

Combined Committee of the Whole & City Council Meeting Minutes January 27, 2026



The City Council of Bentonville, Arkansas, met in regular session on Tuesday January 22, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., at City Hall, 305 S.W. A Street, Bentonville, Arkansas.

Present for Committee of the Whole; were Council Members Octavio Sanchez, Holly Hook, Bill Burckart, Beckie Seba, Chris Sooter, Aubrey Patterson, and Gayatri Richardson. Council Member Acree attended online without video.

Also, present were Mayor Stephanie Orman, City Attorney Nick 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 January 13, 2026, council meeting as presented, second by Council Member Sooter. There was no discussion.

Motion carried (7-0)

I. Committee of the Whole Discussion

Mayor Orman turned over Committee of the Whole for Council Member Sooter.

1. Impact Fee Discussion Informational

2. Consent Agenda Discussion

New Business items: 8, 9, 10, 12 & Utility Board items: 1 & 2

Council Member Sooter closed Committee of the Whole Discussion at 8:20pm, and Mayor Orman opened regular City Council meeting.

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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 (7-0)

II. New Business - Public Comment to be Heard with Agenda Item

1. Informational: Little Sugar Creek Follow Up

Presentation regarding Little Sugar Creek Dam Removal and Stream Restoration Project.

2. Informational: Bentonville Water Utilities Overarching Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Presentation

The Bentonville Water Utilities Overarching Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) will provide a long-term growth and replacement plan with associated costs for all utility infrastructure and assets. Development of the Overarching CIP is funded by a 2024 Wastewater Improvement Grant. No additional budget action is required at this time

III. New Business – Consent Agenda

New Business items: 8, 9, 10, 12

8. Resolution 1-27-26 A: Approving a Change Order Authorizing An Amended Agreement with GTS, Inc.

Change Order, in the amount of \$11,214.81, to GTS, Inc. for additional geotechnical services at the Bentonville Adult Recreation Center. No budget adjustment is needed.

9. Resolution 1-27-26 B: Approving the Purchase of Furniture, Shelving & Lockers for New Parks Maintenance Facility

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Moser, in the amount of \$175,019.66, for the purchase of furniture, shelving, and lockers for the New Parks Maintenance Building through the TIPS Contract ID #240301. No budget adjustment is needed.

10. Resolution 1-27-26 C: Enter into an Agreement with P & K Equipment to Purchase a Terrain Cut Mower

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with P&K Equipment, in the amount of \$101,922.62, to purchase one (1) John Deere 9009A Terrain Cut mower for the Parks and Recreation Maintenance. No budget adjustment is needed.

12. Resolution 1-27-26 D: Accepting Offer of Financial Assistance from Arkansas

Department of Agriculture Resolution Staff is requesting approval of a resolution authorizing the Mayor & City Clerk to accept an offer of financial assistance from Arkansas Department of Agriculture in the form of a loan in the amount up to \$8,733,449.00, and a loan with principal forgiveness in the amount of up to \$887,911.00, from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan fund. These funds are to be used for the 48" supply water transmission project or Water Master Plan Project 1. No budget adjustment is needed.

Utility Board items: 1 & 2

1. Resolution 1-27-26 F: Award IFB-25-84 for Water Main Repair Materials

Resolution awarding Bid IFB-25-84 to NW Arkansas Winwater and Consolidated Pipe in a total amount of \$89,196.00 for Water Main Repair Materials. Utility Board approved 4-0. No budget adjustment is needed.

2. Resolution 1-27-26 G: Enter into an Agreement with Procore for Project Management

Software Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement with Procore for Capital Improvement Project Management Software as a result of their submission to the City's Request for Proposal (RFP)-25-65. This will be a three-year contract totaling \$511,218.80 which includes a one time implementation fee of \$49,250.00. This agreement provides the use of the software with a total construction value of \$300 million to be used over the three-year contract. Utility Board approved 5-0. No budget adjustment is needed

City Attorney Nick Henry read the consent agenda out loud by title only. Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, seconded by Council Member Burckart.

Consent Agenda passes (6-0).

Council Member Richardson left meeting at 8:28pm

IV. New Business Non Consent Agenda Items

3. Ordinance 2026-10: Ordinance for a Waiver of Bid to Purchase Police Uniforms and Equipment from Galls, LLC

Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement with Galls, LLC in Springdale, Arkansas, for the purchase of police uniforms and equipment, and waiving the requirement for competitive bidding. No budget adjustment is needed

City Attorney Nick Henry read the Ordinance by title only. Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, seconded by Council Member Seba.

Motion passes (6-0).

4. Ordinance 2026-11: Ordinance for a Waiver of Bid to Purchase Ten (10) Police Department Vehicles with Upfitting

An Ordinance authorizing an agreement with Superior Automotive Group, and competitive bid waiver, to purchase five (5) Chevrolet Tahoes PPV 2WD and five (5) Dodge Durango PPV AWD police vehicles as equipped with upfitting. No budget adjustment is needed.

City Attorney Nick Henry read the Ordinance by title only. Motion to approve by Council

Member Sanchez, seconded by Council Member Sooter.
Motion passes (6-0).

5. Ordinance 2026-12: Requesting a Waiver of Bid for Medical Supplies for Paramedic Ambulances

Ordinance Requesting a Waiver of Bid for various purchases of medical supplies and medications for the ambulance service from the vendors listed below. No budget adjustment is needed.

City Attorney Nick Henry read the Ordinance by title only. Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, seconded by Council Member Hook.
Motion passes (6-0).

City Attorney Nick Henry read the Emergency Clause calling for immediate enactment. Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, seconded by Council Member Burckart.
Emergency Clause passes (6-0).

6. Ordinance 2026-13: Requesting a Waiver of Bid for a Rogaku Icon-X, Raman Analyzer

Approval of an Ordinance to waive competitive bidding for a Rogaku Icon-X, Raman analyzer for liquid and solid identification. No budget adjustment is needed.

City Attorney Nick Henry read the Ordinance by title only. Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, seconded by Council Member Hook.
Motion passes (6-0).

7. Ordinance 2026-14: Requesting a Waiver of Bid for Heavy Rescue Stabilization Equipment

Approval of an Ordinance to waive competitive bidding to purchase Res-Q Jack Heavy Rescue Stabilization Equipment from Dixie Rescue Solutions. No budget adjustment is needed.

City Attorney Nick Henry read the Ordinance by title only. Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, seconded by Council Member Burckart.
Motion passes (6-0).

11. Ordinance 2026-15: Approving 2026 Public Transit Agreement with Ozark Regional Transit Service

Ordinance allowing the approval of an agreement with Ozark Regional Transit Service in the amount of \$700,327.00 to provide transit service to Bentonville citizens for the 2026

calendar year and waiving the requirement of competitive bidding. No budget adjustment is needed.

Council Member Hook asked if the contract included monies set aside for para transit. Transportation Director Dan Weese indicated there was money set aside and will revisit as necessary. ORT stated the estimated amount was based from Fayetteville/Bentonville over one year, and the fact that Bentonville had a larger footprint.

City Attorney Nick Henry read the Ordinance by title only. Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, seconded by Council Member Burckart.
Motion passes (6-0).

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Emergency Clause passes (6-0).

13. 1-27-26 G: Meeting Procedures Resolution

Amended Resolution for meeting procedures. No budget adjustment is needed.

Mayor Orman and Council discussed the changes made to the meeting procedures.

City Attorney Nick Henry read the Resolution by title only. Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, seconded by Council Member Burckart.
Motion passes (6-0).

V. Planning

1. Ordinance 2026-16: Property Line Adjustment - Lot 18, Block 1 of Lincoln and Rice Addition - 612 Northeast 2nd Street (PLA25-0037)

The Planning Commission voted 7-0, recommending approval.

An Ordinance Accepting A Property Line Adjustment Of West 1/2 Of Lot 4 And East 1/2 Of Lot 5, Block 1, Lincoln And Rice Addition Creating New Lot 18, Block 1 Of Lincoln And Rice Addition To The City Of Bentonville, Arkansas; And For Other Purposes.

City Attorney Nick Henry read the Ordinance by title only. Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, seconded by Council Member Burckart.
Motion passes (6-0).

2. Ordinance 2026-17: Lot Split - Lots 1 & 2 of Danielle's Place - 5927 Southwest Barron Road (LS25-0037)

The Planning Commission voted 7-0, recommending approval.

An Ordinance Accepting A Lot Split Of Parcel Number 01-07964-060 Creating New Lots 1 And 2 Of Danielle's Place To The City Of Bentonville, Arkansas; And For Other Purposes.

City Attorney Nick Henry read the Ordinance by title only. Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, seconded by Council Member Burckart.
Motion passes (6-0).

VI. Other Business/Announcements/Comments

Adjournment at 8:45pm-(Hook motioned to adjourn, seconded by Sooter)

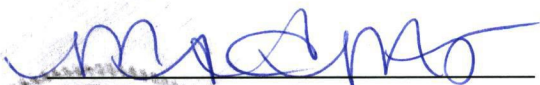
1. Public Comments on Non Agenda items

-Tim McDonald spoke, about the upcoming election and running for Circuit Judge Division 8, on March 3rd.

2. Committee Reports

- i. **Sanchez Utility Board:** Presentation on the Capital Plan
- ii. **Patterson A &P:** Lots of incredible press for Bentonville. Visit Bentonville will be moving to the second floor of the Massey Building
- iii. **Seba Public Art:** Still on a hold, until the new policy is passed. 250 community project with school children, using tiles: showcasing what you love about the City.
- iv. **Sooter A&P:** Chamber is also moving to the Massey building. **Parks & Rec** discussion about possible funding
- v. **Hook Tree and Landscaping:** Spring Tree giveaway will be Saturday April the 11th, 2026.

The next Bentonville City Council meeting will be February 10, 2026.



Malorie Marrs, City Clerk



Stephanie Orman, Mayor

