



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7651 E. Central Park Ave, Bel Aire, KS
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May 19, 2020 7:00 P.M.



I. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Jim Benage called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present were Jeff Elshoff, Dr. Joel Schroeder, Justin Smith, and John Welch. Diane Wynn arrived at 7:23 p.m.

Also present were City Manager Ty Lasher, City Attorney Jacqueline Kelly, City Engineer Anne Stephens, and City Clerk Melissa Krehbiel.

III. OPENING PRAYER – Father Schemm provided the opening prayer.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Mayor Benage led the pledge of allegiance.

V. DETERMINE AGENDA ADDITIONS – City Manager

At the request of Council Member Welch, Mayor Benage added discussion of the swimming pool to the agenda.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the May 5, 2020 City Council Meeting.

MOTION: Council Member Welch moved to approve the consent agenda as amended to include mentioning in Item XII. I. that the motion diverted from the City Manager’s recommendation to not open the pool. Discussion followed regarding the motion made on May 5. Council Member Smith seconded the motion. Discussion followed regarding City Council policy regarding minutes. Mayor Benage called for the vote. *Motion carried 4-0*, with Council Member Wynn absent for the vote.

VII. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE

A. Consideration of Appropriations Ordinance 20-09 in the amount of \$733,159.40.

MOTION: Council Member Smith moved to approve Appropriations Ordinance 20-09. Council Member Schroeder seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0*, with Council Member Wynn absent for the vote.

B. Addition to the Agenda- Discussion of opening Central Park swimming pool.

Staff gave an update on work done so far to open the Central Park swimming pool. Council discussed the pool opening timeline in regards to the governor's executive orders, staffing, social distancing, capacity and financial concerns. Council plans to open the pool on June 8.

VIII. CITY REQUESTED APPEARANCES: None

IX. CITIZEN CONCERNS: No comments were received by the City Clerk before the meeting. No one requested to speak at the meeting.

X. PROCLAMATIONS-

- Memorial Day, May 25, 2020
- Public Works Week, May 18 – 22, 2020

Mayor Benage read and signed the proclamations.

XI. REPORTS

A. Council Member Reports

Council Member Schroeder told the story of early epidemiologist John Snow and one of his detractors, who later agreed with Snow. Council Member Schroeder said the story showed the importance of being willing to change one's mind, and having the integrity to admit that we were wrong after new information is received.

B. Mayor's Report

Mayor Benage reported that he attended the National League of Cities webinar on COVID-19 funding. He also participated in a teleconference on May 8 with Governor Kelly regarding CARES Act funding. On May 8 he sent a letter on behalf of Bel Aire to state senators and representatives and President Trump, asking for an infrastructure block grant, to continue to fund planned projects. On May 12, he attended the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO) meeting where the annual safety report was discussed. On May 15, Bel Aire sold the last city-owned lot in Central Park. Street improvements on St. James street should help with traffic problems from the nearby school. Mayor Benage wished Council Member Welch a happy birthday.

C. City Attorney Report

City Attorney Kelly reported that, as city-owned lots are sold, staff are working with the HOAs to sever connections. Staff have been in contact with the county election office. The county plans to provide additional cleaning services during voting. The plan for court will be adjusted to meet the Kansas Ad Astra plan phases. Also, citizens should be aware that codes are being enforced for mowing violations.

D. City Manager Report

City Manager Lasher reported that the City-wide Garage Sale is scheduled for June 25-27. Participants must abide by any county or state COVID-19 guidelines. City Offices will be closed on Memorial Day. City Hall will reopen to the public on Tuesday, May 26, with new safety features, such as clear barriers at the reception counter. Citizens are encouraged to continue using the drop box, telephone, and website to avoid in-person visits, if possible. City Hall's new hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Friday. The Rec Center is set to open June 1. Also, on the Fourth of July, the city will hold a fireworks show.

XII. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND FINAL ACTIONS

A. Consideration of accepting a bid for Storm Water Drainage installation in Rock Spring 3rd Addition. The following bids were received:

Alan's Excavating	\$280,144.30
Bergkamp Construction	\$219,722.36
Unruh Excavation	\$174,986.80
Mies Construction	\$161,186.75
<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	<i>\$169,207.25</i>

MOTION: Council Member Smith moved to accept the bid from Mies Construction at a cost not to exceed \$161,186.75 for storm water drainage installation in Rock Spring 3rd and authorize the Mayor to sign. Council Member Wynn seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

B. Consideration of accepting a quote from JCI for repair of the 53rd Street lift station pump in the amount of \$12,270.00.

MOTION: Council Member Schroeder moved to accept the lift station pump repair quote from JCI in the amount of \$12,270.00 and authorize the City Manager to sign. Council Member Welch seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

C. Consideration of the revised Governing Body Vacancy Policy for the City of Bel Aire.

MOTION: Council Member Welch moved to table the revised Governing Body Vacancy Policy. Council Member Smith seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5-0.

D. Consideration of appointing a Woodlawn Construction Engineering Consultant Selection Committee. The Engineering Design Selection Committee consisted of City Engineer Anne Stephens, City Manager Ty Lasher, Mayor Jim Benage, Planning Commissioner David Floyd and Council Member Jeff Hawes.

Council members reached consensus that one position on the committee would be opened to an interested Bel Aire citizen, instead of a council member.

MOTION: Council Member Smith moved to table Item D to the next council meeting and request that the mayor and staff work to advertise the opportunity to the community. Council Member Wynn seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

RECESS: Mayor Benage then announced there would be a 5 minute recess, and the open meeting would resume at 8:57 p.m. The meeting went into recess at 8:52 p.m. and resumed in open session at 8:57 p.m.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Council Member Smith moved to go into executive session for the sole purpose of discussing the subject of: Consultation **with Attorney about proposed contract negotiations pursuant** to the KSA 75-4319 exception for: Attorney Client Privilege. Invite the City Manager, the City Attorney and Tom Kaleko (to assist understanding of particular matters). The meeting will be for a period of 30 minutes, and the open meeting will resume in City Council Chambers at 9:28 p.m. Council Member Wynn seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

The council went into executive session at 8:58 p.m. The council returned to open session at 9:28 p.m. Mayor Benage stated no binding action was taken.

XIV. DISCUSSION AND FUTURE ISSUES – No other issues were discussed.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Approved by the City Council this 2nd day of June, 2020.



Jim Benage, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa Krehbiel, City Clerk