

Combined Committee of the Whole & City Council Meeting Minutes February 10, 2026



The City Council of Bentonville, Arkansas, met in regular session on Tuesday February 10, 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 Cindy Acree. Council Member Richardson was absent.

Also, present were Mayor Stephanie Orman, City Attorney Nick Henry, City Clerk Malorie Marris (online), 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 27, 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. **Informational: Bella Vista Village Property Owner's Association Wholesale Contract**

Item for discussion about the proposed contract revision. If revision is acceptable approving a resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement with the Bella Vista Property Owners Association for the sale of water to be served within their service area.

2. **Consent Agenda Discussion**

New Business items: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, & 11; Utility Board 1 & 2

Council Member Sooter closed Committee of the Whole Discussion at 6:20pm, 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. Old Business

1. **Ordinance 2026-18: Amending the Public Art Code**

An Ordinance amending Art. 2-IX Art in Public Places. 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 (7-0).

2. **Resolution 2-10-26 A: Adopting a Public Art Policy**

A Resolution adopting the Bentonville Public Art Policy. No budget adjustment is needed.

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

Motion passes (7-0).

III. **New Business – Consent Agenda**

New Business items: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, & 11

1. **Resolution 2-10-26 B: Support a 250th Commemorative Public Art Project**

A Resolution supporting a collaborative public art project to commemorate America's 250th anniversary. No budget adjustment is needed.

2. **Resolution 2-10-26 C: Setting a Public Hearing for a Drainage Easement Vacation (VAC25- 0031)**

Resolution to set a Public Hearing for February 24, 2026 for a Drainage Easement Vacation located at Lot 73 OF Providence Village Phase III (VAC25-0031).

3. **Appointment: Trae Basore to the City of Bentonville's Advertising & Promotion Commission**

Appointment of Trae Basore, based upon Kalene Griffith's recommendation to the Mayor, to Bentonville's Advertising & Promotion Commission. This term will begin on January 1, 2026 and will expire December 31, 2029.

4. **Resolution 2-10-26 D: Requesting a Budget Adjustment to Accept & Recognize Funds to Animal Services Resolution**

A Resolution accepting a donation from PetIQ in the amount of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) as part of a sponsorship. A budget adjustment is needed to recognize funds.

6. Resolution 2-10-26 E: Accepting the 18th Street Sidepath Design Grant from the Walton Family Foundation

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to accept a grant, in the amount of \$280,657.00, from the Walton Family Foundation for the design of the 18th Street Sidepath. A budget adjustment is needed to recognize funds.

7. Resolution 2-10-26 F: To Enter Into An Agreement with Toole Design for 18th Street Sidepath Design

Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement, in the amount of \$280,657.00, with Toole Design for the design of the 18th Street Sidepath. No budget adjustment is needed.

8. Resolution 2-10-26 G: Approving a Change Order Authorizing An Amended Agreement with GTS, Inc.

Approval of a change order, in the amount of \$23,677.30, to GTS, Inc. to address additional testing for the Bentonville Parks Maintenance Facility. This will be funded by capital savings in the 2026 budget. A budget adjustment is needed to reclassify funds.

9. Resolution 2-10-26 H: Authorizing the Purchase of a Turf Tank Field Painter for the Parks Department

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement with Turf Tank, in the amount of \$59,225.00, to purchase a Turf Tank Autonomous Field Painter for the Parks Department. No budget adjustment is needed.

11. Resolution 2-10-26 I: Enter an Agreement with TischlerBise for an Updated Impact Fee Study

Resolution Requesting City Council approval of a resolution to enter into an agreement with TischlerBise to perform an updated impact fee study in an amount not to exceed \$74,110.00. A budget adjustment is needed.

Utility Board Consent items: 1 & 2

1. Resolution 2-10-26 J: Authorizing South Basin Lift Station, Phase I Gravity Engineering Services Agreement

This resolution authorizes the Mayor and the City to enter into an agreement with Black & Veatch for engineering services in the amount of \$2,710,773.00 for the South Lift Station, Phase I project. The services requested are in response to the Sewer Collection Analysis recommending 1-MG equalization basin and upsizing 8,100 linear feet of existing 12-inch pipe to 18 and 24-inch pipe to address current and peak flow conditions. The project is

funded by the Wastewater Development Fee Revenue Bond Utility Board approved 5- 0. A budget adjustment is needed.

2. Resolution 2-10-26 K: Authorizing Agreement - Shewmaker PH. 1 Amendment #2 Tree Clearing & Construction

Staff request that the mayor & city clerk enter into an agreement with Garver, for Amendment # 2 , in the amount of \$72,932.00, for engineering services & construction administration services for the Tree Clearing portion of the Shewmaker Basin Phase 1 Interceptor Improvements project. The original contract is valued at \$954,690.00, this increases the total contract amount to \$1,027,622.00. The project is funded by the Wastewater Development Fee Revenue Bond Utility Board approved 5-0. A 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 Acree.
Consent Agenda passes (7-0).

IV. New Business Non Consent Agenda Items

5. Ordinance 2026-19: Requesting a Waiver of Bid for Fire Department Uniforms

This a request for a waiver of bid to allow for the purchase of fire uniforms from Galls, LLC in Springdale, Arkansas. The 2026 budget total allotment is \$165,741.08. Emergency Clause requested due to hiring of new personnel that were given a basic set of uniforms since uniform purchase was cut off in Oct. of 2025. 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 (7-0).

City Attorney Nick Henry read the Emergency Clause calling for immediate enactment. Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, seconded by Council Member Seba.
Emergency Clause passes (7-0).

V. Planning

1. Ordinance 2026-20: Property Line Adjustment - Lot 26, Mauck-Block Addition - 540 Southeast A Street (PLA25-0035)

The Planning Commission voted 6-0, recommending approval.

An Ordinance Accepting A Property Line Adjustment Of Lot 16, 17, 20 And The East Half Of A Vacated Alley Of Mauck-Block Addition Creating New Lot 26 Of Mauck-Block 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 Seba.
Motion passes (7-0).

2. Ordinance 2026-21: Final Plat - Phase 1, Azalea Place Subdivision - 3999 Ginn Road (FP25-0014)

The Planning Commission voted 6-0, recommending approval.

An Ordinance Accepting A Final Plat Of Azalea Place, Phase 1 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 Seba.
Motion passes (7-0).

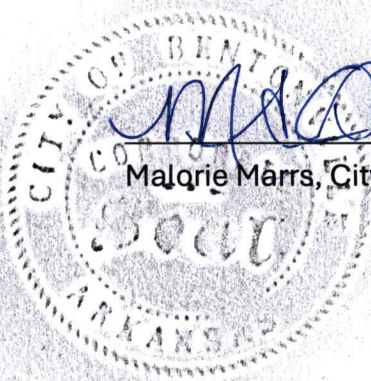
VI. Other Business/Announcements/Comments

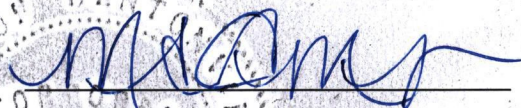
Adjournment at 7:45pm-(Hook motioned to adjourn, seconded by Sooter)


1. Committee Reports

- i. **Sanchez Library:** Making packages for storytelling with recordings
- ii. **Acree Traffic & Signage:** Discussion on the stop sign at west 3rd. Continuing discussion next meeting.
- iii. **Mayor Orman:** Time has come if any council members want to switch committees. There is an opening for the Active Transportation Committee; meeting on 3rd Wednesday at noon.

The next Bentonville City Council meeting will be February 24, 2026.




Malorie Marrs, City Clerk


Stephanie Orman, Mayor