



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
City Hall – Bel Aire, Kansas
January 7, 2020 7:00 P.M.



I. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Jim Benage

II. ROLL CALL

Present were Council Members Jeff Elshoff, Dr. Joel Schroeder, Diane Wynn and Justin Smith.

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

III. OPENING PRAYER: Dr. Rob Lindsted provided the 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. Minutes of the December 17, 2019 City Council Meeting.

MOTION: Council Member Smith moved to approve the consent agenda as listed and authorize the Mayor to sign. Council Member Schroeder seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

VII. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE

A. Consideration of Appropriations Ordinance 19-25 in the amount of \$573,697.67.

MOTION: Council Member Smith moved to approve Appropriations Ordinance 19-25. Council Member Elshoff seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

VIII. PROCLAMATIONS – Miss Kansas Teen Bel Aire, Emily Womack

Mayor Benage read and signed the proclamation, recognizing Miss Womack for her accomplishments. Miss Womack will compete in the 2020 Miss Teen USA pageant.

IX. CITY REQUESTED APPEARANCES: Christmas Light Winners – Tristin Terhune

Communications Director Tristin Terhune thanked everyone who submitted a photo or voted on the City's Facebook page. Awards were presented to the top 3 contestants with the highest votes.

The 2019 winners are:

- 1st place- 4424 N Rushwood (94 votes)
- 2nd place - 5140 E 53rd St (64 votes)
- 3rd place- 4352 N Eagle Lake Ct (61 votes)

X. CITIZEN CONCERNS

Bruce Roepke, 4300 N. Rushwood Circle, said he recently moved to Bel Aire and the water rates are high. He wonders what the Council can do to lower the rates. He also wanted to know the results of the recent water rate study and when the next City-wide cleanup is scheduled to take place.

Staff said that Waste Connections, the City's trash provider, has not yet agreed to the date for this year, but expect the date will soon be set for the spring cleanup. The water rate study was reviewed by the Utility Advisory Council and they will soon present their recommendation to the Council.

XI. REPORTS

A. Council Member Reports

Council Member Wynn reported that as a member of the Utility Advisory Committee, she has reviewed the utility rate study. Water rates are affected by a number of factors, including the cost of treating water. Nothing has been finalized but she expects an increase due to the increase in the cost of providing utility services.

Council Member Elshoff reported that he attended the CCUA meeting on December 19. At the meeting new officers were elected and resolutions were passed to authorize who may sign checks for the organization. Also some maintenance actions were approved for wells.

B. Mayor's Report

Mayor Benage congratulated Council Member Elshoff on his election to Vice-Chair of CCUA. Mayor Benage also reported that he toured the CCUA in December, made a presentation about public service to a Boy Scouts group yesterday, and visited with Mayor-Elect Brandon Whipple of the City of Wichita. Candidates for Tree Board and City Council are being considered.

C. City Attorney Report

City Attorney Kelly reported that the State Legislature convenes on the 13th and may consider new statutory rules regarding zoning changes and public notification. Also, the federal government recently decided to make an age restriction for vaping products. Staff will keep Council updated. Regarding pools, in an upcoming meeting the Council may consider changes to the zoning code that requires fencing and lifeguards for pools in Bel Aire.

D. City Manager Report- No report was given.

E. Committees/Boards/Commissions Reports- No report was given.

XII. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND FINAL ACTIONS

A. Consideration of adopting the City of Bel Aire Legislative Platform for 2020.

MOTION: Council Member Schroeder moved to approve the City of Bel Aire Legislative Platform for 2020 as presented and authorize the Mayor to send a letter to Bel Aire's representatives. Council Member Elshoff seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4-0.

B. Consideration of confirming Mayor Benage's appointment of Jim Farner to the Bel Aire Planning Commission. Replaces Luke Lear who is moving from Bel Aire.

Jim Farner introduced himself to the Council. He is a former contractor who built homes in the area. He has worked for Spirit Aerosystems for 14 years, managing their electric power transforming facility. He likes the Bel Aire community and wants to contribute to it.

MOTION: Council Member Smith moved to confirm Mayor Benage's appointment of Jim Farner to the Bel Aire Planning Commission. Council Member Elshoff seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

C. Consideration of designating a voting delegate and alternate voting delegate to the Kansas Rural Water Association (KRWA) 2020 Annual Membership Meeting.

MOTION: Council Member Elshoff moved to select Anne Stephens as the Voting Delegate and Dave Leiker as Alternate Voting Delegate to the 2020 KRWA Annual Business Meeting. Council Member Smith seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4-0.

XIII. DISCUSSION AND FUTURE ISSUES

- **Workshop – January 14th at 6:30 pm.**

The council briefly discussed the agenda for the January 16 workshop.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Council Member Smith 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 and the City Attorney and David Austin (to assist understanding of particular matters). The meeting will be for a period of 45 minutes, and the open meeting will resume in City Council Chambers at 8:35 PM. Council Member Elshoff seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

The Council then went into executive session. At 8:35 p.m. Mayor Benage and council members Elshoff, Smith and Schroeder returned to the council chambers and resumed the open meeting. Mayor Benage announced that no binding action had been taken.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Wynn returned to the council chambers at 8:37 p.m.

MOTION: Council Member Elshoff moved to adjourn. Council Member Schroeder seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Approved by the City Council this 21st day of January, 2020.



Jim Benage, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa Krehbiel, City Clerk