



**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
7651 E. Central Park Ave, Bel Aire, KS  
September 17, 2024 7:00 PM



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

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present were Councilmembers Greg Davied, Tyler Dehn, Emily Hamburg, Tom Schmitz, and John Welch.

Also present were City Manager Ted Henry, City Attorney Maria Schrock, Director of Finance Barry Smith, City Clerk Melissa Krehbiel and Bond Counsel Kevin Cowan of Gilmore & Bell, PA.

**III. OPENING PRAYER:** Gary Green 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 September 3, 2024 City Council meeting.**

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

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

**A. Consideration of Appropriations Ordinance No. 24-17 in the amount of \$894,650.27.**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Davied moved to approve Appropriations Ordinance No. 24-17. Councilmember Dehn 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 briefly reported he participated in the annual WAMPO Bicycle/Pedestrian count and thanked the volunteers. He also attended the National Night Out on Saturday and thanked the Bel Aire Police Department for organizing the event. He reminded residents that the K-254 Corridor Development Association will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Friday at City Hall.

Councilmember Schmitz reported he attended the National Night Out.

### **B. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Benage reported on the latest meeting of the Sedgwick County Association of Cities (SCAC) and the recent fly-in visit to Washington D.C. organized by the Kansas Chamber of Commerce and the Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce.

Regarding upcoming meetings, the K-254 Corridor Development Association will meet on Friday, and the Utility Advisory Committee (UAC) will meet on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. to get citizen input on the City's water conservation plan. A water consult will be held by KDHE on September 30<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to Noon at Wichita State University to help develop a better water plan for the state.

Mayor Benage reported that the Sedgwick County Election Office needs workers for the upcoming election and encouraged citizens to volunteer. He also reminded residents that the Stage 2 drought regulations are still in place and asked for prayers for rain.

### **C. City Attorney Report**

City Attorney Maria Schrock briefly reported on the September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the UAC and encouraged citizens to send comments or concerns about the water conservation plan to the City by social media or other ways. She noted that a Safer Coalition representative from Foulston-Siefkin will give an update to Council on October 1<sup>st</sup> regarding the Evergy rate-case settlement.

### **D. City Manager Report**

City Manager Ted Henry gave a brief presentation explaining the special assessment process.

## **XI. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND FINAL ACTIONS**

### **A. Consideration of Actions related to Special Assessments.**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Hamburg moved to take the following actions:

1. Approve the Statement of Final Costs, Assessment Roll Certification, Notice of Public Hearing, and Form of Notice of Hearing and Statement of Cost Proposed to be Assessed (Exhibits A, B, C, & D).



2. Establish October 1, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. to meet for the purpose of hearing any and all written or oral objections to the respective assessments set forth therein;
3. Authorize the publication by the City Clerk of **Exhibit C** (*Notice of Public Hearing*) in the official City newspaper, not less than 10 days prior to such public meeting date;
4. Mail **Exhibit D** (*Form of Notice of Hearing and Statement of Cost Proposed to be Assessed*) to each and all owners of property affected by such assessments at their last known post office address on the same date as the publication of **Exhibit C**; and
5. File each of said documents of record in the office of the City Clerk and make the same available for public inspection.

Councilmember Welch seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

**B. Consideration of a Resolution and Adoption Agreement with Kansas Public Employees Retirement System 401(a) Plan for the City Manager.**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Welch moved to adopt the Resolution And Adoption Agreement with Kansas Public Employees Retirement System 401(a) Plan for the City Manager and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Schmitz seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

**XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Davied moved to recess into executive session to discuss with legal counsel and receive legal advice related to the Woodlawn Roadway Project. 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 Attorney, City Engineer, and Katherine Chlumsky. The meeting will be for a period of 20 minutes, and the open meeting will resume in City Council Chambers at 7:54 p.m. Councilmember Welch seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

The Council then recessed for executive session. At 8:56 p.m., Mayor Benage called the meeting back to order in open session and stated that no binding action had been taken.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Welch moved to extend the executive session for 15 minutes, resuming at 8:11 p.m. Councilmember Davied seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

The Council then recessed for executive session. At 8:13 p.m. Mayor Benage called the meeting to order and stated that no binding action had been taken.

**XIII. DISCUSSION AND FUTURE ISSUES:** No further discussion was held.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Approved by the City Council this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2024.

  
Jim Benage, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Melissa Krehbiel, City Clerk