

Bentonville City Council
Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2014

The City Council of Bentonville, Arkansas, met in regular session Tuesday, September 23, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., at the Community Development Building, 305 SW A Street, Bentonville, Arkansas.

Present were council members Mary Baggett, John Skaggs, Chris Sooter, James Smith, Bill Burckart and Jim Grider, with Roger Thomas and Burton Head absent. Also present were Mayor Bob McCaslin, City Attorney George Spence, City Clerk Linda Spence, the press, city staff and the audience.

Mayor McCaslin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Mayor led everyone present in the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence in support of our armed forces.

Motion was made by Alderman Baggett to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2014 meeting as presented, second by Alderman Smith. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Alderman Thomas and Alderman Head absent.

Motion was made by Alderman 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 Alderman Grider. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Alderman Thomas and Alderman Head absent.

1. Ozark Regional Transit update report by Joel Gardner, Executive Director.
- 2a. Ordinance No. 2014-107: Ordinance accepting a lot split of Lots 9 and 10, replat of Lot 1 Block 3 of Twin City Heights to the City of Bentonville, Arkansas.

[Applicant: Glee Revocable Trust (Jeff and Linda Allen);
Location: 1109 Southeast 35th Street]

City Attorney Spence read the ordinance by title only.
Motion to pass by Alderman Grider, second by Alderman Smith.
There was no discussion. Motion carried (6-0), with
Alderman Thomas and Alderman Head absent.

- 2b. Ordinance No. 2014-108: Ordinance accepting a property line adjustment of Lot 114 Stonehenge Subdivision to the City of Bentonville, Arkansas.

[Applicant: Jennifer Apolskis; Location: Stonehenge Drive]

City Attorney Spence read the ordinance by title only.
Motion to pass by Alderman Grider, second by Alderman Smith.
There was no discussion. Motion carried (6-0), with
Alderman Thomas and Alderman Head absent.

- 2c. Ordinance No. 2014-109: Ordinance changing real estate in the City of Bentonville, Arkansas, from its present classification to R-C2, central residential moderate density.

[Applicant: CHP, LLC; Location: 317 Southwest F Street]

City Attorney Spence read the ordinance by title only.
Motion to pass by Alderman Grider, second by
Alderman Baggett. There was no discussion. Motion carried
(6-0), with Alderman Thomas and Alderman Head absent.

- 2d. Ordinance No. 2014-110: Ordinance changing real estate in the City of Bentonville, Arkansas, from its present classification to C-1, neighborhood commercial.

[Applicant: WPC, LLC; Location: 1002 Southwest I Street]

City Attorney Spence read the ordinance by title only.
Motion to pass by Alderman Burckart, second by
Alderman Smith. There was no discussion. Motion carried
(6-0), with Alderman Thomas and Alderman Head absent.

- 3a. Ordinance No. 2014-111: Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into an agreement for the repair of the roof of the Bentonville Community Development building

and waiving the requirement of competitive bidding.

City Attorney Spence read the ordinance by title only.
Motion to pass by Alderman Baggett, second by
Alderman Sooter. There was no discussion. Motion carried
(6-0), with Alderman Thomas and Alderman Head absent.

- 3b. Approval of a budget adjustment in the amount of \$29,732 for
repair work on the Community Development building.

Motion to approve by Alderman Grider, second by
Alderman Baggett. There was no discussion. Motion carried
(6-0), with Alderman Thomas and Alderman Head absent.

4. Ordinance No. 2014-112: Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and
City Clerk to enter into an agreement with Frank Sharum
Landscape Design and waiving the requirement of competitive
bidding.

City Attorney Spence read the ordinance by title only.
Motion to pass by Alderman Burckart, second by
Alderman Grider. There was no discussion. Motion carried
(6-0), with Alderman Thomas and Alderman Head absent.

5. Resolution No. 9-23-14 A: Resolution authorizing the Mayor
and Clerk to enter into an agreement with Traffic Engineering
Consultants for a traffic signal timing study and
coordination plan.

City Attorney Spence read the resolution by title only.
Motion to pass by Alderman Grider, second by
Alderman Burckart. There was no discussion. Motion carried
(6-0), with Alderman Thomas and Alderman Head absent.

6. Resolution No. 9-23-14 B: Resolution authorizing the Mayor
and Clerk to purchase certain customers and facilities from
Carroll Electric Cooperative Corporation.

City Attorney Spence read the resolution by title only.
Motion to pass by Alderman Grider, second by

Alderman Baggett. There was no discussion. Motion carried (6-0), with Alderman Thomas and Alderman Head absent.

7. Ordinance No. 2014-113: Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into an agreement with BBC Electrical Services, Inc. for the installation of 69kV switches and jumper modifications at Substation C of the City of Bentonville Electric Department and waiving the requirement of competitive bidding.

City Attorney Spence read the ordinance by title only. Motion to pass by Alderman Grider, second by Alderman Smith. There was no discussion. Motion carried (6-0), with Alderman Thomas and Alderman Head absent.

8. Approval of change order No. 1 in the amount of \$169,236 for access control and security for the Bentonville Community Center.

Motion to approve by Alderman Grider, second by Alderman Sooter. There was no discussion. Motion carried (6-0), with Alderman Thomas and Alderman Head absent.

9. Approval to accept a grant award in the amount of \$29,500 from the Walton Family Foundation, with \$20,000 to be used for the Slaughter Pen Jam Mountain Bike Festival and \$9,500 pledged to match the City's investment in improving the free ride component of the Slaughter Pen bike trails.

Motion to approve by Alderman Baggett, second by Alderman Burckart. There was no discussion. Motion carried (6-0), with Alderman Thomas and Alderman Head absent.

Alderman Burckart expressed thanks to the Foundation.

10. Approval of a budget adjustment for Parks and Recreation to cover expenses related to the Slaughter Pen Jam Mountain Bike Festival held September 4-7, 2014. The event produced \$56,771 of revenue and \$46,707 of expenses.

Motion to approve by Alderman Smith, second by Alderman Burckart. There was no discussion. Motion carried (6-0), with Alderman Thomas and Alderman Head absent.

11. Approval to award Bid No. 14-43 to Forsgren, Inc. in the amount of \$2,178,210.47 for the South Lift Station renovation and South Force Main construction project.

Motion to approve by Alderman Burckart, second by Alderman Grider. There was no discussion. Motion carried (6-0), with Alderman Thomas and Alderman Head absent.

12. Resolution No. 9-23-14 C: Resolution adopting certain revisions to the Policy Manual for the Bentonville Public Library (Library Smoking Policy).

City Attorney Spence read the resolution by title only.

Alderman Grider inquired about enforcement of the new policy. Hadi Dudley, Library Director, stated that it would be enforced through communication with patrons. She added that in anticipation of the resolution being approved, patrons using the current smoking area had been approached and told of the anticipated change.

Motion to pass by Alderman Grider, second by Alderman Smith. Motion carried (6-0), with Alderman Thomas and Alderman Head absent.

Mayor McCaslin recognized Liam Hamilton, a Boy Scout from Troop 450, who attended the meeting as a requirement to earn his Citizenship in the Community merit badge.

The Mayor stated that Denise Land, Finance and Administration Director, had released the most recent sales tax revenue figures, which were just short of \$700,000 for the month reported. The Mayor indicated that while down from the previous year, the City continued to be ahead of budget.

The Mayor also noted that preparation of the 2015 budget was well underway.

Motion was made by Alderman Grider to adjourn the meeting, second by Alderman Smith. There was no discussion. Motion carried (6-0), with Alderman Thomas and Alderman Head absent.

Linda Spence
Linda Spence, City Clerk

Bob McCaslin
Bob McCaslin, Mayor