

Bentonville City Council

Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2021

The City Council of Bentonville, Arkansas, met in regular session Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., at City Hall, 305 S.W. A Street, Bentonville, Arkansas.

Present were Council Members Octavio Sanchez, Tim Robinson, Aubrey Patterson, Cindy Acree, Holly Hook, Chris Sooter, and Gayatri Agnew. Also present were Mayor Stephanie Orman, City Attorney George Spence, City Clerk Kirby Romines, the press, city staff, and the audience. Council Member Bill Burckart attended remotely and participated by Zoom.

Due to the situation related to COVID-19, several members of the city staff and the public attended remotely by Zoom.

Mayor Orman called the meeting to order. Ireliia Navarro, Girl Scout from Troop 5273, 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 the November 23, 2021, meeting as presented, second by Council Member Acree. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

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 (8-0).

1. Mayor Orman recognized members of the Community Council and Youth Council for their completion of the year-long program and Betsy Batey, outgoing Public Library Advisory Board member.

Hadi Dudley, the Library Director, thanked Betsy Batey.

2. Presentation - Raftelis walked City Council through the process of the sewer rate study, including an overview of cost-of-service analysis, rate design process, and financial planning for the wastewater utility. In addition, the presentation included a values/pricing objectives workshop to provide guidance for the study. This was the first engagement with City Council and was not a presentation of final recommended rates.

Mayor Orman thanked Raftelis for their presentation. Jake Harper, Finance Director, mentioned to the council that they would receive information via email for feedback.

3. Ordinance No. 2021-244: Ordinance 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.

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

4. Planning:

- 4a. Resolution No. 12-14-21 A: A resolution amending the Master Street Plan of the City of Bentonville, Arkansas adopted by Resolution No. 1-12-21B on January 21, 2021, pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated §14-56-414.

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

4b(1).Resolution No. 12-14-21 B: A resolution adopting revisions to the Future Land Use Map of the City of Bentonville to change real estate from its present land use classification of Agricultural to Medium Density Residential.

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 (8-0).

4b(2).Ordinance No. 2021-245: Ordinance changing real estate in the City of Bentonville, Arkansas, from its present zoning classification of A-1, Agricultural to R-2, Medium Density Two Family and Townhome Residential and R-ZL, Zero Lot Line Residential (Project No. RZ21-0073).

[Applicant: Eyaal Investment Group LLC;

Location: SW Barron Road]

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

4c(1).Resolution No. 12-14-21 C: A resolution adopting revisions to the Future Land Use Map of the City of Bentonville to change real estate from its present land use classification of Low Density Residential to High Density Residential.

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

4c(2).Ordinance No. 2021-246: Ordinance changing real estate in the City of Bentonville, Arkansas, from its present zoning classification of R-1, Low Density Single Family Residential to Dn-3, Downtown High Density Residential (Project No. RZ21-0074).

[Applicant: Hunter Wright Development Group LLC;

Location: 908 SE 3rd Street]

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

4d(1).Resolution No. 12-14-21 D: A resolution adopting revisions to the Future Land Use Map of the City of Bentonville to change real estate from its present land use classification of Medium Density Residential to Commercial.

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

4d(2).Ordinance No. 2021-247: Ordinance changing real estate in the City of Bentonville, Arkansas, from its present zoning classification of R-1, Low Density Single Family Residential and R-O, Residential Office to DC, Downtown Core (Project No. RZ21-0077).

[Applicant: Pubside Holdings, LLC;

Location: 203 A and B SW 4th]

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

4e. Ordinance No. 2021-248: Ordinance accepting a property line adjustment of Lots 1 & 2 of Westwood Subdivision to the City of Bentonville, Arkansas (Project No. PLA21-0036).

[Applicant: Westwood Development Lot B, LLC, Westwood/Burrwood Lot C, LLC, and Westwood Development Lot A, LLC;

Location: 307 S Walton Boulevard]

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

- 4f. Ordinance No. 2021-249: Ordinance accepting a property line adjustment of Lots 7 & 8 of Riverwalk Farms Commercial Subdivision Phase 1 to the City of Bentonville, Arkansas (Project No. PLA21-0049).

[Applicant: Lykins Leasing, LLC and DT Real Estate, LLC;

Location: 3400 SW Regional Airport Boulevard]

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

- 4g. Ordinance No. 2021-250: Ordinance accepting a property line adjustment of Lot 32 of Dunn & Davis Addition to the City of Bentonville, Arkansas (Project No. PLA21-0051).

[Applicant: NFD, LLC and Brian L. Larson and Patricia K. Larson, Trustees of 'The Larson Family Trust';

Location: 603, 605, and 609 SW C Street]

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

- 4h. Ordinance No. 2021-251: Ordinance accepting a property line adjustment of Lot 21 of 2<sup>nd</sup> Eastside Addition to the City of Bentonville, Arkansas (Project No. PLA21-0052).

[Applicant: Market District LLC;

Location: SE 4th Street]

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

- 4i. Ordinance No. 2021-252: Ordinance accepting a property line adjustment of Lot 8, of Enfield Park Subdivision to the City of Bentonville, Arkansas (Project No. PLA21-0054).

[Applicant: Crystal Lands, LLC and Fay Properties, LLC;

Location: 602, 605, 606, and 609 Enfield Road]

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

- 4j. Ordinance No. 2021-253: Ordinance accepting a final plat of Hawthorne Heights Phase 2 to the City of Bentonville, Arkansas (Project No. FP21-0004).

[Applicant: Blue Lake Shanti, LLC and Shanti Bentonville, LLC;

Location: 903 NE Heights Lane]

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 (8-0).

5. An ordinance amending Chapter 18 of the Bentonville Municipal Code to add article 18-IV; creating a business registry and requiring an annual business license for all businesses and non-profits with physical locations in the city limits of Bentonville.

Shellie Kerr, Comprehensive Planning Manager, presented the reasons for bringing forth this item. Council Member Robinson asked specific questions regarding business owners with multiple

locations. Council Member Acree asked about the real cost-benefit of implementing business licenses. Shelli Kerr explained the safety benefit of requiring business licenses, knowing what businesses are in the area, and having data for economic development in Bentonville.

Council Member Hook and Council Member Patterson expressed concerns about the home-based business and short-term rentals included in the business license requirements.

Mayor Orman recognized Jeff Matkins for public comment. Jeff Matkins spoke against this item.

Council engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding current regulations required of businesses and if a business can be turned down or not for a business license.

City Attorney Spence read the ordinance by title only. Motion to table by Council Member Sooter, second by Council Member Hook. There was no further discussion. Motion carried (5-3), with Council Member Sanchez, Council Member Hook, and Council Member Acree voting no.

6. Resolution No. 12-14-21 E: A resolution endorsing installation of temporary artwork titled "Buffalo River Float" by artist Brandon Bullete on public property on the Razorback Greenway behind Compton Gardens.

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

7. Removed: Resolution to support the installation of artwork titled "Mountain Biking Capital of the World" curated and funded by Runway Group. There is no cost to the city. Memo and proposal attached.

Council Member Hook asked why the item was removed. Shelli Kerr mentioned that the artist wanted to make changes to the artwork.

8. Appointment of Dean Kruithof to fill one of two positions on the Board of Adjustment. The position was vacated by Jan Holland, who declined reappointment. Dean is a retired City Manager with over 40 years of municipal management experience. He has been a resident of Bentonville for the last eight years. His first term will expire on December 31, 2026.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Sooter. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

9. Appointment of BJ Phillips to fill one of two positions on the Board of Adjustment. The position was vacated by Rustin Chrisco, who declined reappointment. BJ is an architect with Burris Architecture and has been a resident of Bentonville for 29 years. His first term will expire on December 31, 2026.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Sooter. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

#### 10. Utility Board:

- 10a. Change Order to the agreement with UFS for the 2020 Cost of Service Study for \$10,708.75. Approved by Utility Board 5-0.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Acree. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

- 10b. Change Order to the Ampirical agreement to perform engineering for the OH electric upgrades on SE "J" St. and SE 14th St. required for the WMT Campus Development for \$312,934.00. This cost will be covered by Wal-Mart. Approved by Utility Board 5-0.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Acree. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

- 10c. Resolution No. 12-14-21 F: A resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to enter into Addendum No. 5 to the Walmart Global Home Office Master Development Agreement.

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

- 10d. Budget adjustment to recognize \$312,934.00 from Wal-Mart to cover the engineering for the OH electric relocation on SE "J" St. and SE 14th St. with Ampirical. Approved by Utility Board 5-0.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Acree. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

- 10e. Budget Adjustment related to Professional Services Other related to increased credit card processing costs. Approved by the Utility Board 5-0.

Council Member Patterson asked for clarification that these fees are not passed on to the customer, and they are not.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Sooter. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

- 10f. Resolution No. 12-14-21 G: A resolution authorizing a payment to Southwestern Electric Power Company for the purchase of power and expressing intent to finance a portion of the payment with the proceeds of combined electric, water, and sewer system revenue bonds; and prescribing other matters relating thereto.

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

- 10g. Budget Adjustment to allow the City of Bentonville to pay the February 2021 Winter Storm Costs. The city will pay this out of reserves with the intention of reimbursing reserves through a debt issuance in the 1st quarter of 2022. The Utility Board voted 5-0 recommending approval.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sooter, second by Council Member Sanchez. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

11. Bid award for 3ph transformers to the lowest bidder as shown on the attached bid tabulation in the amount of \$272,764.00 plus applicable taxes.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Acree. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

12. Ordinance No. 2021-254: Ordinance adopting certain amendments to the 2022 Pay Plan for 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 Sooter. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

City Attorney Spence read the emergency clause on the ordinance. Motion to pass by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Robinson. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

- 12a. Ordinance No. 2021-255: Ordinance adopting revisions to the 2022 Personnel Policy for the City of Bentonville, Arkansas, and declaring an emergency.

Council Member Sanchez asked for an explanation on this item. Debbie Griffin, Director of Administration, explained that this is a COLA adjustment that will be going out in January 2022.

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 (8-0).

City Attorney Spence read the emergency clause on the ordinance. Motion to pass by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Sooter. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

13. Ordinance No. 2021-256: Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2021-169; changing the effective date of the Top Out Pay Policy; providing for the emergency clause; and for other purposes.

Council Member Hook asked for clarification on if the city closes and personnel can't work from home if they would have to use comp time or vacation. Debbie Griffin said they would not have to use a vacation day or comp time. Council Member Sanchez mentioned that it is indicated in the policy that employees who can or cannot work from home would be identified beforehand. Debbie Griffin agreed and said it is similar to what they had to do at the start of Covid-19. Ed Wheeler, Human Resources Manager, described the technology available for employees who have access to work from home.

Council Member Agnew asked about the FMLA requirements and how they would be adjusted, such as the sick leave policy. Ed Wheeler explained specific examples of the policy, and Council Member Agnew expressed her concern for this policy change.

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 (7-1), with Council Member Agnew voting no.

City Attorney Spence read the emergency clause on the ordinance. Motion to pass by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Acree. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with council Member Agnew abstaining.

14. Resolution No. 12-14-21 H: A resolution setting a public hearing for January 11, 2022, for a Utility Easement Vacation requested for 806-808 NE A Street (VAC21-0031).

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

- 15a. Bid Award of IFB 21-71 to Crossland Heavy Contractors for the construction of street infrastructure improvements to include a protected bicycle lane on both NW 3rd and SW 8th. Crossland Heavy Contractors submitted the sole bid for this project. Staff has reviewed the project scope of work and believes it is appropriate to award this bid as submitted. The project deliverables differ from the type of work that has been contested separately and was referenced by counsel for NACA at a previous Council meeting. Additionally, staff and engineering oversight will enable the City to directly monitor compliance with contract terms and specifications for this project.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Robinson. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

- 15b. Budget adjustment approval for the construction of street infrastructure improvements to include protected bicycle lanes on NW 3rd and SW 8th streets. Grant in the amount of \$1.4M was accepted at the Nov. 23rd Council meeting. This Budget Adjustment will allow for expenditure of grant funds and utilize Street Reserve Fund (\$196,231.00) for the amount not covered by the Grant.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Robinson. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

- 16a. Bid Award of IFB 21-67 to N.E.C., Inc., for the construction of Walton/Tiger/NW 12th intersection improvements. N.E.C., Inc., submitted the sole bid for this project.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Sooter. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

- 16b. Budget adjustment for \$426,951.00 to allow for the construction of Walton/Tiger/NW 12th intersection improvements. This project has received two STBGP-A grants for a total of \$1,000,000.00.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Sooter. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

17. Resolution No. 12-14-21 I: A resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with ESO Solutions for software record conversion for the Bentonville Fire Department.

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

18. Bid Award to The Armored Group, LLC through the participation in the General Services Administration (GSA) Cooperative (Co-op) Contract, GS-07F-9375S for the purchase of a 2021 Chevrolet Suburban 4WD SUV with B6/NIJ III Armor, as equipped with emergency equipment (non-tactical armored vehicle and vehicle armoring services). Use of a Co-Op is allowed pursuant to Arkansas State Schedule 19-11-249; Purchasing performed an evaluation of the GS-07F-9375S contract, determining that the use of the contract was in line with both Arkansas State Statute and City Purchasing procedures. This is a budgeted item in the 2022 budget.

Mayor Orman recognized Eric Johnson to give a public comment on this item. Eric Johnson asked why the department needs an armored vehicle. Chief of Police, Ray Shastid, explained specific incidences where this type of vehicle would be needed.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Sooter. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

19. Budget Adjustment to allow the city to move forward with network security improvements utilizing ARPA funding.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Acree. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

20. Reappointment of Nathan Pollet to the Library Advisory Board. Mr. Pollet has been an active member of the board, and his contributions have added value to our library. This will be his second and final five-year term that begins January 1, 2022, and will expire on December 31, 2026.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Acree. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

21. Reappointment of Kimberly Seay to the Library Advisory Board. Mrs. Seay has been an active member of the board, and her contributions have added value to our library. This will be her second and final five-year term that begins January 1, 2022, and will expire on December 31, 2026.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Acree. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

- 22a. Bid award for City Council approval of IFB 21-57-RE-BID in the amount of \$533,417.50 to Milestone Construction for the purchase of materials, labor, and services to construct dog park and playground area improvements at Orchards Park. The City will also be adding a \$26,582.50 owners' contingency to the contract, bringing the total potential contract amount to \$560,000.00.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Sooter. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

- 22b. Budget adjustment requested by Parks and Recreation Staff to fund the full construction of the Orchards Park dog park and playground surroundings at Orchards Park and to provide a contingency balance for the project bid IFB 21-57- RE-BID.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Sooter. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

23. Budget adjustment requested by Parks and Recreation Staff in the amount of \$255,768.00 to fund the purchase of equipment, materials, and services that will be used for the establishment of a new playground at Orchard Park.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Sooter. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

- 24a. Resolution No. 12-14-21 J: A resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Amendment with Flintco, LLC of Bentonville, Arkansas, for construction management and general contractor services for the 28th Street Park; and for other purposes.

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

- 24b. Resolution No. 12-14-21 K: A resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with the Walton Family Foundation to receive one million four hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$1,420,000.00) to fund the 28th Street Park; and for other purposes.

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

- 24c. Budget adjustment for City Council approval in the amount of \$7,373,275.00 for the construction of 28th Street Park.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Robinson. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

25. Resolution No. 12-14-21 L: A resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an Amended Guaranteed Maximum Price Agreement with Flintco, LLC for services related to the construction of the Southwest Bright Road Extension.

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

26. City Administration recommends appointing Mayor Stephanie Orman as a City of Bentonville representative on the NWA Conservation Authority Board. This term begins January 1, 2022, and will expire on December 31, 2027. Mayor Orman will be replacing George Spence, whose term expires December 31, 2021. Mr. Spence has served on the NACA board for approximately 18 years and is not seeking reappointment.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Sooter. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

- 27a. Approval of a budget adjustment in an amount up to \$76,508 for Bentonville Public Library to accept and expend CARES Act (ARPA) grant funds, if awarded. The project will expand BPL's "remoteLocker" system at the Bentonville Community Center and on the veranda at the main library. Funds are also designated for improvement of the library's WIFI access. Purchases will only be made if funds are approved and only up to the amount awarded by the Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC) during a meeting that is scheduled for December 17, 2021. Purchases must be ordered by

December 31, 2021. The funding is made possible by the CARES Act and administered by the Arkansas State Library.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Robinson. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

- 27b. Ordinance No. 2021-257: Ordinance waiving competitive bidding for the purchase of capital equipment to expand the remoteLocker system for the Bentonville Public Library; authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement, not to exceed seventy-six thousand five hundred eight dollars (\$76,508.00), with Bibliotheca for this purchase; providing for the emergency clause; and for other purposes.

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 (8-0).

City Attorney Spence read the emergency clause on the ordinance. Motion to pass by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Robinson. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

28. Budget adjustment accepting a donation from Kathryn Carr, in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the new Bentonville Animals Services & Adoption Center. Mrs. Carr has chosen to sponsor the Stray Cat Room; this gift will be used to purchase equipment for that room.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sooter, second by Council Member Hook. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

29. Motion by City Council to cancel the December 28, 2021, City Council meeting and resume regular schedule on January 11, 2022.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Sooter. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

Mayor Orman adjourned the meeting. Motion to adjourn by Council Member Sooter, second by Council Member Sanchez. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Orman recognized Jake Harper, and he discussed specifics regarding ARPA Funds.

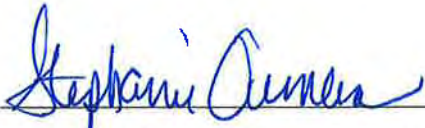
Council members reported on committees and boards they participate in related to the city.

Mayor Orman mentioned that there were 14 applicants for the housing committee and will be conducting interviews for the available positions.

Mayor Orman recognized Eric Johnson for public comment. Eric Johnson asked for solutions for the intersection at SW A Street and SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Mayor Orman mentioned that 8th Street would be completely redone in the future.

The next Bentonville City Council meeting will be on January 11, 2022.

  
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Kirby Romines, City Clerk

  
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Stephanie Orman, Mayor

