

# **Bentonville City Council**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **July 8, 2025**



The City Council of Bentonville, Arkansas, met in regular session Tuesday, July 8th, at 6:00 p.m., at City Hall, 305 S.W. A Street, Bentonville, Arkansas.

Present were Council Members Octavio Sanchez, Cindy Acree, Holly Hook, Chris Sooter Aubrey Patterson, Beckie Seba, Gayatri Agnew, and Bill Burckart. Also present were Mayor Stephanie Orman, City Attorney Nicholas Henry, City Clerk Malorie Marrs, 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, and 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 June 24, regular council meeting as presented, second by Council Member Agnew. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0)

A 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 (7-1 NO: Acree)

#### **Motion for Consent Agenda:**

-Council Member Sooter motioned to move items 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10 under New Business & items 1 & 2 under Utility Board, to a consent agenda.

Seconded by Council Member Burckart. Motion carried (8-0).

#### **I. Consent Agenda Items**

##### ***New Business***

**3. Resolution 7-8-25 A: Resolution Approving Change Order #1 for VBT East Taxiway Extension Phase 2** Approving VBT East Taxiway Extension Phase 2 - Change Order #1 with APAC-Central, Inc.

No budget adjustment is needed.

**5. Resolution 7-8-25 B: Setting a Public Hearing to Vacate a Utility Easement (VAC25-0016)**

Approve Resolution to set a Public Hearing for July 22, 2025 to vacate a Utility Easement located at Lot 1 of Bentonville Phillips Park Phase 1 (VAC25-0016).

**6. Resolution 7-8-25 C: Setting a Public Hearing to Vacate an Alley Right of Way (VAC25- 0018)**

Approve Resolution to set a Public Hearing for July 22, 2025 to vacate an Alley Right of Way located between Lot 1 of Ratcliff Subdivision and Lot D, Block 6 of Lincoln and Rice Addition (VAC25-0018).

**7. Resolution 7-8-25 D: Setting a Public Hearing to Vacate an Alley Right of Way (VAC25- 0019)**

Approve Resolution to set a Public Hearing for July 22, 2025 to vacate an Alley Right of Way located at Crystal Lands Subdivision Lot 1 (VAC25-0019).

**8. Resolution 7-8-25 E: Approving a Budget Adjustment for Vantage Live Software Subscription Renewal**

Resolution approving a Budget adjustment for Vantage Live subscription renewal for 40 traffic signals and the addition of 30 traffic signals. \$28,000.00 is budgeted for 2025 requesting \$5,000.00 be allocated from street fund reserves. A budget adjustment is needed.

**9. Resolution 7-8-25 F: Approving PIIP20-0010 NW 9th & D - Construction Change Order 4**

Resolution approving Change Order #4 to Crossland Heavy Contractor's construction contract for PIIP22-0010 NW 9th & D Drainage Improvements. No budget adjustment is needed.

**10. Resolution 7-8-25 G: Authorizing an Agreement for a TAP Grant for the Elm Tree Road Sidepath**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to accept an Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant for construction of the Elm Tree Road Sidepath. No budget adjustment is needed.

**Utility Board**

**1. Resolution 7-8-25 H: Amending IFB-24-70 - IDIQ Water Service Line Replacement Agreement**

A Resolution amending the 2025 budget and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to amend the IDIQ contract for Mo-Ark Utilities, increasing the amount by \$500,000.00. Utility Board approved 5 - 0. A budget adjustment is needed.

**2. Resolution 7-8-25 I: Approving an Agreement for Inflow and Infiltration Reduction with TREKK Design Group**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement with TREKK Design Group in the amount of \$120,164.00. Utility Board approved 5-0. No budget adjustment is needed.

City Attorney Nicholas Henry read the consent items out loud by title only, motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, seconded by Council Member Agnew. Consent Agenda passes (8-0).

**Ia. Old Business**

**1. Tabled from June 24, 2025, City Council Meeting:**

Resolution to award bid IFB-25-49 Solid Waste and Recycling Services to Cards NWA, LLC per the unit prices attached. No budget adjustment is needed.

City of Bentonville Purchasing Manager Kelsi Frederick, and Staff City Attorney David Bailey, gave a recap report about the Cards and Republic Services contract. Frederick discussed the submission process and presented the bid packets to council.

Council Member Acree & Sooter asked & discussed if Card's had served a city similar in size to Bentonville, for longer than 1 year.

City Attorney David Bailey stated that due to another relook of the contracts, he advised council to reject all bids and send the contracts back.

Jennifer Fagan and other representatives from Republic Services addressed the council regarding their submitted bid. During the discussion, Republic Services stated that they view red lines in the contract as points for negotiation, not automatic exclusions. At one point, Fagan (speaking out of turn) interjected to affirm that Republic Services was willing to accommodate all the City's requested terms in the contract as it sits.

Council Member Acree motioned to amend & throw out all bids, seconded by Council Member Burckart.

(7-0-1 Abstain Seba)

Motion passes

Council Member Acree motioned to pass the amended resolution seconded by Council Member Sooter.

(7-0-1 Abstain Seba)

Motion passes

## II. **New Business NON-Consent Public Comment to be Heard with Agenda Item**

### 1. **Informational: July Residential Landscape Award - 2411 NW Rita Way**

Recognition by City Council of the landscaping of residential property at 2411 NW Rita Way. The property was selected by the Tree & Landscape Advisory Committee and is the July Residential Landscaping of the Month award winner.

Mayor Orman read the award aloud, thanked the residents for their care towards the community, and took a picture.

### 2. **Informational: Filming and Special Events Permits**

A presentation from Shelli Kerr with City Planning about the new special event permitting process, coming forward to make it easier on constituents, PD, staff, and committees to view, manage, and accept events as they come up with the city.

### 4. **Ordinance 2025-134: Public Hearing and Ordinance Vacating a Street Right of Way (VAC25-0017):** Public Hearing and approval of an Ordinance vacating a Street Right of Way located at 1410 SE 8th Street of Wal-Mart Subdivision 1 (VAC25-0017).

Mayor Orman opened the public hearing, there was no discussion in person or online, Mayor closed the public hearing

City Attorney Nicholas Henry read the Ordinance out loud by title only, motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, seconded by Council Member Agnew (8-0) Ordinance passes. There was no discussion

City Attorney Nicholas Henry read the Emergency Clause out loud calling for immediate action, motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, seconded by Council Member Agnew (8-0) Emergency Clause passes. There was no discussion

## III. **Planning**

### 1. **Ordinance 2025-135: Lot Split - Lots 22 and 23 of Railroad Addition - 221 South Main Street (LS25-0015)**

*The Planning Commission voted 7-0, recommending approval.*

An Ordinance Accepting A Lot Split Of Lot 221 Of Railroad Addition Creating New Lots 22

And 23 Of Railroad Addition And Accepting Dedicated Right Of Way To The City Of Bentonville, Arkansas; And For Other Purposes

City Attorney Nicholas Henry read the Ordinance out loud by title only, motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, seconded by Council Member Agnew (8-0) Ordinance passes. There was no discussion

2. **Ordinance 2025-136: Lot Split - Lots 7, 8, and 9 of Lincoln and Rice Addition - 901 Northeast Second Street (LS25-0016)**

*The Planning Commission voted 7-0, recommending approval.*

An Ordinance Accepting A Lot Split Of Lot 6, Block 9 Of Lincoln And Rice Addition Creating New Lots 7, 8, And 9 Of Linc

City Attorney Nicholas Henry read the Ordinance out loud by title only, motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, seconded by Council Member Agnew (8-0) Ordinance passes. There was no discussion

Motion to adjourn meeting Council Member Burckart, Seconded Council Member Hook, motion passes.

Voting portion of the meeting closed.

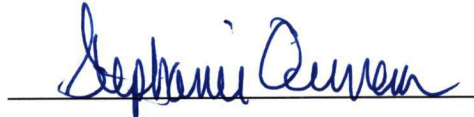
I. Committee Reports

- i. **Sanchez: Library:** discussed the Library will not be allowing “holds” on books for a temporary time, as workers are gathering books, and then patrons are not picking them up. Summer is a busy time, but using this to figure out a new way to manage holds so it is not a drain on staff time.
- ii. **Acree: Traffic and Signage :** BHS homecoming is October 10<sup>th</sup>, the UP Summitt is Sunday September 28<sup>th</sup> from 11-5pm.
- iii. **Agnew: Finance:** Continued conversation with CIP on water leak process  
**Active Transportation:** will meet for their second committee training.
- iv. **Hook:** Great job on the 4<sup>th</sup> to all involved within the City to make it happen!

The next Bentonville City Council meeting will be on Tuesday July 22, 2025.



Malorie Marrs, City Clerk



Stephanie Orman, Mayor

