



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
City Hall – Bel Aire, Kansas
July 16, 2019 7:00 P.M.**



I. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor David Austin

II. ROLL CALL

Council Members present were Jim Benage (via Skype), Jeff Elshoff, Jeff Hawes, Betty Martine, and Justin Smith.

Also present were City Manager Ty Lasher, City Attorney Jacqueline Kelly, Director of Public Works Anne Stephens, Director of Finance Ted Henry and City Clerk Melissa Krehbiel.

III. OPENING PRAYER: Dr. Rob Lindsted provided the prayer.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

V. DETERMINE AGENDA ADDITIONS

There were no additions

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the July 2, 2019 City Council Meeting.

B. Minutes of the July 10, 2019 Special Council Meeting

MOTION: Council Member Smith moved to approve the consent agenda as listed and authorize the Mayor to sign. Council Member Benage seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

VII. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE

A. Consideration of Appropriations Ordinance 19-14 in the amount of \$518,099.30.

MOTION: Council Member Elshoff moved to approve Appropriations Ordinance 19-14. Council Member Hawes seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

VIII. CITY REQUESTED APPEARANCES: None

IX. CITIZEN CONCERNS: No one spoke.

X. REPORTS

A. Council Member Reports

Council Member Benage reported on the South Central Association of Cities (SCAC) and Wichita Area Municipal Planning Organization (WAMPO) meetings he attended. Certain portions of I-235 will be closed this week for construction. He also learned that veterans can file their DD-214 with the county Register of Deeds and receive a discount card from that office. The solid waste fee will go up next year. The zoo will add a new entrance this year in accordance with their long-range plan.

B. Mayor's Report

No report was given.

C. City Attorney Report

City Attorney Kelly reported on the actions of the Planning Commission, which recently re-elected their chair and vice chair. The commission also heard a vacation application, which will come before the council next month.

D. City Manager Report

City Manager Lasher reported the K-254 Association will meet in Benton this Friday. On Saturday, the Diabetes Association will hold a bike race that will go through Bel Aire.

E. Committees/Boards/Commissions Reports

No reports were given.

XI. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND FINAL ACTIONS

A. Consideration of a utility rate study for the City of Bel Aire. Four companies responded to the RFP and are as follows:

PEC	\$31,600
Baker Tilly	\$28,500
Gov Rates	\$27,800
Ranson Financial	\$14,500

The City has the responsibility to provide clean water, as well as sewer and stormwater drainage to residents. The rate study will evaluate present and future costs and aid in setting future rates for these services.

Finance Director Ted Henry stood for questions from council. He said the last rate study was done in 2012. The Utility Advisory Committee (UAC), and the City Engineer reviewed the responses to the RFP. The UAC and staff recommend awarding the contract to PEC (Professional Engineering Consultants).

Council Members asked about a provision of the PEC agreement regarding the City's use of the study and if future greywater agreements with large facilities like Catholic Care could be included in the study.

Nicole Franken, PEC, said CIP numbers could be included in the study to see how certain projects might affect rates. Regarding the contract, the City can make copies of the study, but is not allowed to give the work product to other cities for them to use.

MOTION: Council Member Hawes moved to accept the Proposal from PEC at a cost not to exceed \$30,000 and authorize the Mayor to sign. Council Member Smith seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

XII. DISCUSSION AND FUTURE ISSUES-

There was no discussion.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Elshoff moved to adjourn. Council Member Smith seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Approved by the City Council this 6th day of August, 2019.

David Austin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Krehbiel, City Clerk