

City of Bel Aire Utility Advisory Committee Minutes  
Wednesday, June 9, 2021

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tenbrink at 3:05 PM.
2. Roll Call: present Dehn, Markley, Moss, Broyles, and Tenbrink, Also, in attendance, Public Works Director and City Engineer Anne Stephens.
3. Approval of Agenda: Moss moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Markley, agenda approved.
4. Approval of May 12, 2021, Meeting minutes moved by Moss and seconded by Markley, minutes were approved.
5. New Business:
  - A. Review of Sedgwick County recycling guide: Markley handed out a 2-page summary she had compiled from the County Recycling Guild web site. The committee reviewed the summary and discussed the information on the summary.
  - B. Feedback on May15 curbside cleanup: Tenbrink stated he had a brief conversation with Hershel, a Waste Connections representative. Hershel said the curbside clean up went well and Waste Connection would be having a conversation with Ty Lasher, Bel Aire City Manager soon. Anne stated that Waste connections was looking for a rate increase.
  - C. CCUA update: Anne reported the sewer plant expansion plan will cost \$1.5 million more than planned. The increase was due to additional EPA requirements.
  - D. July's "Did You Know": The committee reviewed the proposed DYK on what items not excepted for recycling by Waste Connection and Sedgwick County, after a brief discussion, it was recommended to make a few wording revisions to add Sedgwick County web site to the text.
6. Round table discussion:
  - A. Dehn gave the committee an update on the K-254 Corridor Association goal of adding an interchange at Rock Road, and it was going well.
  - B. Moss stated his May Utility Bill charged him 4000 gallons for sewer, but 3000 gallons for water. It seems that the city computer should be able to detect when the actual water usage is less than the sewer winter average charge and only charge the actual water usage rate. Anne stated she was not sure but believed the utility billing program did not have anything to detect a lower water usage than the sewer winter average rate that would correct the sewer usage to the actual water usage rate but would ask.
  - C. Markley no report

D. Anne Stephens stated the Consumer Confidence Report was on the city web site. Also, the city had been getting calls about the lack of a brush site. The city was still pursuing other alternatives. The infrastructure cost looks to be \$150,000 to accommodate a new site.

E. Broyles reported he was able to tour the KC-46 at McConnell AFB last week.

F. Tenbrink reported:

1. 40 % of Evergy's generation came from coal, 27% was wind, 26% was natural gas and oil and 7% was nuclear. By 2030 Evergy anticipates 33% of its generation will be wind, 24% will be coal, 23% will be natural gas and oil and 7% will nuclear. Evergy plans to have net zero carbon emissions by 2045. The average summer temperature in Wichita has increased 2.7 degrees since 1970. Also, methane has a larger warming impact than carbon dioxide, and methane stays in the atmosphere for 12 years whereas carbon dioxide lingers longer.

2. Planting zones in Kansas has been 5 in the north and 6 in the southern part of the state. However, when NOAA updated the map base on the 30 year average from 1981 to 2010 the northern region of Kansas warmed and left with a much smaller region 5.

7. Next UAC meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 14, 2021 @ 3:00 pm at Bel Aire City Hall.

8. Old, Continuing, and Future Business:

A. Next field trip: The committee discussed a trip to CCUA water and sewer treatment plant in the fall.

B. Legionnaire's disease presentation.

9. Markley move to adjourn the meeting and was second by Moss. Meeting was adjourned at 4:44 PM.

Dan Broyles  
UAC Secretary

