

Bentonville City Council

Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2023

The City Council of Bentonville, Arkansas, met in regular session Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., at City Hall, 305 S.W. A Street, Bentonville, Arkansas.

Present were Council Members Octavio Sanchez, Aubrey Patterson, Cindy Acree, Beckie Seba, Chris Sooter, Gayatri Agnew, and Holly Hook, with Council Member Bill Burckart absent. Also present were Mayor Stephanie Orman, City Attorney Andrew Myers, City Clerk Kirby Romines, the press, city staff, and the audience. Several members of the city staff and the public attended remotely via Zoom.

Mayor Orman called the meeting to order. Mikki Williams, a Girl Scout from Troop 5273, led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by a moment of silence in support of our armed forces.

Motion was made by Council Member Sanchez to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2023, meeting as presented, second by Council Member Acree. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0).

Motion was made by Council Member Sooter to suspend the rules regarding the reading of all ordinances on three separate days and further that all ordinances and resolutions be read by title only, second by Council Member Sanchez. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0).

[Committee of the Whole agenda items 1 through 5 were addressed at the October 9, 2023, Committee of the Whole meeting.]

II. New Business:

1. September Commercial Landscape Award - 405 South Walton
2. September Residential Landscape Award - 704 West Central Avenue
3. Fire Prevention Week Proclamation
4. Blindness Awareness Month & White Cane Safety Day Proclamation
5. Resolution No. 10-10-23 A: A resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement accepting the donation of approximately one hundred (100) acres of land, for the 8th Street Gateway Park Project, from Trailblazers; and for other purposes.

City Attorney Andrew Myers read the resolution by title only. Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Agnew. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0).

6. Resolution No. 10-10-23 B: A resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement accepting a land donation, from Trailblazers, for the Razorback Greenway Trail connection from SW 14th Street to Bentonville High School; and for other purposes.

City Attorney Andrew Myers read the resolution by title only. Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Agnew. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0).

7. Resolution No. 10-10-23 C: A resolution setting a Public Hearing for October 24, 2023, for a Utility Easement Vacation located at Lot 61 of The Farms Subdivision (VAC23-0018).

City Attorney Andrew Myers read the resolution by title only. Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Sooter. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0).

III. Utility Board

1. Resolution No. 10-10-23 D: A resolution awarding bid IFB-23-56 to Northwest Arkansas Winwater, for water main materials needed for the inventory warehouse, in the amount of one hundred twenty-nine thousand two hundred fifty-eight dollars and sixty-seven cents (\$129,258.67), plus applicable taxes; and for other purposes.

City Attorney Andrew Myers read the resolution by title only. Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Sooter. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0).

2. Resolution No. 10-10-23 E: A resolution adjusting the 2023 Budget; authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement with Navigation Electronics, Inc., for the purchase of a Trimble Reference Station, in the amount of twenty-three thousand one hundred forty-two dollars (\$23,142.00), plus applicable taxes; and for other purposes.

City Attorney Andrew Myers read the resolution by title only. Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Acree. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0).

IV. Planning:

1. Ordinance No. 2023-220: Ordinance accepting a final plat of Walnut Grove Subdivision Phase 1 to the City of Bentonville, Arkansas; and for other purposes (Project No. FP23-0006).

[Applicant: RLP Developments, LLC;

Location: Southwest Barron Road and Piercy Road]

City Attorney Andrew Myers read the ordinance by title only. Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Sooter. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0).

2. Ordinance No. 2023-221: Ordinance changing real estate in the City of Bentonville, Arkansas, from its present zoning classification of R-1, Low Density Single Family Residential to DN-2, Downtown Medium-Density Residential; and for other purposes (Project No. RZ23-0067).

[Applicant: Stephen Brewer and Theresa Brewer;

Location: 1112 NE Monroe St]

City Attorney Andrew Myers read the ordinance by title only. Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Agnew. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0).

3. Resolution No. 10-10-23 F: A resolution amending the City of Bentonville Future Land Use Map for a specific area from Residential Estate to Low-Density Residential; and for other purposes.

City Attorney Andrew Myers read the resolution by title only. Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Agnew. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0).

4. Ordinance No. 2023-222: Ordinance changing real estate in the City of Bentonville, Arkansas, from its present zoning classification of A-1, Agricultural to R-1, Low Density Single Family Residential; and for other purposes (Project No. RZ23-0066).

[Applicant: Veera Rao Guntupalli & Pavani Mallampati;

Location: 1386 Southwest Gator Boulevard]

City Attorney Andrew Myers read the ordinance by title only. Motion to approve by Council Member Acree, second by Council Member Sanchez. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0).

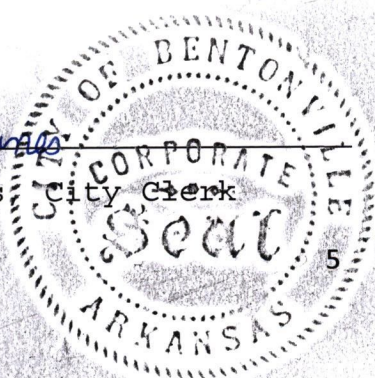
Mayor Orman recognized Saptarshi Syam for public comment. Saptarshi Syam shared about the local organization, NWA Samhati, and invited council members to their community event, Samhati Durga Puja 2023, on October 20 and 21.

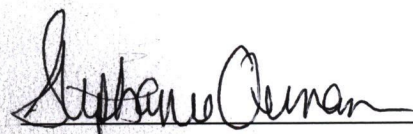
Mayor Orman adjourned the meeting. Motion to adjourn by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Agnew.

Council Member Agnew thanked the Chief of Police and Police Department for their work during the Bike to School Week and reviewed the Ozark Regional Transit discussion at the Finance Committee meeting. The council discussed Ozark Regional Transit in further detail. Council Member Hook congratulated the Parks and Recreation Department on a successful Square to Square event and commended the City of Bentonville on the 150th Anniversary Blood Drive. Mayor Orman reminded the council of the budget meeting on October 13 and the Joint Planning Commission and City Council meeting on November 17. Council Member Sooter reminded the council of the Wishing Spring Trail/Razorback Greenway re-opening on November 8.

The next Bentonville City Council meeting will be on October 24, 2023.


Kirby Romines, City Clerk




Stephanie Orman, Mayor