



**Combined
Committee of the Whole
& City Council
Meeting Agenda
April 28, 2026
6:00 PM
Bentonville City Hall**

About the Committee of the Whole and City Council Meeting:

- This meeting begins with the Committee of the Whole, which is used for information sharing and Council discussion. No votes are taken and public comment is not accepted during this meeting. After the Committee of the Whole meeting is adjourned, the City Council meeting begins. This is where the Council will hear public comment and take official action, such as voting on agenda items.

How to Watch Online:

- Residents may watch the meeting live without registering via the City of Bentonville's YouTube channel. Watching online allows viewers to observe the meeting but does not include the ability to provide public comment.
- A recording of the meeting will be posted on the City's website after the meeting concludes.
- <https://www.youtube.com/@cityofbentonvillearkansasg5096>

Public Participation:

- Residents may provide public comment during the City Council portion of the meeting. Public comment is limited to three minutes per speaker.
- To help ensure an orderly meeting, registration is required for residents who wish to speak, whether attending in person or virtually.
- In-person speakers must register in advance using this link: [Registration Link](#)
- Virtual speakers must register in advance by 12:00 p.m. on April 28, 2026, using the following link: [Registration Link](#).

Council Questions/Discussion Concerning the Business Meeting

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes: April 14, 2026

I. Committee of the Whole

1. **Consent Agenda Discussion** **Informational**

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

1. **National Lineman Appreciation Day Proclamation** **Proclamation**
 Proclaiming April 18, 2026 as National Lineman Appreciation Day. We join communities nationwide in honoring Electric Linemen and proudly recognize our Bentonville Electric Utility staff for their exemplary service.

2. **Proclamation to Celebrate "National Library Week"** **Proclamation**
 Proclamation celebrating "National Library Week" April 19–25, 2026.

3. **Acceptance of Gayatri Richardson Resignation and Declaring a Vacancy** **Motion**
 Staff recommends that Council accept the resignation and declare the position vacant pursuant to Ark Code Ann. 14-42-103.

4. **Ordinance Establishing 2026 Fees for the Bentonville Public Library** **Ordinance***
 Ordinance establishing fees for Library materials, programs, services, and facilities for 2026, effective June 1, 2026. No budget adjustment is needed.

5. **Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code Regarding the Library Advisory Board** **Ordinance***
 An Ordinance amending City of Bentonville Municipal Code: Chapter 12, Article 12-VII - Library Advisory Board. No budget adjustment is needed.

6. **Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code Regarding the Library** **Ordinance***
 An Ordinance amending City of Bentonville Municipal Code: Chapter 54 - Library. No budget adjustment is needed.

7. **Resolution Approving a Budget Adjustment to Purchase Property at 910 SE 14th Street** **Resolution**
 A request for city council to approve the purchase of land/building at 910 SE 14th Street (Parcel ID:01-00042-000) using impact fees. This facility meets growing training demand and addresses projected space needs. The property, being in proximity to the current police infrastructure, makes this a cost-effective, strategic acquisition. A budget adjustment is needed.

8. **Resolution to Surplus a Police Vehicle and Transfer Ownership to Arkansas Municipal League** **Resolution**
 Resolution to declare a 2024 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV (Unit#2010-197; VIN 1GNSCLED9RR194377) as surplus property and transfer ownership & title to Arkansas Municipal League (ARML). No budget adjustment is needed.

9. **Resolution to Accept & Recognize Funds to the Police Department from Arkansas Municipal League** **Resolution**
 Resolution to recognize funds from ARML insurance settlement in the amount of \$51,550.00 from a motor vehicle accident that occurred on March 22, 2026 (unit #2010-197). A budget

adjustment is needed to receive and transfer funds to an expense account (capital vehicles - account #102010-47420) for a replacement vehicle. A budget adjustment is needed.

10. **Ordinance Requesting a Waiver of Bid to Purchase a Replacement Police Vehicle** **Ordinance***

Ordinance for a Waiver of Bid to Superior Auto Group of Siloam Springs, AR in the amount of \$72,874.75, for the purchase of one (1) 2026 Dodge Durango PPV AWD replacement vehicle, to include all upfitting of emergency equipment & warranties, waiving the requirement of competitive bidding due to current supply shortages and build cut off times for police agencies. Superior Automotive Group will match state bid pricing for the vehicle, as equipped. No budget adjustment is needed.

11. **Public Hearing and Ordinance Vacating a Utility Easement/Access Easement (VAC26-0009)** **Ordinance***

Public Hearing and approval of an Ordinance vacating a Utility Easement/Access Easement Vacation located at Lot 37 of Clarendon Heights Subdivision (VAC26-0009).

12. **Public Hearing and Ordinance Vacating a Utility Easement (VAC26-0012)** **Ordinance***

Public Hearing and approval of an Ordinance vacating a Utility Easement Vacation located at Block 3, Lots 11-12 of Fairfield Addition (VAC26-0012).

13. **Public Hearing and Ordinance Vacating a Utility Easement (VAC26-0015)** **Ordinance***

Public Hearing and approval of an Ordinance vacating a Utility Easement Vacation located at 503 Crooked Road (VAC26-0015).

14. **Public Hearing and Ordinance Vacating a Utility Easement (VAC26-0022)** **Ordinance***

Public Hearing and approval of an Ordinance vacating a Utility Easement Vacation crossing multiple parcels-01-00254-000, 01-00262-000 and 01-00256-000 (VAC26-0022).

15. **Public Hearing and Ordinance Vacating a Utility Easement (VAC26-0024)** **Ordinance***

Public Hearing and approval of an Ordinance vacating a Utility Easement Vacation located on the north side of Block 2, Lot 8 of Robbinaire Heights (VAC26-0024).

16. **Resolution Setting a Public Hearing for a Utility Easement Vacation (VAC26-0025)** **Resolution**

Resolution to set a Public Hearing for May 12, 2026 for a Utility Easement Vacation located on the westside of Block 2, Lot 8 of Robbinaire Heights (VAC26-0025).

17. **Resolution Accepting an Award from the Arkansas Site Development Program** **Resolution**

A Resolution accepting an award from the Arkansas Site Development Program in the amount of \$142,500.00 and authorizing the City to enter into a grant agreement with the Arkansas Economic Development Commission. A budget adjustment is needed.

18. **Resolution to Approve a Carroll Electric Memorandum of Understanding** **Resolution**

Approval of a resolution to allow the Mayor to sign the attached Memorandum of Understanding with Carroll Electric Cooperative Corporation. No budget adjustment is needed.

19. **Resolution Approving a Contract with FUSE Corps for an Executive Fellowship Program** **Resolution**
Resolution to enter into a contract with FUSE Corps, a California nonprofit corporation, for an Executive Fellowship to build Stormwater and Floodplain Framework and Implementation Plan. The program will pay for an Executive Fellow for a two-year period at a cost of \$20,000.00 to the City. The FUSE Executive Fellow will lead cross-departmental coordination to establish a clear citywide stormwater framework and move forward a coordinated implementation strategy. A budget adjustment is needed to reallocate funding.
20. **Resolution Approving a Change Order Authorizing an Amended Agreement with CEI Engineering** **Resolution**
A Resolution authorizing an amended agreement with CEI Engineering, in the amount of \$144,000.00, for bidding services, construction administration, and construction observation for Phase 2 of the McCollum Sidepath project. No budget adjustment is needed.
21. **Resolution Approving an Amended Agreement with Hight Jackson** **Resolution**
A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an amended agreement with Hight Jackson, in the amount of \$53,387.00, for added scope and additions to the Bentonville Parks Maintenance Facility. No budget adjustment is needed.
22. **Resolution Authorizing an Application for a CRP Grant for the Eagle Way Trail Project** **Resolution**
Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to apply for an NWA Regional Planning Carbon Reduction Program grant for construction of the Eagle Way Trail Project. No budget adjustment is needed.
23. **Resolution Authorizing an Application for a RTP Grant for the Eagle Way Trail Project** **Resolution**
Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to apply for an Arkansas Department of Transportation Recreational Trails Program grant for construction of the Eagle Way Trail Project. No budget adjustment is needed.
24. **Resolution Authorizing an Application for a STBGP-A Grant for the Eagle Way Trail Project** **Resolution**
Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to apply for a Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Surface Transportation Block Grant Program - Attributable grant for construction of the Eagle Way Trail Project. No budget adjustment is needed.
25. **Resolution Authorizing an Application for a TAP Grant for the Eagle Way Trail Project** **Resolution**
Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to apply for an Arkansas Department of Transportation Transportation Alternatives Program grant for construction of the Eagle Way Trail Project. No budget adjustment is needed.
26. **Resolution accepting Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Grant for the Bentonville Municipal Airport** **Resolution**

A Resolution accepting a 95/5 grant in the amount of \$84,360.00 from the Federal Aviation Administration to provide design funding for an aircraft parking apron on East side of the Bentonville Municipal Airport. A budget adjustment is needed.

III. Utility Board

- 1. Ordinance to Waive Bids to Order 750 Copper Underground Wire (Bentonville Health Care Campus) Ordinance***

Approval of an Ordinance to waive competitive bidding to purchase 750 Copper 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 4-0. No budget adjustment is needed.
- 2. Resolution Revising Bella Vista Village Property Owner's Association Wholesale Contract Resolution**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a revised agreement with the Bella Vista Property Owners Association for the sale of water to be served within their service area. Bella Vista requested some revisions to the approved contract and after some discussion we have a mutually agreed upon a contract. Utility Board approved 4-0. No budget adjustment is needed.
- 3. Resolution Awarding Bid IFB-26-26 to Chemtrade Chemicals US, LLC for Aluminum Sulfate Resolution**

Staff request City Council approval of Bid IFB-26-26 to Chemtrade Chemicals US, LLC for purchasing 85,000 gallons of Aluminum Sulfate for precipitation of phosphorous at a unit price/gallon of \$1.23. This bid will have a 1 year term, with up to 3 additional years upon pricing agreement. This is a budgeted item. Utility Board approved 4-0. No budget adjustment is needed.
- 4. Ordinance Approving a Waiver of Bid to Purchase a Direct Replacement Compost Grinder Ordinance***

Staff request City Council approval of an Ordinance to waive competitive bidding for the purchase of a direct replacement grinder for the Compost Facility through JWC Environmental. This is a budgeted sole source item, it is neither practical or feasible to solicit competitive bids. Utility Board approved 4-0. No budget adjustment is needed.
- 5. Resolution Awarding Bid for Sanitary Sewer Collection System Improvements - CIPP Lining Resolution**

Staff requests council award bid IFB-26-11 to Suncoast Infrastructure in the amount of \$584,814.00 as part of the 2026 I/I Reduction Strategy. This contract includes rehabilitation of approximately 5,161 linear feet of defective sewer main by CIPP lining. Suncoast Infrastructure was the lowest responsive bidder and was selected following state procurement laws and the City's standard solicitation process. Utility Board approved 4-0. No budget adjustment is needed.
- 6. Resolution Awarding Bid for Sanitary Sewer Collection System Improvements - Pipe Bursting Resolution**

Staff requests council award bid IFB-26-12 to Bennett, Inc. in the amount of \$122,020.00 as part of the 2026 I/I Reduction Strategy. This project includes replacement of approximately 237 linear feet of defective sewer main by pipe bursting. Bennett, Inc. was the lowest

responsive bidder and was selected following state procurement laws and the City's standard solicitation process. Utility Board approved 4-0. No budget adjustment is needed.

7. **Resolution Awarding Bid - Sanitary Sewer Collection System Improvements - Open Cut Replacement** **Resolution**

Staff requests council award bid IFB-26-13 to Bennett, Inc. in the amount of \$342,471.80 as part of the 2026 I/I Reduction Strategy. This project includes replacement of approximately 509 linear feet of pipe replacement by open cut methods Bennett, Inc. was the lowest responsive bidder and was selected following state procurement laws and the City's standard solicitation process. Utility Board approved 4-0. No budget adjustment is needed.

8. **Resolution Awarding Bid - Sanitary Sewer Collection System Improvements - Manhole Rehabilitation** **Resolution**

Staff requests council award bid IFB-26-14 to Bennett, Inc. in the amount of \$1,056,080.00 as part of the 2026 I/I Reduction Strategy. This project consists of rehabilitation work including grout injection, frame and cover replacement, lining, and other activities on 160 manholes. Bennett, Inc. was the lowest responsive bidder and was selected following state procurement laws and the City's standard solicitation process. Utility Board approved 4-0. No budget adjustment is needed.

IV. Planning

1. **Lot Split - Lots 2 & 3 of Hanwa Addition - 2500 SW Regional Airport Blvd (LS22-0051)** **Ordinance***

The Planning Commission voted 5-0, recommending approval.

An Ordinance Accepting A Lot Split Of Lot 1 Of Hanwa Addition Creating New Lots 2 And 3 Of Hanwa Addition To The City Of Bentonville, Arkansas; And For Other Purposes.

2. **Lot Split - Lots 2 & 3 of McKissic Springs Addition - South of Motley Rd, east of SW Hydrangea Rd (LS26-0006)** **Ordinance***

The Planning Commission voted 5-0, recommending approval.

An Ordinance Accepting A Lot Split Of Lot 1 Of Mckissic Springs Addition Creating New Lots 2 And 3 Of Mckissic Springs Addition To The City Of Bentonville, Arkansas; And For Other Purposes.

3. **Rezoning - Brad and Cindy Esslinger Trust - DN-3, Downtown High Density Residential to DN-4, Downtown Mixed-Use Residential - 306 SE 2nd Street (RZ26-0021)** **Ordinance***

The Planning Commission voted 5-0, recommending approval.

An Ordinance Changing Real Estate In The City Of Bentonville, Arkansas, From Its Present Zoning Classification Of DN-3, Downtown High Density Residential To DN-4, Downtown Mixed-Use Residential; And For Other Purposes.

4. **Rezoning - Rankin - A-1, Agriculture to R-1, Low-Density Single-Family Residential - 101 Oakhurst Street (RZ26-0022)** **Ordinance***

The Planning Commission voted 5-0, recommending approval.

An Ordinance Changing Real Estate In The City Of Bentonville, Arkansas, From Its Present Zoning Classification Of A-1, Agricultural To R-1, Low Density Single Family Residential; And For Other Purposes.

V. Other Business/Announcements/Comments

Adjournment

Public Comments Concerning Matters of City Related Business