



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7651 E. Central Park Ave, Bel Aire, KS
June 16, 2026 7:00 PM



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

II. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Greg Davied, Emily Hamburg, Brandon McIntosh, and Mike Proctor were present. Councilmember Tyler Dehn was absent.

City Manager Ted Henry, City Attorney Maria Schrock, City Engineer Anne Stephens, and City Clerk Melissa Krehbiel were present.

III. OPENING PRAYER: Michael Wearda 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 2, 2026 City Council meeting.

MOTION: Councilmember McIntosh moved to approve the Consent Agenda as listed and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Davied seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 4-0.***

VII. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE

A. Consideration of Appropriations Ordinance No. 26-11 in the amount of \$1,325,449.02.

MOTION: Councilmember Hamburg moved to approve Appropriations Ordinance No. 26-11. Councilmember McIntosh seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 4-0.***

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VIII. CITY REQUESTED APPEARANCES

- A. Randy White - Friends of McConnell program:** Mr. White gave a presentation about how the program supports servicemen and their families. He asked the Council to consider donating to the program.
- B. Kent Koehler - Sedgwick County Fire District No. 1:** Mr. Koehler reported that he was elected as Vice Chairman at the June 2026 meeting of the Steering Council for the fire district. He gave a brief report on recent actions of the Steering Council and upcoming issues.
- C. Ken Lee, Garver - 45th Street and 53rd Street Sidewalk updates**

Mr. Lee gave an update on the two projects and took questions from City Council.

IX. CITIZEN CONCERNS: No one spoke.

X. REPORTS

A. Council Member Reports

Councilmember Proctor attended the latest Bel Aire Chamber social; he reported positive feedback about the Chamber's renewed focus on Chamber issues rather than running events.

Councilmember Hamburg attended the K-254 open house and a recent meeting with EPA and CCUA representatives about water reuse. They hope to have a follow-up meeting regarding water reuse soon. Councilmember Hamburg mentioned a recent conversation with a citizen about bringing bus service to Bel Aire; she noted that a few years ago a WAMPO study concluded that it was not feasible.

B. Mayor's Report

Mayor Benage reported he attended the monthly WAMPO meeting, the LKM City forum at WSU, and the ribbon cutting for a new Bel Aire business, Walk Your Plans. He also worked with Kechi Mayor Joanie Harris to draft the K-254 letter that the Council will discuss later tonight.

C. City Attorney Report

City Attorney Maria Schrock reported that she is now regularly attending Tree Board meetings. The Tree Board is considering updating their by-laws. In other matters, a wall owned by Bel Aire Heights HOA will be affected by the 45th street construction. The HOA Board is meeting this Thursday; Maria will update the Council if she learns of any new developments regarding this matter.

D. City Manager Report

City Manager Ted Henry reported on upcoming events: National Night Out and the fireworks show for America's 250th birthday will be held at City Hall on July 11th; and a memorial tree

dedication in honor of Art Tenbrink will be held on June 27th at Denise Park. He also reported on upcoming street maintenance on Farmstead, Farmstead Ct and Perryton; the City's communications director will notify residents as soon as plans are received.

Mayor Benage requested a motion for Item XII A. Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. MOTION:** Councilmember McIntosh 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 Neil Gosch, Katherine Chlumsky, City Manager, City Attorney, and City Engineer. The meeting will be for a period of 20 minutes, and the open meeting will resume in City Council Chambers at 8:23 p.m. Councilmember Proctor seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 4-0.***

The Council then recessed for executive session. Mayor Benage called meeting back to order at 8:25 pm. No binding action taken.

XI. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND FINAL ACTIONS

- A. Consideration of (2) Alternatives for the Woodlawn Roadway Project in Change Order No. 26 with Pearson Construction, LLC., at \$1,039,880.00 or \$712,024.00.**

Bob Henthorn, Vice President of Geotech for PEC, spoke to the Council and took questions about the two recommended options for the change order.

MOTION: Councilmember Proctor moved to approve Change Order No. 26 with Pearson Construction, LLC., for the Woodlawn Roadway Project, and authorize the necessary signatures, for Alternative 2: Use Lime Treated Subgrade with geogrid in an amount not to exceed \$712,024.00, mainly because it takes less cash and less time for the community. Councilmember Davied seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 4-0.***

- B. Consideration of a Fireworks Display Permit Application from Waz Up Fireworks for a Fireworks Display on June 27, 2026 at 9745 East 50th Street North and Applicant's Request for Waiver of the \$250.00 Public Display Permit Fee.**

MOTION: Councilmember Davied moved to approve the Fireworks Display Permit Application from Waz Up Fireworks; and approve the Applicant's Request for Waiver of the \$250.00 Public Display Permit Fee; and authorize city staff to execute the necessary documents. Councilmember Proctor seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 4-0.***

- C. Consideration of a Fireworks Display Permit Application from the City of Bel Aire for a Fireworks Public Display on July 11, 2026 at the Southwest Corner of 53rd and Rock Road.**

MOTION: Councilmember Proctor moved to approve the Fireworks Display Permit Application and the Request for Waiver of the \$250.00 Public Display Permit Fee;

authorize city staff to execute the necessary documents. Councilmember McIntosh seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 4-0.***

D. Consideration of Bids and Contract for Construction of Street Paving Improvements to serve the Chapel Landing 7th Addition.

MOTION: Councilmember Davied moved to approve the bid from Kansas Paving, in an amount not to exceed \$574,081.45; approve the contract as presented and authorize the Mayor and city staff to sign all necessary documents. Councilmember Hamburg seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 3-0-1*** with Councilmember Proctor abstaining from the vote.

E. Consideration of an Encroachment Agreement with Phillips 66 Pipeline, LLC, for the 53rd Street Multi-Use Path Project currently under construction along the south side of 53rd Street from Oliver to Woodlawn.

MOTION: Councilmember Hamburg moved to approve the Encroachment Agreement with Phillips 66 Pipeline, LLC, for the 53rd Street Multi-Use Path Project, and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Proctor seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 3-1*** with Councilmember McIntosh voting against the motion.

F. Consideration of an Encroachment Agreement with KPC Pipeline, LLC for the 53rd Street Multi-Use Path Project currently under construction along the south side of 53rd Street from Oliver to Woodlawn.

MOTION: Councilmember Davied moved to approve the Encroachment Agreement with KPC Pipeline LLC, for the 53rd Street Multi-Use Path Project, and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Proctor seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 3-1*** with Councilmember McIntosh voting against the motion.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: *This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.*

XIII. DISCUSSION AND FUTURE ISSUES

A. Draft letter regarding K-254

The Council discussed the draft letter and provided feedback. No official action was taken.

B. Reminder: A City Council Budget Workshop will be held immediately after this meeting (June 16th)

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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

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Approved by the City Council this 7th day of July, 2026.

Jim Benage
Jim Benage, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Krehbiel
Melissa Krehbiel, City Clerk

