



Minutes
COUNCIL MEETING
City Hall – Bel Aire, Kansas
November 15, 2016
7:00 P.M.



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- I. CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor David Austin called the City of Bel Aire Council meeting to order, November 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
- II. ROLL CALL** - Council Members present Dr. Ramona Becker, Guy MacDonald, Betty Martine, Peggy O'Donnell, and Diane Wynn. Also present City Attorney Alison McKenney Brown, City Manager Ty Lasher, Finance Director Ted Henry, and City Clerk/Zoning Assistant Stacey Cook.
- III. MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER** - A moment of silent prayer was led by Mayor David Austin.
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG** – The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Mayor David Austin.
- V. DETERMINE AGENDA ADDITIONS:** None.
- VI. CONSENT AGENDA**
- A. Minutes of the November 1, 2016 City Council Meeting.
- MOTION:** Mrs. O'Donnell made a motion to approve the consent agenda as listed and authorize the Mayor to sign. Seconded by Mr. MacDonald. **Motion carried 5-0.**
- VII. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE**
- A. Appropriations Ordinance 16-22 in the amount of \$270,757.16.
- MOTION:** Dr. Becker made a motion to approve Appropriations Ordinance 16-22. Seconded by Mrs. O'Donnell. **Motion carried 5-0.**
- VIII. CITY REQUESTED APPEARANCES**
- Jaime Menon with Kansas State University presented on the PRIDE program.

IX. CITIZEN CONCERNS: Oral communication from the audience (*Please move to the podium and state your name & address so that you can be clearly heard by the viewing public as well as the Governing Body. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes unless additional time is granted by the Mayor.*)

None.

X. REPORTS:

A. Council Members Reports

Ms. Martine: Well I'd just like to wish everybody a very happy, safe Thanksgiving that's coming up. I attended the Taste of Italy, which was just out of this world as usual. While I was there, they had a pretty good size crowd; I didn't get my carrot cake, but other than that, it was wonderful. And I just would really like to thank the Lions for putting that on. It was well worth it. I saw a lot of friends that I hadn't seen in quite a while, and got to visit with them. I did outbid the Mayor on one basket, but I didn't get it either. That's all I have.

Ms. Wynn: I have a couple of things that I have done recently. I attended a seminar that was co-sponsored by REAP and the Wichita Chamber of Commerce. They had brought in a gentleman, and I don't even remember – he had a long name, I can't remember that, and I can't even remember where he was from – but he is a formidable expert on Community Development as far as Economic Development. He gave a very interesting presentation; and there were elected personnel in the room, but there were also realtors in the room. Ok, those two don't necessarily always go together really well. But it really was very interesting, and talking about the walking communities and why single family homes are not particularly – it's what we've always been building, but it's not what people want. And so, it was pretty lively discussion on that.

And then that night, I attended, REAP had their legislative cocktail party; I'm just going to call it that. It was very well attended. I talked to Mike Scholes; I talked to your [Peggy O'Donnell's] son for just a minute. You know, just a number of people all throughout the area. And of course it was just a party atmosphere there. But it was interesting because I bumped into Wichita City Administrator Mr. Layton; and he had been at the event in the afternoon, and so I asked him what his thoughts were just kind of off the cuff. I don't know him very well. He said he vehemently disagreed with a couple things that had been said, but agreed with most of it kind of thing. So it was very interesting.

I will also mention that I bumped into Jeff Richardson at another - having nothing to do with government, having to do with business - and there are three custom homes. One is a little bit tied up with some financing issue, but two are a go and there are two other lots that have sold. I asked him if he'd like me to mention that, and he said he would like for me to do that, because I know we've had some concerns. So that's a better start to what we had.

And I'm going to just pass these two pieces of information for each of you. These are the top five priorities for the South Central Regional Legislative agenda. On the top page, they're very succinct and I thought that would be interesting. The second page then comes from the Hugo Wall School of Public Affairs. You can read through this yourself, but I want to call attention to one of the – some of these are already over – but on December 8th, Erik Sartorius, the Executive Director of the League of Kansas Municipalities, will be doing some elected leadership training. The note on here says holiday party after the training. And so, I thought that might be something that you all would want to know. And that's all I have.

Mrs. O'Donnell: I'd like to echo, and wish everyone a blessed Thanksgiving. And this Thursday will be the CUA meeting because of next Thursday being Thanksgiving. They were kind enough to let us have it this week.

And Saturday, I went to the Sedgwick County Association of Cities. That was the first time I had been in the Maize City Hall. I had been out there before in the old one. It was really nice. Unfortunately, there were only nine cities represented, but we had a really good meeting. And just a couple things I wanted to bring out; Jeremy Hill did the PowerPoint, which most of us have already seen a lot of it, with the growth. And the alarming thing about Sedgwick County is we're only predicted to maintain a 0.4% and we need a 1.0% to sustain. I think most of the people in there were kind of like this is kind of depressing, but he was trying to encourage us to be more proactive as cities on marketing and getting young people to stay here. I know as I teach high school, that's a challenge because a lot of them don't think about how many things there really are in Sedgwick County to do. So that was something they want to have a meeting and brainstorm again. And then Phil Nelson is the Executive Director of WAMPO, which I think most of you guys have all known him; he had a really nice PowerPoint of what's going on in the next few years.

And then they had an opening on the TAC committee, but they needed someone from the third city so they elected the Kechi City Manager to that position. And then they reappointed the other members that were on the TAC committee so none of you have to worry. You can take a breath. They were saying they were going to nominate people who weren't there, but they just put in the others.

So anyway, the next meeting I wanted to tell you, which you probably already know, is going to be in Derby. The Derby Mayor said that it's going to be at the Pavilion at Madison Avenue Central Park. I have not been there. I grew up in Haysville; my dad and mom moved to Derby as soon as I went away to college. I guess this is really something neat they're wanting to showcase. And then are we on for spring? What month are we on?

Mr. Lasher: March.

Mrs. O'Donnell: March, ok. I cannot wait for them to come see ours because I am excited. I think our City Hall is probably one of the best around. I thought it was

March, but it just says on here the speaker and it didn't list the location. Well, I'm excited. We'll all make plans to showcase our City.

And that's all I had; just congratulations to all the people who won the election. I think we're all glad it's over. Thank you, Mayor.

Mr. MacDonald: Mr. Mayor, we did have the Taste of Italy celebration on November 12th, Saturday. And I think we served 121 dinners; that may not sound like much, but it's higher than we've had in the past. I don't know anything about the money that was raised, but as I've said before, all the money that is raised by the Lions goes back to the community and that will occur again. So I think it was very successful, and I was happy to see many faces there that are on this Council. There are probably about fifteen active Lions. We were much more efficient putting this Taste of Italy on than we have been in the past because we've done it now for I think the past four years. But we need new members. So if I could ask anyone listening to me speak right now, if you would be interested in joining a truly volunteer organization that has the best interest of the City and the community involved, contact me or contact any Lion. My telephone is available, 316-744-2501.

And then, I'm also the liaison to the Tree Board. At the last meeting, one of our members has moved out to Valley Center, I believe. That's a seven member volunteer board, and we now have five members. So if anybody's interested in joining a good organization that was established by the City many years ago, I think Mayor Smith started it, again give the City a contact – call Ty or call me and we'll take it from there.

And then interesting yesterday, about three weeks ago we got a call from KPTS. I don't know if anyone here watches Kansas Public Television Station, but they called us and said we'd like to interview you to get your thoughts on KPTS, and we have a new President and CEO. His name is Victor A. Hogstrom, and he's a rather dynamic individual. We spent more than an hour with him, so I won't go through what we talked about, but KPTS really wants to expand in the Wichita area. So I gave him Ty Lasher's name, and I'll give you a card, Ty, and you can get together. I think he'd be a good person to have as a speaker at the Council. I would let him explain what he's doing. Apparently, he's been very successful; there have been public broadcasting stations that have not done well around the country. He was in Chattanooga, Tennessee. I think they were two or three million dollars in debt; he just took care of that and expanded it. He was in, I think, Redding, California, did something there. He was in some other location – oh, Kansas City – and they were in debt. They were very much in debt. He turned them around completely. They basically need new equipment. They need investors. They need a lot of things. But it was a very interesting conversation. I'd like to see us do what we can as a City to help that station be successful. That's all I have, Mr. Mayor.

Dr. Becker: Has he bought a house yet?

Mayor Austin: I like the way you think!

Mrs. O'Donnell: Mr. Mayor, if I could just follow up on that. I went Friday night to their Veterans dinner, and my husband and I sat next to him. And unfortunately, he has already bought another house. Oh no, he hasn't - he's renting. But he's not looking up here, but I encouraged him. That's what it was. Yes, he's very dynamic.

Dr. Becker: Well I'll try and keep mine short here. I just wanted to follow up on the Taste of Italy because neither one of you mentioned the excellent entertainment that was there. Do you want to say something about that?

Mr. MacDonald: I wasn't involved in setting that up. All I can say is Northeast Magnet High School produced students who are musicians, and they put on a program – a musical playing program as well as a singing program – they're going to be doing Fiddler on the Roof. So they've been practicing that, so we had Fiddler on the Roof on Saturday night.

Dr. Becker: It was outstanding. If you haven't gotten a ticket yet to go see that, I'd encourage everybody to go see Fiddler on the Roof right here at Northeast Magnet. Because those kids were really talented, and outstanding, and it really added to the dinner, I thought.

I didn't get to go to the Botanica meeting. I had a last minute conflict, so I didn't get to go. I was glad to hear you had a good time there, Diane. Also, the one other thing I wanted to say, is that the Community Development Committee has been working on Christmas decorations. And we hope to expand our Christmas decorations for the City of Bel Aire a little bit more this year, and then continue to be adding to our Christmas decorations around the city each year. So I'm excited about that, and I know the committee members all worked real hard on putting solar lights on some of our wreaths that we already had. I know I spent one whole afternoon doing that, and it was quite a job, let me tell you. So that was divided up among the committee members to get that out. And I think the City crews are going to be getting that out next week, getting the decorations out the next couple weeks. So that will be fun and exciting because I'm kind of a kid at heart about Christmas. I love all the lights and decorations, and I think that's going to be nice for Bel Aire.

And then I just want to tell everybody have a happy and safe Thanksgiving. I think this year has flown by really quickly, and it's already the holiday season now. So Happy Thanksgiving to everybody.

B. Mayor's Report

Mayor Austin: I just want to echo on a few things; one like Dr. Becker just talked about with the Christmas lights. This is something that the Community Development Committee has been working on for quite a while, and I was very happy to see that we had that in the budget this year. We talked about that item specifically at one of our workshops even about how – that is not something, these great displays that cities

have are not overnight, so don't expect a huge one. But know this is something, at least my hope is, that we can continue to grow on and build on. Everybody thinks in this area that we've got to go to College Hill, we've got to go to Augusta to see Christmas lights.

A few other things I just want to share, Dr. Becker and I attended the Regional Supper for League of Kansas Municipalities. What was really interesting there - we learned some of this at our conference - they have a brand new website. I'd encourage any of Council Members who have not yet to really take a look at that. They kind of put some stuff behind so that Council Members can get to it. But they really went over what the 2017 priorities are for them legislatively speaking. Actually, I did not bring that packet with me, but that is something that I think it'd be nice if we could talk about sometime the next couple months, maybe in a workshop or something. This is probably one of the bigger slates since I've been involved; the League of Kansas Municipalities has always had some priorities. There's a long list, and of course I'm not going to get political here, but at least I'll say I felt personally attacked with home rule and all of that, not personally but as Mayor for a small town. It was very interesting to see a lot of that, and there's a lot of momentum there. I would like us to talk about that sometime in the near future.

And then I'd like to also echo Council Member MacDonald, he talked about the Taste of Italy. One hundred and twenty-one dinners, that's fantastic. I was just impressed; I really was. Unfortunately for me personally, I had three obligations that evening and one started at 4:00 p.m., one started at 5:00 p.m., and one started at 5:30 p.m. I'm not kidding you. And then I had a personal thing that day that came up, so I was not able to be involved much at all with it. And if I leave anybody out, help me out here, but there were five for sure that I know, Bel Aire residents that worked the day before and were there well before noon and there long after the last meal was served. Guy MacDonald was one of those; it's his recipe. I always have said if the Lions want to make a lot of money, they could auction off his recipe. It was good to see his wife Pat there helping out at the dinner; Grace Kneil was there quite a bit, and Gary and Jackie O'Neal were there. I know we also had three or four other Bel Aire Lions Club members that just kind of live very near. I just want to say specifically how thankful I am that folks would put in that many volunteer hours. I showed up a little after 7:00 p.m. when they were done, and these guys were beat tired. They did it for the community. I really want to thank publically Guy and Gary and the rest of the Lions Club.

Mr. MacDonald: I should say, Mr. Mayor, that you did arrive later and you worked very hard. I was pleased to see that. You wouldn't say it yourself, but everyone - when you have a dinner like that, there is a lot of clean-up. I mean, there's mopping the floor, there's wiping things down, and there's washing pots and pans and utensils and so on. That took a long time, and the Mayor did come and he worked his tail off when he came. I appreciate that, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Austin: It'd always seem like we were done and then there'd always be one more dish. A couple of other things, you also mentioned the Tree Board. That's another thing that I'm very proud of for our City. I was trying to find it here and I can't find the list, but at one time I saw a list. There are quite a few Tree City USAs in the state of Kansas. But very, very few can say they've done it for more than twenty years in a row. And we have. That's something else that I'm grateful for.

We mentioned a lot about KPTS. Council Member O'Donnell talked about being at the Veterans Day dinner that they did on Friday. What she didn't mention was that it was a Bel Aire resident, Sedgwick County Manager Mike Scholes, who was the guest speaker. For those of you that don't know him, this man is a One-Star General. Some of the things that he saw and was involved in, some of the stories I've heard, are pretty incredible. That was neat to see, to hear out there.

I'll echo again, it seems like I'm echoing everything and adding to it; I don't mean to. But everybody Happy Thanksgiving. Then I'm going to close, by now everybody should have received in their mail a citizen survey. Anyone watching at home, if you have not, if you would call City Hall. I'm putting you on the spot here, Ty. But we want to make sure that everyone in the community that is willing will participate in the survey. This is an investment that we have not made, that I can recall, in a long, long time. The information that we're going to gather in this kind of goes hand and hand with a lot of the presentation we heard earlier. In the future, what does Bel Aire want to be when it grows up, type of thing. It's nice to know that Bel Aire is in a position that we can really look at that, that growth is going to come and it's coming pretty soon, we think. We'd like to have some control over that. There's many, many individuals, we talked about in the history book last month that were there long before that. So please fill out your survey. It'll take a few minutes to go through. And if you turn it in within a few days of getting it, you get to go into a drawing for some great prizes including a free month of water and sewer. But just some of the topics, it goes through preparing for the future, looking at strength of the community. We have a section on support for the development of a town center. We also have Section 3 is community investment; Section 4 is on investment priorities. And then citizen profile; we're not tracking you, don't worry. There's a whole blank sheet for comments. If there's something additional or you want to expound upon one of your answers, by all means do that. It's Wichita State that compiles all this; it's none of us up here. And then they'll bring that information to us. Please take it seriously. Fill it out truthfully. We look forward to seeing what that information is as all of us wrestle as we make these decisions that affect every single one of you. I know that was probably my longest report ever, but with that I'm going to turn it over to the City Manager.

C. City Manager Report

Mr. Lasher: Thank you, Mayor, just a couple items. I wanted to let everybody know we've talked about Thanksgiving next Thursday and Friday. City offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday. So just a reminder to the citizens, and we'll let everybody know via social media and we'll post things on the doors.

We've talked a little bit about growth, and fortunately we are doing our part here. Over the last two years, we've had 7.0% growth in Bel Aire in our assessed valuation. So the growth is here, and we can tell Jeremy Hill we're doing our share to do that. That's all I had, Mayor.

Mayor Austin: Wonderful, thank you. Council Member O'Donnell just pointed out to me – it's right behind us, our seal – November 26th will be our City's thirty-sixth birthday.

- D. Committees/Boards/Commissions Reports
None.

XI. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND FINAL ACTIONS:

- A. Consideration of a Senior Services Level 1 Agreement between the City of Bel Aire and Sedgwick County.

MOTION: Mr. MacDonald made a motion to approve the Senior Services Level 1 Agreement with Sedgwick County and authorize the Mayor to sign. Seconded by Ms. Wynn. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- B. Consideration of accepting a bid for Sanitary Sewer and Water Improvements in Phase 1 of Deer Run. The following bids were received:

	Sewer	Water	Total
Mies Construction	\$179,954.00	\$96,534.16	\$276,488.16
Duling Construction	\$197,787.00	\$115,194.00	\$312,981.00
Nowak Construction	\$202,867.70	\$113,882.50	\$316,750.20
Dondlinger Construction	\$222,161.00	\$131,761.00	\$353,922.00
<i>Engineers Estimate</i>	<i>\$245,815.00</i>	<i>\$145,543.00</i>	<i>\$391,358.00</i>

MOTION: Mrs. O'Donnell made a motion to accept the bid from Mies Construction for Sanitary Sewer and Water installation in Deer Run and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents. Seconded by Dr. Becker. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- C. Consideration of a accepting a quote for 53rd Street Roller Compacted Concrete from Andale Paving at an amount not to exceed \$518,972.35

MOTION: Ms. Wynn made a motion to accept the quote from Andale Paving for 53rd Street Improvements and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents. Seconded by Mr. MacDonald. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- D. Consideration of approving the FY 2016 Budget Amendment to be published in the Ark Valley News and establishing a public hearing at the December 6, 2016 regular City Council meeting.

MOTION: Ms. Wynn made a motion to approve the FY 2016 Budget Amendment to be published and set a public hearing for the December 6, 2016 regular City Council meeting. Seconded by Dr. Becker. **Motion carried 5-0.**

XII. DISCUSSION AND FUTURE ISSUES

- Mayor Austin wanted to schedule time within the next couple of months to discuss the League of Kansas Municipalities agendas, as well as topics discussed at the League conference.
- Mrs. O'Donnell reminded everyone that the Christmas Open House will be held December 20, 2016 from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ms. Martine made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mrs. O'Donnell. **Motion carried 5-0.** Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Submitted by Stacey Cook, City Clerk/Zoning Assistant
Next scheduled meeting December 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

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