



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7651 E. Central Park Ave, Bel Aire, KS
November 02, 2021 7:00 PM



I. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Jim Benage called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present were Jeff Elshoff, Dr. Joel Schroeder, Justin Smith, John Welch, and Diane Wynn.

Also present were City Manager Ty Lasher, City Attorney Jacqueline Kelly, Director of Finance Ted Henry, City Engineer Anne Stephens, and City Clerk Melissa Krehbiel.

III. OPENING PRAYER: Mark Posson provided the opening prayer.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Mayor Benage led the pledge of allegiance.

V. PROCLAMATION

A. Veteran's Day, November 11, 2021

Mayor Benage read and signed the proclamation.

VI. DETERMINE AGENDA ADDITIONS – There were no additions.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of the Minutes of the October 19, 2021 City Council meeting.

B. Approval of a Fireworks Display Permit for Stellar Fireworks for the December 4, 2021 Christmas Open House at City Hall, contingent upon permit approval by the Sedgwick County Fire Marshall.

Councilmember Smith requested to move the Fireworks Display Permit to agenda section XIII for further discussion.

MOTION: Councilmember Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda as modified and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Schroeder seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4-0-1 with Councilmember Wynn abstaining from the vote.

VIII. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE

A. Approval of Appropriations Ordinance 21-20 in the amount of \$1,088,688.23.

MOTION: Councilmember Smith moved to approve Appropriations Ordinance 21-20. Councilmember Schroeder seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

IX. CITY REQUESTED APPEARANCES - None

X. CITIZEN CONCERNS: No one spoke.

XI. PUBLIC HEARING

A. The purpose of the public hearing is to give property owners and other interested parties the opportunity to speak on the proposed 2021 City of Bel Aire Land Bank Fund Amendment.

Mayor Benage opened the public hearing. No one spoke.

MOTION: Councilmember Welch moved to close the public hearing. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

XII. REPORTS

A. Council Member Reports

Councilmember Elshoff thanked citizens for participating in neighborhood trick-or-treating and for the Police Department for patrolling on Halloween.

Councilmember Smith briefly reported on the most recent meeting of the Chisholm Creek Utility Authority (CCUA) meeting.

B. Mayor's Report

Mayor Benage noted that Bel Aire citizen and World War II veteran Elmer Keech was nominated for a veteran's recognition program organized by KPTS. The banquet will be held this Saturday. Mayor Benage thanked veterans for their service to our country.

Mayor Benage attended the latest meeting of the CCUA. Park City will soon consider a proposal to allow Bel Aire to purchase additional water from CCUA. The agreement with Wichita for back-up water supply remains in place.

He thanked Glenwood HOA members and Public Works staff for working together on October 23rd to clear brush from a nearby creek.

Regarding COVID-19, he reported that the infection rate is currently at about 5.2 percent in Sedgwick County. He urged residents to continue to support each other and continue to follow guidelines aimed at reducing the spread of the disease.

C. City Attorney Report

City Attorney Kelly briefly reported on:

- Political sign regulations
- Upcoming matters before Planning Commission
- A State settlement regarding opioid litigation, and the process by which the City may apply for funds.

D. City Manager Report

City Manager Lasher reported on upcoming events. City Hall will be closed for Veteran's Day on November 11th. The Bel Aire Lion's Club will host their annual Taste of Italy fundraiser on November 13th.

He congratulated Officer Brandon Gibson for being named Employee of the Quarter.

XIII. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND FINAL ACTIONS

A. Consideration of approving the 2021 Land Bank Fund Budget Amendment.

MOTION: Councilmember Smith moved to approve the 2021 Land Bank Fund Budget Amendment as published and authorize all required signatures. Councilmember Welch seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

B. Consideration of accepting the recommendation of the Bel Aire Planning Commission and approving a conditional use (CON-21-02) to allow a private swimming pool on certain property in an R-5 zoning district.

MOTION: Councilmember Schroeder moved to accept the recommendation of the Bel Aire Planning Commission and approve a conditional use (CON-21-02) to allow a private swimming pool on certain property in an R-5 zoning district. Councilmember Wynn seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

C. Approval of a Fireworks Display Permit for Stellar Fireworks for the December 4, 2021 Christmas Open House at City Hall, contingent upon permit approval by the Sedgwick County Fire Marshall.

Councilmembers discussed the cost of the fireworks, funding, and budget approval for the event. Staff requested a five-minute recess to gather more information for Council.

MOTION: Councilmember Smith moved to hold a recess for five minutes. Councilmember Elshoff seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

The Council then held a brief recess. At 8:01 p.m. Mayor Benage called the meeting back to order.

MOTION: Councilmember Smith moved to approve the Fireworks Display Permit. Councilmember Welch seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION – There was no need for an executive session.

XV. DISCUSSION AND FUTURE ISSUES

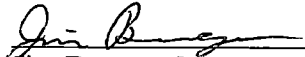
A. Workshop - November 9th at 6:30 p.m.?

The Council briefly discussed the time and agenda for the next Council workshop, to be held on November 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT


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

Approved by the City Council this 16th day of November, 2021.



Jim Benage, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa Krehbiel, City Clerk