



**Bentonville Utility Board
Meeting Agenda
September 16, 2025
11:30 AM
Bentonville City Hall**

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance

Approval of Minutes: September 2, 2025

I. New Business

1. **Monthly Update on Water Line Leaks** **Informational**
This is for our regularly scheduled update for the month of August.
2. **Resolution Amending IFB-24-70 - IDIQ
Water Service Line Replacement
Agreement** **Resolution**
Staff requests 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. A budget adjustment is needed.
3. **Resolution and Budget Adjustment for
GDS Associates, Inc. for a Not to
Exceed Cost of \$75,000.00** **Resolution**
GDS Associates is and has been performing the engineering work for the two law firms that are representing Bentonville (and other utilities) against AEP at FERC. AEP has been trying to allocate costs for retired/retiring power plants to various utilities in Arkansas and Texas. This is a not to exceed cost of \$75,000.00. A budget adjustment is needed.



City of Bentonville, Arkansas Agenda Item Form

Item Details

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Ordinance	Resolution		Informational

Title, Recommendation & Justification

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Action Recommendation & Justification:	
Additional Comments for Consideration (Optional):	

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General Fund

Utility Fund

Street Fund

Other(s): _____

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CITY OF BENTONVILLE, ARKANSAS

Purchasing Department – 1000 SW 14th Street, Bentonville Arkansas 72712

City Hall – 305 SW A Street Bentonville, Arkansas 72712

AMENDMENT TO INVITATION FOR BID CONTRACT

This amendment (the “Amendment”), dated September 23, 2025, is made by the City of Bentonville, Arkansas (“City”) and Mo-Ark Utilities (“Contractor”), parties to the Invitation for Bid (IFB)-24-70 with Bentonville Water Department, for Indefinite Delivery – Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) Water Service Line Replacement, dated November 20, 2024 (the “Agreement”).

1. The Original Agreement that was approved by City Council on November 12, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 per year for each contract awarded.
2. The First Contract Amendment was approved by City Council on January 14, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 per year for each contract awarded.
3. The Second Contract Amendment was approved by City Council on April 8, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 per year for each contract awarded.
4. The Third Contract Amendment was approved by City Council on July 8, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 per year for each contract awarded.
5. The Agreement is Amended as follows:
6. The estimated total of payments for the contract is estimated to be \$2,500,000.00 per contract term.
7. This Amendment shall be effective immediately when fully executed.
8. Except as set forth in this Amendment, the Agreement is unaffected and shall continue in full force and effect in accordance with its terms. If there is conflict between this Amendment and the Agreement, or any earlier Amendment, the terms of this Amendment shall prevail.

THE CITY OF BENTONVILLE, ARKANSAS

BY: _____
Stephanie Orman, Mayor

DATE: _____

Company Name: _____

BY: _____

Name(printed): _____

DATE: _____



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September 12, 2025

Travis Matlock
Electric Utility Director
City of Bentonville
1000 SW 14th Street
Bentonville, AR 72712

RE: Formula Rate Review & Regulatory Support

Dear Travis,

GDS appreciates the opportunity to propose to assist the City of Bentonville, Arkansas ("City", "Bentonville") with its detailed review of Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCo) formulary rates under the City's existing wholesale power supply agreement with SWEPCo. Alongside accomplished legal expertise, GDS has provided significant advisement services on formula rate structures in order to find inconsistencies between anticipated power cost under the City's existing power supply agreements and appropriate cost reporting practices and procedures for including SWEPCo costs on invoices to clients.

As part of GDS' review over the last year, GDS has entered into settlement discussions for similarly situated clients and has been successful in achieving adjustments to SWEPCo cost reporting. Over the remaining period of the contract, GDS estimates that adjustments to the reported SWEPCo cost could total more than \$900,000 for the City.

To complete this work and receive compensation for work done to date in order to achieve contractual savings for the City, GDS proposes a professional fee not-to-exceed **\$75,000**. Amidst increasing costs, these important efforts reduce costs for Bentonville customers, and we hope to continue supporting Bentonville in reducing costs wherever possible.

Please let us know if there is any other information that we can provide to assist you in your consideration. If there are no other questions, please provide an approval signature below.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the City and its electric customers.

Sincerely,


Garrett D. Cole, P.E.
Vice President

Letter Proposal Approved by City of Bentonville, Arkansas

Name, Title

Signature

Date