

Bentonville City Council
Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2018

[A Committee of the Whole meeting was held Monday, August 13, 2018. In addition to reviewing agenda items and other discussion, a consent agenda was approved.]

The City Council of Bentonville, Arkansas, met in regular session Tuesday, August 14, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., at the Community Development Building, 305 Southwest A Street, Bentonville, Arkansas.

Present were council members Stephanie Orman, Chad Goss, Chris Sooter, Bill Burckart, Octavio Sanchez, Aubrey Patterson and Jonathan Terlouw, with Tim Robinson absent. Also present were Mayor Bob McCaslin, City Attorney George Spence, City Clerk Linda Spence, the press, city staff and the audience.

At 6:00 p.m., prior to calling the meeting to order, Mayor McCaslin invited public comments. There was no response so the Mayor declared the comment period closed. 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 Burckart to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2018 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Sanchez. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Council Member Robinson 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 Robinson absent.

1. Ordinance No. 2018-117: Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2018-108 accepting the annexation of certain territory to the City of Bentonville, Arkansas, and making same a part of the City of Bentonville and assigning same to wards.

[Applicant: Brandon Bowen, James D. Cooper and David G. Smith;
Location: West Highway 72]

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

- 2a. Ordinance No. 2018-118: Ordinance accepting a lot split of Lots 37 through 39 of Dickson's Addition to the City of Bentonville, Arkansas. (Project No. PLA18-0022)

[Applicant: Eric Scott;
Location: 701 West Central Avenue]

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 Robinson absent.

- 2b. Ordinance No. 2018-119: Ordinance accepting a property line adjustment of Lots 15 and 16 Block 6 of Dunn and Davis Addition to the City of Bentonville, Arkansas. (Project No. PLA18-0024)

[Applicant: Bike Rack Group, LLC;
Location: Southwest B Street and Southwest 7th Street]

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

- 2c. Ordinance No. 2018-120: Ordinance changing real estate in the City of Bentonville, Arkansas, from its present zoning classification of R-1, single family residential to DN-2, downtown medium-density residential. (Project No. RZ18-0023)

[Applicant: Inclusion Realty;
Location: 502 Southeast C Street]

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 Robinson absent.

Consent Agenda:

3. Approval of a budget adjustment for Planning Services, in the amount of \$25,000, to recognize the award of a grant from Walmart Stores, Inc. for the purchase of 450 trees for the sixth annual Tree Planning Blitz to be held on November 2, 2018.
4. Approval for the appointment of Brian Burke to the Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport Authority Board of Directors, said term to end on December 31, 2018.
- 5b. Approval of a budget adjustment for the Fire Department, in the amount of \$25,297, for repairs to a ladder truck.
6. Approval to award Bid No. 18-34 to Davis Trailer & Truck Equipment, in the amount of \$22,900 plus tax, for the purchase of two utility beds for the Water Department.
8. Approval of a budget adjustment and acceptance of a grant from the State of Arkansas Department of Aeronautics, in the amount of \$160,312, for construction of the runway rehabilitation project at the Bentonville Municipal Airport.
- 11b. Approval of a budget adjustment for the Engineering Department, in the amount of \$40,600, for the Tributary 2 drainage project.
12. Approval to award Bid No. 18-28 to General Construction Solutions, in the amount of \$33,394, to realign an intersection where two trails meet on the Razorback Greenway.
16. Approval of a budget adjustment for the Parks and Recreation Department, in the amount of \$16,000, for the purchase and

installation of permanent AV equipment for the Bentonville Community Center community rooms.

Motion to pass items included on the consent agenda by Council Member Burckart, second by Council Member Sanchez. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Council Member Robinson absent.

Resuming Agenda:

- 5a. Ordinance No. 2018-121: Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into an agreement with Sunbelt Fire for certain repairs to a Fire Department ladder truck 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 Burckart. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Council Member Robinson absent.

7. Resolution No. 8-14-18 A: Resolution setting a public hearing for August 28, 2018, on a petition filed by Terry Ging requesting an alley right-of-way vacation between Lot 1 and Lots 15 and 16 of Cooks Addition.

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

9. Resolution No. 8-14-18 B: Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a contract with Custom Pavement Maintenance and Safety, LLC for the runway rehabilitation project at the Bentonville Municipal Airport.

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

10. Resolution No. 8-14-18 C: Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a right-of-way to utility corridor as it

relates to the placement of a natural gas supply line onto airport property as part of an existing utility infrastructure project at the Bentonville Municipal Airport.

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

[Council Member Robinson entered the meeting]

- 11a. Resolution No. 8-14-18 D: Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an amended agreement with FTN Associates, Ltd. for additional services for the Tributary 2 drainage project.

City Attorney Spence read the resolution by title only. Motion to pass by Council Member Orman, second by Council Member Sanchez. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

13. Resolution No. 8-14-18 E: Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with Sarah Gwin for instructional swim lessons for the Bentonville Parks and Recreation Department.

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 (8-0).

14. Resolution No. 8-14-18 F: Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with Ann O'Sullivan for instructional recreation and wellness classes for the Bentonville Parks and Recreation Department.

City Attorney Spence read the resolution by title only. Motion to pass by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Terlouw. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

15. Resolution No. 8-14-18 G: Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with Kristen Bernards for

instructional swim lessons for the Bentonville Parks and Recreation Department.

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 (8-0).

Mayor McCaslin stated that due to the condition of City Hall and the certain costly repairs that need to be done to continue its use, and after discussions with City staff, it was decided it would be in the long-term best interest of the City to consider sealed bids on the buildings and to build a new city hall building just north of the Community Development building on Southwest A Street.

The Mayor further stated that before moving forward, the matter would come to council for discussion and ultimate decision. He added that this would be a long process which was just beginning and that if it went forward the current City Hall would still be used for some time.

Council Member Burckart asked whether there were cost estimates for repairs and estimates for a new building. The Mayor stated there were not estimates on the cost of a new building at this time, but that there was an idea of some of the costs for needed repairs.

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Burckart, second by Council Member Sooter. Motion carried (8-0).


Linda Spence, City Clerk


Bob McCaslin, Mayor

