



**Minutes**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**City Hall – Bel Aire, Kansas**  
**January 15, 2019 7:00 P.M.**



**I. CALL TO ORDER**

At 7:00 p.m. a quorum was present and Mayor Austin called the meeting to order.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Council Members present were Jim Benage, Jeff Elshoff, Jeff Hawes, Betty Martine, and Justin Smith. Also present were City Manager Ty Lasher, City Attorney Jacqueline Kelly, and City Clerk Melissa Krehbiel.

**III. OPENING PRAYER**

Mark Posson provided the invocation.

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

Mayor Austin led the pledge of allegiance.

**V. DETERMINE AGENDA ADDITIONS**

There were no additions.

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Minutes of the January 3, 2019 City Council Meeting.

**MOTION:** Council Member Martine moved to amend the minutes to replace the words “Senior Center” with “Senior Club” on page 2 and approve the minutes and authorize the Mayor to sign. Seconded by Council Member Benage. *Motion carried 5-0.*

**VII. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE**

A. Appropriations Ordinance 19-02 in the amount of \$553,303.36.

**MOTION:** Council Member Hawes moved to approve Appropriations Ordinance 19-02 in the amount of \$553,303.36. Seconded by Council Member Elshoff. *Motion carried 5-0.*

**VIII. CITY REQUESTED APPEARANCES - None**

- 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.*)

No one requested to speak.

**X. REPORTS:**

- A. Council Member Reports- Council Member Benage attended the WAMPO meeting on Tuesday, January 8. At that meeting it was reported that there has been an increase in bicycle and pedestrian fatalities in the Wichita area. Council Member Benage requested that the council hold a workshop to discuss the increase in fatalities, as well as various possible road improvements. Council Member Martine reported that she attended lunch with the Senior Club yesterday.
- B. Mayor's Report- No report was given.
- C. City Attorney Report- The state legislature is in session again so staff will keep an eye on the legislature.
- D. City Manager Report- City Manager Lasher reported that Homesnacks.com ranked Bel Aire as #2 in a list of best places to live in Kansas. Homesnacks uses FBI statistics, census and other reports to rank cities. There will be a news release about the ranking soon. Also, next Monday city offices will be closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. He also reported that Code Enforcement officer Stephanie Kowalski was recently recognized as Employee of the Quarter for the last quarter of 2018. Ms. Kowalski was recognized for her contributions to her workplace as well as her efforts in her personal time to help a family that lost their home in a fire.
- E. Committees/Boards/Commissions Reports- No report was given.

**XI. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND FINAL ACTIONS:**

- A. Consideration of Accepting and filing the Bel Aire Land Bank Annual Report and publishing the list of inventory in the Ark Valley News.

**Motion:** Council Member Smith moved to approve The Bel Aire Land Bank Annual Report and publish in the Ark Valley News. Council Member Benage seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

**XII. DISCUSSION AND FUTURE ISSUES**

- Workshop – January 17 at 6:30 pm.

The council briefly discussed setting an agenda for the City Council workshop to be held on Thursday, January 17 at 6:30 pm., and setting a date for a workshop in February to discuss marketing Bel Aire.

**XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No executive session was held.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Council Member Martine moved to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member Hawes. *Motion carried 5-0.*

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Approved by the City Council this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.



David Austin, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa A. Krehbiel, City Clerk

