



Minutes
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
City Hall – Bel Aire, Kansas
February 5, 2019 7:00 P.M.



I. CALL TO ORDER By Mayor David Austin

At 7:00 p.m. a quorum was present and Mayor Austin called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL

Council Members present were Jim Benage, Jeff Elshoff, Jeff Hawes, Betty Martine, and Justin Smith. Also present were City Manager Ty Lasher, City Attorney Jacqueline Kelly, and City Clerk Melissa Krehbiel.

III. OPENING PRAYER

Rob Lindsted provided the opening prayer.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Boy Scouts from Troop #585 led the pledge of allegiance.

V. DETERMINE AGENDA ADDITIONS

There were no additions.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the January 15, 2019 City Council Meeting.

MOTION: Council Member Smith moved to approve the minutes and authorize the Mayor to sign. Seconded by Council Member Benage. *Motion carried 5-0.*

VII. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE

A. Consideration of Appropriations Ordinance 19-03 in the amount of \$399,641.53.

MOTION: Council Member Benage moved to approve Appropriations Ordinance 19-03 in the amount of \$399,641.53. Seconded by Council Member Hawes. *Motion carried 5-0.*

VIII. CITY REQUESTED APPEARANCES:

- MKEC Engineers – Woodlawn Expansion Options

Representatives from MKEC Engineers presented their study of traffic on Woodlawn from 37th Street to 45th Street and designs for reconstruction. The City received a grant for the reconstruction. In the next few weeks MKEC will conduct surveys and host an open house where the public can view the designs and give input.

IX. CITIZEN CONCERNS:

No one requested to speak.

X. REPORTS:

A. Council Member Reports

Council Member Hawes reported that the K-254 Corridor Association has signed a letter of support for the Wichita and Sedgwick County grant application to rebuild the north junction.

Council Member Benage reported he attended Local Government Day at the state capitol and met with one representative and two senators. They are supportive of Bel Aire's legislative agenda. He also attended a meeting with Senator McGuinn, where he learned about Amtrak's efforts to update track from Kansas to New Mexico, and extend service to Wichita with the Heartland Flyer. Wichita is the largest market in the country not served by Amtrak. He handed out a report and welcomed questions.

Council Member Martine reported she attended the CCUA plant tour on the 19th, attended a play at Isely Elementary School, and attended the Senior Club luncheon at the Rec center where they were given a tour of the new offices.

Council Member Smith reported he also attended the CCUA plant tour with Council Members Martine, Hawes, and Elshoff and the Mayor. It was very informative. It was really interesting to see all the work that goes on there, that's quite an intricate process. Council Member Smith said he expects, as Council Member Elshoff has reported, there's going to be some probably pretty large capital projects coming up that we're going to need to support. So he thinks having an understanding of how that works and where the constraints are in that plan will help him understand what the ask is in discussions. Thanks to Randall for taking the time to give the tour.

Council Member Elshoff reported on the CCUA meeting held January 24th. Officer elections were held at the meeting. The CCUA also accepted an unsolicited proposal for property and casualty insurance. The new insurance agreement includes comprehensive audits of all assets. CCUA is also engaging in a public education

initiative on what to flush. In other business, CCUA discussed matters related to an old fire station on CCUA property, which will potentially be sold.

- B. Mayor's Report-** Mayor Austin reported that he also attended the CCUA tour and noted that Sunrise basketball team was recently featured on ESPN 2 and received high praise from a tournament director.
- C. City Attorney Report-** City Attorney Kelly reported that the de-annexation of 37th and Woodlawn is now completed because Wichita has annexed the area. Soon, Bel Aire will provide utility easements for Wichita.
- D. City Manager Report-** The Bel Aire Chamber of Commerce meets tomorrow at City Hall. The tour of the Bel Aire Recovery Center by the Chamber has been moved to March. Some upcoming community events include the Spring Festival and Party for Parkinsons 5K in April and the E-recycle and Shred Day in May. Regarding the Wichita Transit Authority transportation plan, surveys will be conducted with local businesses, City employees, area seniors and citizens via paper and social media. One idea is to extend the Wichita bus route to include stops in Bel Aire. Lastly, during inclement weather public works crews will be treating the roads for ice.
- E. Committees/Boards/Commissions Reports-** No reports were given.

XI. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND FINAL ACTIONS:

A. Consideration of adopting the 2019 City of Bel Aire Legislative Platform.

The Kansas Legislature is now in session and council anticipates the legislature will consider bills that will affect cities. At a workshop in January, the council reviewed the League of Kansas Municipalities adopted platform and discussed talking points for state legislators.

Council members discussed supporting the right of home rule for cities and recommending the tax lid be amended in a way that doesn't hinder cities experiencing rapid growth. Council members also requested that typos under the headings "Asset Forfeiture", "Body Cameras", and "Law Enforcement and Public Safety" be corrected and the heading on the STAR Bonds item be changed.

MOTION: Council Member Benage moved to approve the 2019 City of Bel Aire Legislative Platform as amended and authorize the Mayor to sign. Seconded by Council Member Martine. *Motion carried 5-0.*

B. Consideration of a quote to install a fountain in the north and south lakes of Central Park. The fountains will be utilized to control algae rather than using chemicals.

The two retention ponds in Central Park are owned and maintained by the City. Algae growth on the ponds must be prevented. In the past two years, the city has used a fish-safe chemical to control algae. The chemical cost about \$7,500 per year. However, the chemical is no longer available. Staff propose installing fountains in the ponds to circulate the water and prevent algae growth. Anne Stephens, City Engineer/ Director of Public Works, answered questions from council. The maintenance costs for fountains are minimal and they will provide a nice amenity for the neighborhood. Professional Turf Products and Atlas Electric would install the fountains for a total cost not to exceed \$27,000.

MOTION: Council Member Smith moved to accept the quote from Professional Turf Products and Atlas Electric to install two fountains in Central Park at a cost not to exceed \$27,000.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign. Council Member Martine seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

C. Consideration of a quote for Cured-In-Place Rehab of certain sewer mains in Pearson's Addition.

Staff recommend using the cured-in-place technology because it is economical and less disruptive to citizens. Anne Stephens, City Engineer/ Director of Public Works, explained the process and answered questions from council. The sewer lines in this area are 40-50 years old and have caused problems in the past. Funding is in the budget for this project. The quote from Utility Maintenance Contractors is considered fair and competitive, considering the relatively small size of the project. Stephens said she highly suggests rehabilitating more lines when more funds become available.

Eric Urban, Utility Maintenance Contractors, spoke to the council. He said the company will notify homeowners in the area about one week prior to the start of the project. Design life for the cured-in-place pipe is about 50 years, with a 1 year warranty on their product. Cured-in-place pipe has been in use for about 30 years.

MOTION: Council Member Smith moved to accept the quote from Utility Maintenance Contractors to line certain sewer mains in Pearson's Addition at a cost not to exceed \$204,934.40 and authorize the Mayor to sign. Council Member Martine seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

D. Consideration of An Ordinance Adopting The Recodification Of Ordinances Of The City Of Bel Aire, Kansas, 2018 Edition, Providing For The Effective Date Thereof, Providing For The Repeal Of Certain Other Ordinances Not Included Therein, Saving Certain Ordinances From Repeal And Saving Certain Accrued Rights And Liabilities.

City Attorney Kelly explained that codification merges ordinances into standard chapters and articles in city code. This recodification ordinance also

includes adoption of the 2018 Kansas Standard Traffic Ordinance and Uniform Public Offense Code.

MOTION: Council Member Hawes moved to approve an ordinance adopting the recodification of ordinances of the City Of Bel Aire, Kansas, 2018 edition, providing for the effective date thereof, providing for the repeal of certain other ordinances not included therein, saving certain ordinances from repeal and saving certain accrued rights and liabilities and authorize the Mayor to sign. Council Member Elshoff seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

David Austin- Aye Jim Benage- Aye Jeff Elshoff- Aye
Jeff Hawes-Aye Betty Martine-Aye Justin Smith-Aye

Motion carried 6-0.

E. Consideration of a Letter of Support for the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America Grant application by the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County to rebuild the North Junction of K-254 / I-135 / K-235 / K-96.

MOTION: Council Member Elshoff moved to approve a Letter of Support for the INFRA Grant application by the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County for the reconstruction of the North Junction and authorize the Mayor to sign. Council Member Benage seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

XII. DISCUSSION AND FUTURE ISSUES

- Workshop – February 12th at 6:30 pm?

Mayor Austin briefly reviewed the items that will be on the workshop agenda including Phase 1 of Bel Aire Commons, marketing updates, and a budget review.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Hawes moved to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member Elshoff. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Approved by the City Council this 19th day of February, 2019.

David Austin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa A. Krehbiel, City Clerk