

City of Bel Aire Utility Advisory Committee Minutes

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

1. Called to order at 3:00 pm
2. In attendance: Dan Broyles, Terry Ercolani, Antonio Kitt, Art Tenbrink.
Also in attendance: Mayor Benage, Deb Appel (Director of Utility Service) and Tristin Terhune
3. Approval of agenda. Terry motion, Dan second, approved
4. Approval of January 10, 2023 meeting minutes: not complied with due to technical error
5. New business
 - a. April 1: Ty Lasher departs & Ted Henry becomes city manager, State of Kansas has set a “soft” deadline of \$200 million for Integra plant funding.
 - b. (Bel Aire Spring Festival is March 23 from 1PM to 3PM this year. We will share the booth with the Bel Aire Utility Dept. This will provide an opportunity discuss, display, possibly explain and provide information to home owners about multiple concerns. Concerns such as backflow prevention, led/copper pipe initiative, and water conservation.

Backflow prevention

- Antonio has a backflow device...can bring to the booth as a show-and-tell. Also, may have a picture of the device, too. Tristin will create a flyer to pass out with all of the approved information on it. Also, a visual display board/poster and tri-folds. UAC will help answer questions.

Lead/Copper Pipe Initiative

- Terry can bring sample pipes--iron/steel, copper, and PEX/plastic for the spring festival
- Deb and Tristin will work on getting a flyer to hand out; flyer is pretty much complete, as information has already been sent out in water bills.
- Maybe have some example of different solder

Water Conservation

- Can discuss water conservation with residents. This includes sprinkler system shut-off for rain (moisture sensors and internet-controlled using weather forecast) and home plumbing leaks such as toilet valves and faucets.
- Terry can bring some toilet bowl parts for show-and-tell (flapper valve and stem, maybe the filler apparatus)

- Sedgwick county extension office may already have some information we can glean from or use.
 - Also discuss: what can and should not be flushed? Disposable wipes should not be flushed...not good for sewer system. Lift station pumps do and will have grinder blades to address issues with items being flushed that are not sewer-compatible.
 - c. 2023 UAC annual report: Report is complied with exception of water and wastewater volume usage for 2023. This comparison information is needed. Mayor stated they need to get us this information.
 - d. CCUA updates: Art supplied us with the Summary Jan 29, 2024 Administrative order. More to follow.
 - e. Keechi tree limb and brush waste disposal: not DOA, progress may be on the horizon
 - f. Month of March: Did You Know (DYK)? Corrected and ready
6. Roundtable discussion
- a. Mayor briefly spoke of some issues causing Woodlawn road work not to be completed
 - b. Art shared Sedgwick county recycling data
 - c. Next Tuesday 17:30 meeting to discuss regional transit sys. Held at the Bel Aire rec center
 - d. Effect of lead exposure, KDOT Woodlawn street failure
7. Next meeting: UAC meeting March 13, 2024, 3-5 pm at City Hall Senior Center.
8. Old, continuing, future business.
- a. 2024 UAC fieldtrip discussed. Maybe Wichita's new NWTP.
 - b. KOMA training to take place in the near future, 2023 annual report, Consumer confidence report, water quality, 2024 water and sewer rates, Legionnaires disease overview presentation
9. Adjournment of meeting: Terry motion, Antonio second. All approved. Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 pm.

