

Bentonville City Council
Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2017

The City Council of Bentonville, Arkansas, met in regular session Tuesday, August 22, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., at the Community Development Building, 305 Southwest A Street, Bentonville, Arkansas.

Present were council members Stephanie Orman, Tim Robinson, Chris Sooter, Thomas Hoehn, Bill Burckart, Octavio Sanchez and Jim Webb, with Chad Goss absent.

At 6:00 p.m., prior to calling the meeting to order, Mayor McCaslin invited public comments. A motion was made by Council Member Webb to allow public comments outside the scope of the agenda, second by Council Member Robinson. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Council Member Goss absent. Mike Clifford then spoke regarding the statue on the square.

The Mayor then invited questions or comments from the Council about items on the agenda and there were none.

Mayor McCaslin called the meeting to order. 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 Council Member Sanchez to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2017 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Burckart. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Council Member Goss absent.

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 Burckart. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Council Member Goss absent.

- 1a. Ordinance No. 2017-136: Ordinance accepting a lot split of Lots 1 and 2 Block 3 El Contento Addition to the City of Bentonville, Arkansas.

[Applicant: El Contento Properties, LLC;
Location: Northwest 3rd Street and Southwest 2nd Street]

City Attorney Spence read the ordinance by title only. Motion to pass by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Burckart. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Council Member Goss absent.

- 1b. Ordinance No. 2017-137: Ordinance changing real estate in the City of Bentonville, Arkansas, from its present classification of C-2, general commercial to C-3, central commercial.

[Applicant: Aurora Development, LLC;
Location: 1118 Southwest 2nd Street]

City Attorney Spence read the ordinance by title only. Motion to pass by Council Member Robinson, second by Council Member Sanchez. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Council Member Goss absent.

- 1c. Ordinance No. 2017-138: Ordinance changing real estate in the City of Bentonville, Arkansas, from its present classification of R-1, single family residential to DN-2, downtown medium-density residential.

[Applicant: Mark Mathias;
Location: Northwest 5th Street]

City Attorney Spence read the ordinance by title only. Motion to pass by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Sooter. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Council Member Goss absent.

- 1d. Ordinance No. 2017-139: Ordinance changing real estate in the City of Bentonville, Arkansas, from its present classification of R-1, single family residential to DN-2, downtown medium-density residential.

[Applicant: Bowser Shattuck Group, LLC;
Location: Northwest A Street]

City Attorney Spence read the ordinance by title only. Motion to pass by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Burckart. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Council Member Goss absent.

- 1e. Ordinance No. 2017-140: Ordinance accepting a lot split of Lots 27 and 28 Staube Business Park to the City of Bentonville, Arkansas.

[Applicant: Crossmar Investments;
Location: 5300 Southwest Regional Boulevard]

City Attorney Spence read the ordinance by title only. Motion to pass by Council Member Webb, second by Council Member Orman. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Council Member Goss absent.

2. Ordinance No. 2017-141: Ordinance amending Bentonville Municipal Code, Title 11, Chapter 11.36 Moving Buildings, with provisions to allow moving of historic buildings within the City of Bentonville, Arkansas and to further regulate the manner of moving buildings through the City of Bentonville, Arkansas and declaring an emergency.

City Attorney Spence read the ordinance by title only. Motion to pass by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Orman. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Council Member Goss absent.

Motion to pass emergency clause by Council Member Burckart, second by Council Member Robinson. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Council Member Goss absent.

3. Approval to award Bid No. 17-25 to Frank Sharum Landscape in the amount of \$30,186 to purchase trees for the 5th Annual Tree Planting Blitz on October 13, 2017.

Motion to approve by Council Member Burckart, second by Council Member Webb. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Council Member Goss absent.

4. Resolution No. 8-22-17 A: Resolution declaring certain property belonging to the City of Bentonville Police Department as surplus property. [three bicycles]

City Attorney Spence read the resolution by title only. Motion to pass by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Burckart. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Council Member Goss absent.

5. Resolution No. 8-22-17 B: Resolution declaring certain property belonging to the City of Bentonville, Arkansas as surplus property. [2017 surplus auction items]

City Attorney Spence read the resolution by title only. Motion to pass by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Orman. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Council Member Goss absent.

6. Resolution No. 8-22-17 C: Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with Black Hills Energy for the relocation of gas utilities.

City Attorney Spence read the resolution by title only. Motion to pass by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Burckart. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Council Member Goss absent.

7. Ordinance No. 2017-142: Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into a contract with Johnson Controls, Inc. for maintenance service at the Bentonville Municipal Works facility and waiving the requirement of competitive bidding.

City Attorney Spence read the ordinance by title only. Motion to pass by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Robinson. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Council Member Goss absent.

8. Approval of a change order and budget adjustment in the amount of \$8,177 for the Melvin Ford Aquatic Center renovation project.

Motion to approve by Council Member Burckart, second by Council Member Sanchez. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Alderman Goss absent.

9. Resolution No. 8-22-17 D: Resolution adopting the Master Parks Plan of the City of Bentonville, Arkansas.

City Attorney Spence read the resolution by title only. Motion to pass by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Robinson.

Council Member Burckart asked David Wright, Parks and Recreation Manager, to express any thoughts he had about priorities for the various projects identified in the plan and efforts toward allocating funds to the various projects, considering that the plan was aspirational, clearly exceeding the current budget dollars available. Mr. Wright stated that the plan was just that, and indicated that while there was an expectation that on an ongoing basis projects would be identified based on known funding sources, he thought it advisable to remain flexible for funding opportunities that might arise over the plan's duration, which had occurred frequently during his time with the City.

Council Member Orman asked how needs were being prioritized and how that was being communicated to citizens. Mr. Wright responded, citing the softball fields as an example, that the plan focused on flexible playspaces and also converting playspaces to tournament quality playspaces. Mr. Wright also discussed that some of the immediately upcoming planning for new parks would provide for open space not necessarily designed for one sport, providing much needed practice area.

Council Member Hoehn asked Mr. Wright to address his overall vision with regard to the plan considering his history with the City. Mr. Wright discussed the desire identified to him early in his tenure with the City about the parks system not becoming

a burden to the taxpayers. Mr. Wright stated that based on the way the parks system had been developed, it had a 65 percent cost recovery which was in the top 5 percent in the country. Mr. Wright stated the effort was to produce and identify as much revenue from the parks system as possible to meet the needs of citizens.

There was no further discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Council Member Goss absent.

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Robinson, second by Council Member Burckart. Motion carried (7-0), with Council Member Goss absent.

Linda Spence

Linda Spence, City Clerk

Bob McCaslin

Bob McCaslin, Mayor

