



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7651 E. Central Park Ave, Bel Aire, KS
June 17, 2025 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, Tom Schmitz, and John Welch were present. Councilmember Greg Davied participated via videoconference.

Also present were City Manager Ted Henry, City Attorney Maria Schrock, and City Engineer Anne Stephens.

III. OPENING PRAYER: Father Terry Hedrick provided the opening prayer.

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 3, 2025 City Council meeting.

MOTION: Councilmember Hamburg moved to approve the Consent Agenda as listed and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Dehn seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

VII. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE

A. Consideration of Appropriations Ordinance No. 25-11 in the amount of \$790,428.23.

MOTION: Councilmember Dehn moved to approve Appropriations Ordinance No. 25-11. Councilmember Schmitz seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

VIII. CITY REQUESTED APPEARANCES: None.

IX. CITIZEN CONCERNS: No one spoke.

X. REPORTS

A. Council Member Reports

Councilmember Dehn reported on the latest meeting of the Bel Aire Chamber of Commerce, the Cops N' Bobbers fishing event, and Recreation staff for moving a large tree branch in the parking lot this morning.

Councilmember Davied thanked Public Works staff for clearing tree limbs out of the street after a lightning strike.

Councilmember Schmitz reported on the recent tour of the Chisholm Creek Utility Authority (CCUA) facility organized by the Utility Advisory Committee.

Councilmember Hamburg reported that she has had a running theme over the last month about being good stewards of the environment and also hearing of experiences and interest in local food production and making our land as healthy and productive as possible. She mentioned the draft Comprehensive Development Plan that PEC is working on. She encouraged residents to talk to the City if they have suggestions on these topics.

B. Mayor's Report

Mayor Benage reported on the most recent meetings of the Utility Advisory Committee, and WAMPO TPB, and a tour he attended of the Kansas College of Osteopathic Medicine with other members of the Regional Economic Area Partnership (REAP) of South Central Kansas. He reported that the Kechi brush site will be open this Saturday to take in the extra debris from today's storm. Mayor Benage reminded residents that Bel Aire is still in stage 2 of the drought response.

C. City Attorney Report

City Attorney Maria Schrock gave a brief report on the City Attorneys Association of Kansas (CAAK) conference she attended. At the conference, she was elected to serve as a Director of CAAK. She also gave a brief update to Council regarding recent legislation concerning the Kansas Open Meetings Act and Kansas Open Records Act (KOMA / KORA).

D. City Manager Report

City Manager Ted Henry reviewed the results of an online poll regarding volleyball courts. He anticipates that work on the Eagle Lake volleyball court will begin this summer.

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XI. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND FINAL ACTIONS

A. Consideration of accepting a bid for the Bel Aire Lakes Paving and Drainage Project. Four bids were received:

	<u>APAC</u>	<u>KS Paving</u>	<u>Pearson</u>	<u>Prado</u>
Base Bid	\$2,034,478.20	\$1,718,570.25	\$1,685,465.35	No Bid
Add Alt A	\$27,631.00	No Bid	\$68,624.00	No Bid
Base + Alt A	\$2,062,109.20	No Bid	\$1,754,089.35	No Bid
Add Alt B	\$429,134.00	\$234,894.40	\$146,809.00	\$477,129.35
Base + Alt B	\$2,463,612.20	\$1,953,464.65	\$1,832,274.35	\$1,936,145.60
Base + A + B	\$2,491,243.20	No Bid	\$1,900,898.35	No Bid

MOTION: Councilmember Welch moved to accept the bid from Pearson for concrete paving in the amount of \$1,832,274.35 for the Bel Aire Lakes Paving and Drainage Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents. Councilmember Davied seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

B. Consideration of Work Order No. 25-04 with PEC for Construction Administration and Construction Inspection Services for the Bel Aire Lakes Subdivision Mass Grading, Paving and Storm Water Sewer Construction.

MOTION: Councilmember Dehn moved to approve Work Order No. 25-04 with PEC for Construction Administration and Construction Inspection Services for the Bel Aire Lakes Subdivision Storm Water Sewer Construction in the amount not-to-exceed \$225,000 and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Hamburg seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

C. Consideration of a Contract with JCI Industries, Inc., for New Flowserve Pump at 53rd Street Lift Station for \$52,309.00

MOTION: Councilmember Welch moved to approve a Contract with JCI Industries, Inc., for a new Flowserve Pump at a cost not to exceed \$52,309 and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Dehn seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

Later in the meeting, City Manager Ted Henry noted that there was a typo in the brand name of the pump on the agenda. The correct name for the pump listed in the quote from JCI Industries, Inc is a “Flygt” pump.

AMENDED MOTION: Councilmember Welch moved to approve a Contract with JCI Industries, Inc., for a new Flygt Pump at a cost not to exceed \$52,309 and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Dehn seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

D. Consideration of approving a permit application from Clinic In A Can for 2025 Public Display of Fireworks.

MOTION: Councilmember Hamburg moved to approve the permit application from Clinic In A Can for 2025 Public Display of Fireworks. Councilmember Davied seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION FOR RECESS: Councilmember Dehn moved to take a 5- minute recess. Councilmember Welch seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

Following a brief recess, Mayor Benage called the meeting back to order in open session.

A. Executive Session

MOTION: Councilmember Welch moved to recess into executive session to discuss with legal counsel and receive legal advice related to pending litigation. The discussion will be pursuant to K.S.A. 75- 4319 (b)(2) for legal consultation with Neil Gosch, which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship. Invite the City Manager, City Engineer, City Attorney, and Katherine Chlumsky. The meeting will be for a period of 60 minutes, and the open meeting will resume in City Council Chambers at 8:57 p.m. Councilmember Dehn seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

The Council then recessed for Executive Session. At 8:58 p.m., Mayor Benage called the meeting back to order and stated that no binding action had been taken.

XIII. DISCUSSION AND FUTURE ISSUES

During this time, City Manager Ted Henry noted there was a typo in Agenda Item C, and an amended motion was passed regarding Agenda Item C (see p. 3 of these Minutes).

The Council briefly discussed options for repairs on 45th Street, and asked staff to bring back more information at a later meeting. No action was taken.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

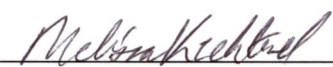
MOTION: Councilmember Dehn moved to adjourn. Councilmember Welch seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

Approved by the City Council this 1st day of July, 2025.



Jim Benage, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa Krehbiel, City Clerk