

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



The City Council of Bentonville, Arkansas, met in regular session on Tuesday March 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 (online), Bill Burckart, Beckie Seba, Chris Sooter, Aubrey Patterson, and Cindy Acree. Council Member Gayatri Richardson was absent.

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 February 24, 2026, council meeting as presented, second by Council Member Acree. There was no discussion.

Motion carried (6-0)

I. Committee of the Whole Discussion

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

1. Informational: Quarterly Financial Update

2. Informational: City Property Request for Proposal

3. Consent Agenda Discussion

New Business: 2, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, & 16

Utility Board: 1, 3, 5, 6, 7

Council Member Sooter closed Committee of the Whole Discussion at 6:05pm, and Mayor Orman opened regular City Council meeting.

Present were Council Members Octavio Sanchez, Holly Hook (online), 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 Marrs, the press, city staff, and the audience. Several members of the city staff and the public attended remotely via Zoom.

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 (6-0)

II. New Business

1. Resolution 3-10-26 A: Recognize Detective Brian Parmenter on his Retirement from the City

Request that the City Council adopt a formal resolution to recognize, commend, and congratulate Detective Brian Parmenter on his retirement from the City of Bentonville Police Department, effective April 1, 2026.

III. New Business – Consent Agenda

New Business items: 2, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, & 16

2. Resolution 3-10-26 B: Accepting an Artwork Donation to the Bentonville Community Center

A Resolution accepting a donation from artist Lori Weeks of her original 24" x 36" oil painting of the Bentonville Community Center in recognition of the center's 10-year anniversary. No budget adjustment is needed

8. Resolution 3-10-26 D: Approving the Purchase Two (2) Husqvarna Robotic Mowers

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement with Turf and Soil Management to purchase two Husqvarna Robotic Mowers in the total amount of \$49,391.56. No budget adjustment is needed.

9. Resolution 3-10-26 E: Approving a Nuvonic - UV System for the Bentonville Community Center Competition Pool

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a purchasing agreement with Bluewater CAS for the purchase and installation of an UV system for the Bentonville Community Center competition pool, in the amount of \$43,526.28. No budget adjustment is needed.

10. Resolution 3-10-26 F: Accepting a Grant from Walton Family Foundation for Parks & Recreation Positions

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with the Walton Family Foundation, in the amount of \$1,408,730.00, to fund five (5) new positions for Parks and Recreation through December 31, 2028. A budget adjustment is needed.

12. Resolution 3-10-26 G: Enter into an Agreement with Garver, LLC for VBT East Parking Apron

A Resolution to enter into Work Order 07 with Garver Engineers, in the amount of \$86,800.00, for the VBT East Parking Apron project. A budget adjustment is needed.

14. Resolution 3-10-26 I: Awarding Bid IFB-26-04 for Mowing of City Owned Detention Ponds
Bid award IFB-26-04 to M&W Outdoors for mowing of city owned detention ponds throughout the city of Bentonville for an amount of \$3,816.18 per mow cycle. This is a 2026 budgeted item. This agreement may be extended up to (3) consecutive years upon mutual agreement of both parties and Council allocating funds. No budget adjustment is needed.

15. Resolution 3-10-26 J: Approve a Contract Amendment to the Solid Waste and Recycling Services Agreement

Adding line item #2 to Miscellaneous Services for Additional Yard Waste Cart at the contractor's agreed upon price of \$68.00 per additional cart. Price is subject to the City's 10% administrative markup on billed solid waste and recycling services. No budget adjustment is needed.

16. Resolution 3-10-26 K: Bella Vista Village Property Owner's Association Wholesale Water Contract Extension

Request the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a contract extension agreement with the City of Bentonville and Bella Vista Village Property Owner's Association for a time period of 1 month set to expire on April 30, 2026. No budget adjustment is needed.

Utility Board Consent items: 1, 3, 5, 6, 7

2. Resolution 3-10-26 L: Purchase a Cab/Chassis from Hendricks Automotive Group using Sourcewell Co-op

A resolution to purchase a cab and chassis from Hendricks Automotive Group through participation in the Sourcewell Cooperative (Co-Op) contract 081325 for \$58,084.13 plus taxes. Use of a Co-op is allowed pursuant to Arkansas State Statute 19-11-249; Purchasing performed an evaluation of 081325, determining that the solicitation was in line with both Arkansas State Statute and the City's Purchasing Policy. Utility Board approved 4-0. No budget adjustment is needed.

3. Resolution 3-10-26 M: Award Bid IFB-26-09 for Water Main Repair Materials

A resolution awarding bid IFB-26-09 for water main repair materials to Northwest Arkansas Winwater, Consolidated Pipe and Supply, and Ferguson Enterprises, LLC in the amount of \$140,073.88. The award is based on the lowest and most responsible Unit Price (price per individual piece) per Line Item with all factors considered. Utility Board approved 5-0. No budget adjustment is needed.

5. Resolution 3-10-26 N: Approving an Agreement for Sewer Flow Monitoring with TREKK Design Group

Approval of a resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City to enter into an Agreement with TREKK in the amount of \$214,726.95. The agreement is required for the purchase, installation, and maintenance of flow monitoring equipment, along with the software subscriptions and

oversight necessary to collect reliable flow data. TREKK was selected following the City's Purchasing Policy for professional services (SOQ-26-20). Utility Board approved 5-0. No budget adjustment is needed.

- 6. Resolution 3-10-26 O: Award Bid IFB-26-08 for 48" Water Transmission Main Repair**
Staff requests a Resolution to award bid IFB-26-08 48" Water Transmission Main Repair to Crossland Heavy Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$141,650.00 to perform repairs on the City's 48" water transmission main. Utility Board approved 5-0. No budget adjustment is needed.
- 7. Resolution 3-10-26 P: Enter into an Agreement with Insituform Technologies for 48" Water Main Repair**
Staff requests a Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement with Insituform Technologies, LLC in the amount of \$83,500.00 through participation in the Buyboard Cooperative contract #730-24, to perform repairs on the City's 48" water

City Attorney Nick Henry read the consent agenda out loud by title only.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, seconded by Council Member Sooter.

Consent Agenda passes (6-0).

IV. New Business Non Consent Agenda Items

- 3. Ordinance 2026-37: Public Hearing and Ordinance Vacating a Utility Easement (VAC26-0001)**

Public Hearing and approval of an Ordinance vacating a Utility Easement Vacation located at Lot 54 of Kensington Subdivision, Phase 2 (VAC26-0001).

Mayor Orman opened the public hearing online and in person for comments, no discussion was had.

City Attorney Nick Henry read the Ordinance out loud by title only.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, seconded by Council Member Seba.

Resolution passes (6-0).

- 4. Ordinance 2026-38: Public Hearing and Ordinance Vacating a Utility Easement (VAC26-0003)**

Hearing and approval of an Ordinance vacating a Utility Easement Vacation located at Lot 209 of the Original City of Bentonville per Subdivision Plat Inst# L201810373/L202358920 (VAC26-0003).

Mayor Orman opened the public hearing online and in person for comments, no discussion was had.

City Attorney Nick Henry read the Ordinance out loud by title only.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, seconded by Council Member Burckart. Ordinance passes (6-0).

5. Ordinance 2026-39: Public Hearing and Ordinance Vacating an Alley Right of Way (VAC26-0006)

Public Hearing and approval of an Ordinance vacating an Alley Right of Way Vacation located between Lot 209 and Lot 76 of the Original City of Bentonville per Subdivision Plat Inst# L201810373 (VAC26-0006).

Mayor Orman opened the public hearing online and in person for comments, no discussion was had.

City Attorney Nick Henry read the Ordinance out loud by title only.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, seconded by Council Member Seba. Ordinance passes (6-0).

6. Ordinance 2026-40: Public Hearing and Ordinance Vacating a Utility Easement (VAC26-0008)

Public Hearing and approval of an Ordinance vacating a Utility Easement Vacation located on Parcel 18-07510-000 per filed record 2/2/83, Book 596, Page593 (VAC26-0008).

Mayor Orman opened the public hearing online and in person for comments, no discussion was had.

City Attorney Nick Henry read the Ordinance out loud by title only.

Motion to approve by Council Member Seba, seconded by Council Member Burckart. Ordinance passes (6-0).

7. Resolution 3-10-26 C: Setting a Public Hearing for a Utility Easement Vacation (VAC26-0010)

Approve a Resolution to set a Public Hearing for March 31, 2026 for a Utility Easement Vacation located at Lot 1, Block 9 of Dogwood Place Subdivision (VAC26-0010).

City Attorney Nick Henry read the Resolution out loud by title only.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, seconded by Council Member Burckart.
Resolution passes (6-0).

11. Ordinance 2026-41: Amending the City Pay Plan to Create Positions for Parks and Recreation

An Ordinance amending the 2026 Pay Plan to add five positions for the Parks and Recreation Department. No budget adjustment is needed

City Attorney Nick Henry read the Ordinance out loud by title only.

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

13. Resolution 3-10-26 H: Awarding Bid IFB-26-03 For Finish Mowing at City Facilities

Bid award IFB-26-03 to DMC & Landscaping (dba David McClarty) for facility finish mowing at city facilities throughout the city of Bentonville for an amount of \$4,895.00 per mow cycle. This is a 2026 budgeted item. This agreement may be extended up to (3) consecutive years upon mutual agreement of both parties and Council allocating funds. No budget adjustment is needed.

City Attorney Nick Henry read the Ordinance out loud by title only.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, seconded by Council Member Seba.
Ordinance passes (5-0-1: Abstain: Burckart).

V. Utility Board Non Consent

2. Ordinance 2026-42: Approving a Waiver of Bid to Purchase Various Electric Enclosures

Approval of an ordinance to waive competitive bidding to purchase various enclosures from Arkansas Electric, Unit Prices and estimated quantities attached, plus applicable taxes. Due to market volatility and lead times related to these products, it would be neither practical or feasible to solicit competitive bids. Utility Board approved 5-0. No budget adjustment is needed.

City Attorney Nick Henry read the Ordinance out loud by title only.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, seconded by Council Member Seba.
Ordinance passes (6-0).

4. Ordinance 2026-43: Approving a Waiver of Bid to Order 750 Underground Wire (WRRF Project)

Approval of an Ordinance to waive competitive bidding to purchase 750 u/g wire from Stuart

Irby, Unit Prices and estimated quantities attached, plus applicable taxes. Due to market volatility and lead times related to these products, it would be neither practical or feasible to solicit competitive bids. Utility Board approved 5-0. No budget adjustment is needed.

City Attorney Nick Henry read the Ordinance out loud by title only.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, seconded by Council Member Seba.

Ordinance passes (6-0).

IV. Planning

1. Ordinance 2026-44: Property Line Adjustment - Lot 13, Block 16 of Deming's 2nd Addition - 305 SE Henry Street (PLA25-0038)

The Planning Commission voted 7-0, recommending approval.

An Ordinance Accepting A Property Line Adjustment Of Lot 10, Block 16 Of Deming's Addition Creating New Lot 13, Block 16 Of Deming's Addition To The City Of Bentonville, Arkansas; And For Other Purposes.

City Attorney Nick Henry read the Ordinance out loud by title only.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, seconded by Council Member Seba.

Ordinance passes (6-0).

2. Ordinance 2026-45: Property Line Adjustment - Lots 7-10 of Morningstar Subdivision - Morning Star Rd and Sears Rd. (PLA26-0001)

The Planning Commission voted 7-0, recommending approval.

An Ordinance Accepting A Property Line Adjustment Of Lots 3-6 Of Morningstar Subdivision Creating New Lots 7-10 Of Morningstar Subdivision To The City Of Bentonville, Arkansas; And For Other Purposes.

City Attorney Nick Henry read the Ordinance out loud by title only.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, seconded by Council Member Seba.

Ordinance passes (6-0).

3. Ordinance 2026-46: Property Line Adjustment - Lot 12 of Deming's 2nd Addition - 606 A&B NE A Street, and 204 A NE 7th Street (PLA26-0003)

The Planning Commission voted 7-0, recommending approval.

An Ordinance Accepting A Property Line Adjustment Of Lots 2a & 2b, Block 10 Of Deming's Addition Creating New Lot 12, Block 10 Of Deming's Addition To The City Of Bentonville, Arkansas; And For Other Purposes.

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

4. Ordinance 2026-47: Final Plat - Rainbow Patio Homes Subdivision - 122 SW Winsted Ln (FP25-0004)

The Planning Commission voted 7-0, recommending approval.

An Ordinance Accepting A Final Plat Of Rainbow Patio Homes Subdivision To The City Of Bentonville, Arkansas; And For Other Purposes.

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

5. Ordinance 2026-48: Property Line Adjustment - Lots 1 & 2, Phase 1 of Crystal Lands Subdivision - 501 NE F Street (PLA25- 0020)

The Planning Commission voted 7-0, recommending approval.

An Ordinance Accepting A Property Line Adjustment Of Lots 5, 7, 8 And 10-14, Block 1 Of Deming's Addition, Lots 3a, 3b, 4, And 5 Of Curtis Addition, Lot 8 Of Enfield Park, And Parcels 01-00353-000, 01-00354-000, 01-00361-000, 01-00363-000, 01-00364-000, 01- 00365-000, And 01-00366-000 Creating New Lots 1 And 2 Of Crystal Lands Subdivision, Phase 1 To The City Of Bentonville, Arkansas; And For Other Purposes.

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

6. Ordinance 2026-49: Rezoning - Gilmore - DN-4, Downtown Mixed-Use Residential to DE, Downtown Edge - 337 NW A Street (RZ26-0003)

The Planning Commission voted 7-0, recommending approval.

An Ordinance Changing Real Estate In The City Of Bentonville, Arkansas, From Its Present Zoning Classification Of DN-4, Downtown Mixed-Use Residential To DE, Downtown Edge; And For Other Purposes.

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

Ordinance passes (6-0).

7. Ordinance 2026-50: Bentonville B3 Land Development, LLC (The Thickets) - Between Mill Dam Rd and Nomad Rd, south of Regional Airport Blvd (PRD25-0004)

The Planning Commission voted 7-0, recommending approval.

An Ordinance Changing Real Estate In The City Of Bentonville, Arkansas, From Its Present Zoning Classification Of R-2, Medium Density Two Family and Townhouse Residential And Of R-3, Medium-High Density Multifamily Residential To PRD, Planned Residential Development; And For Other Purposes

City Attorney Nick Henry read the Ordinance out loud by title only.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, seconded by Council Member Seba.

Ordinance passes (6-0).

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Sanchez, seconded by Council Member Seba, 6:50pm

VI. Committee Reports

- 1. Sanchez: Library:** Adding ex-officio Members
- 2. Acree: Traffic & Signage:** Discussion about a crosswalk by Crystal Flats, Removal of crosswalk @ 3 Stone Way, replaced with Lighted Signs, Book and Bike Fest June 27th, Calling for a new traffic study, Tabled discussion on roundabout at NW 5th/ Bella Vista, next meeting April 6th
- 3. Seba: Public Art:** Tom Hohen cataloged all City Public Art (ar. 323), March 30th is the opening of Phillips Park with the *Bentonville Bat*
- 4. Burckart:** Agrees something needs to be done about Rainbow Curve
- 5. Hook: Tree & Landscaping:** Spring Tree Giveaway will be April 11th at the Municipal Center.

The next Bentonville City Council meeting will be March 31, 2026.



Malorie Marrs, City Clerk



Stephanie Orman, Mayor

