



City Council Orientation

January 13, 2018

"Service is the daily rent we pay for living."

-Marion Wright Edelman

Cowardice asks the question, "is it safe?" Expediency asks the question, "is it politic?" Vanity comes along and asks, "is it popular?"

But conscience asks the question, is it right?"

There comes a time when one must take the position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but must act because conscience indicates it is right.

-Martin Luther King

8:30 a.m. Welcome (continental breakfast provided) Mayor David Austin

8:35 Road map and guidelines for the session Marla Flentje

8:45 Building a governance foundation

The Mayor and each Council Member are invited to respond to the following:

1. Identify the most important strength you bring to your role on the governing body.
2. What do you hope will be your legacy as a result of your elective service?
3. What is a significant expectation that you have of your Governing Body colleagues?

9:05 Who does what in Bel Aire City government?

Job descriptions of the Mayor, City Council, and City Manager as prescribed by state law and City ordinance will be highlighted and questions for clarity will be invited.

9:20 The six roles of municipal elected officials in Kansas

1. What's your reaction to what you heard?
2. For you as an individual, what is your intention as far as allocating your time among these six roles?

9:45 Break

9:55 Top 10 characteristics of an effective municipal Governing Body

Commonly recognized best practices will be highlighted.

10:15 Overview of current City of Bel Aire governance practices

The Mayor and staff are invited to offer learning and insight on these topics:

- Meeting agenda (development, organization, management) and preview of what's ahead
- Current communication practices with:
 - among Governing Body members
 - with City Manager
 - with City Advisory Boards
 - with other units of government
- Community engagement practices and protocols
- Legislative advocacy

11:00 Governance practices brainstorming

1. What current practices or protocols might we want to consider revising or adjusting in some way in the future? (Any Governing Body member may contribute to this list.)

2. What items on this list can the Mayor and Council agree should be reviewed in the future?

11:30 Retreat evaluation

Participants are invited to offer a brief verbal evaluation of the retreat based upon the Mayor and City Council's stated purposes.

11:40 Break (box lunch provided)

11:45 Budget presentation (working lunch)

The Finance Director will cover year end 2017 financials. Present 2018 budget as adopted.

12:30 p.m. Legalities of local government

The City Attorney will discuss KOMA, KORA, executive sessions, ordinances, resolutions, conflicts of interest, etc. that are importance for the Governing Body to know.

1:15 Land, marketing and growth

Marlin Penner and Jerry Jones will discuss what is being done to market and sell land. Will also cover growth plan for City.

2:00 Department head introductions

Meet the various Department Directors, hear what is happening in their departments and ask questions.

2:30 Adjourn