 7:00 PM



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

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present were Greg Davied, Dr. Joel Schroeder, Justin Smith, and John Welch. Diane Wynn was absent.

Also present were City Manager Ty Lasher, City Attorney Jacqueline Kelly, and City Clerk Melissa Krehbiel.

**III. OPENING PRAYER:** John Barkett provided the opening prayer.

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

Mayor Benage led the pledge of allegiance.

**V. PROCLAMATION**

**A. School Choice Week 2022**

Mayor Benage read and signed the proclamation.

**VI. DETERMINE AGENDA ADDITIONS** – There were no additions.

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Minutes of the January 4, 2022 City Council meeting.**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Schroeder seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

**VIII. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE**

**A. Consideration of Appropriations Ordinance 22-01 in the amount of \$773,978.95.**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Schroeder moved to accept Appropriations Ordinance 22-01. Councilmember Davied seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

**IX. CITY REQUESTED APPEARANCES - None**

**X. CITIZEN CONCERNS:** No one spoke.

**XI. REPORTS**

**A. Council Member Reports**

Councilmember Smith reported he was unable to attend the last Council workshop but viewed it on YouTube to stay informed.

**B. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Benage briefly reported on the latest meeting of the Sedgwick County Association of Cities.

**C. City Attorney Report**

City Attorney Kelly reported on the food sales tax bills currently being considered in the state legislature and on a recent court ruling regarding the use of ARPA funds.

**D. City Manager Report**

City Manager Lasher reported AT&T is doing some utility work in Bel Aire neighborhoods. Residents have noticed the flags in yards and have called to ask about them. City staff can put residents in touch with AT&T if they have specific questions.

Mr. Lasher also gave a brief report regarding the land sold by the Bel Aire Land Bank in 2021. All sales in 2021 amounted to about \$3.5 million. Much of the land still owned by the Land Bank is currently under contract. There is a possibility that all of the land inventory could be sold by the end of 2022.

**XII. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND FINAL ACTIONS**

**A. Consideration of the Revised Bel Aire Senior Funding Policy**

Council discussed changes to the first three bullet points under “Finances -Senior Center” on page 1 of the draft policy. Councilmembers discussed changing the first bullet point to read “The City shall budget annually for the Senior Center,” and removing the dollar amount from the second and third bullet points.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Schroeder moved to approve the Revised Bel Aire Senior Funding Policy as amended and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Davied seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

**B. Consideration of a Legislative Priorities Letter for the 2022 State of Kansas legislative session.**

Councilmembers discussed adding items 6 and 7 regarding, respectively, ballot initiatives and redistricting. The Council also discussed minor formatting and spelling changes to page one.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Smith moved to accept A Legislative Priorities Letter as amended for the 2022 State of Kansas legislative session and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Welch seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

**C. Consideration of Accepting the Bel Aire Land Bank 2021 Ending Sales and Financial Report**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Welch moved to accept and file the Bel Aire Land Bank 2021 Ending Sales and Financial Report. Councilmember Schroeder seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

**XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – No Executive Session was needed.

**XIV. DISCUSSION AND FUTURE ISSUES** – No other items were discussed.

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Schroeder moved to adjourn. Councilmember Davied seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Approved by the City Council this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022.

  
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Jim Benage, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Melissa Krehbiel, City Clerk