

Combined Committee of the Whole & City Council Meeting Minutes May 26, 2026



The City Council of Bentonville, Arkansas, met in regular session on Tuesday May 26, 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 (came late at 6:30pm), Aubrey Patterson, Dan Grover, Chris Sooter and Cindy Acree.

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.

Council Member Sanchez motioned to approve the May 12th meeting minutes, seconded by Council Member Acree passes (7-0)

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)

I. **Committee of the Whole Discussion**

Committee of the Whole turned over to Council Member Sooter

1. Informational: Discussion of City Property Located at 402 South Main Street

2. Consent Agenda Discussion New Business Items 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11
Utility Board 1 & 2

Council Member Sooter closed Committee of the Whole Discussion, Mayor Orman opened regular City Council meeting.

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I. New Business

1. Proclamation Recognizing May as "National Treatment Court Month"

Mayor to present Proclamation declaring May as "National Treatment Court Month."

2. Proclamation Recognizing May 17-23, 2026 as "National Public Works Week"

Proclamation recognizing Bentonville Public Works during "National Public Works Week"

May 17-23, 2026. The theme this year is "Rooted in Service, Powered by Community."

Mayor Orman read the proclamations out loud. Members from each organization came forward to say a few words of thanks, and get a photo

II. Consent Agenda

New Business items: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11

3. Resolution 5-26-26 A: to Enter into an Agreement for Renewal of Cyber Security Services

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement with Heartland Business Systems for Renewal of Cyber Security Services through participation in TIPS Contract #220105. No budget adjustment is needed.

4. Resolution 5-26-26 B: Setting a Public Hearing for a Right of Way Vacation (VAC26-0002)

Resolution to set a Public Hearing for June 9, 2026 for a Right of Way Vacation located at Lot 209 of the Original Town of Bentonville Subdivision (VAC26-0002).

5. Resolution 5-26-26 C: Setting a Public Hearing for a Right of Way Vacation (VAC26-0005)

Resolution to set a Public Hearing for June 9, 2026 for a Right of Way Vacation located at Lot 76 of the Bentonville Original Subdivision (VAC26-0005).

6. Resolution 5-26-26 D: Setting a Public Hearing for a Right of Way Vacation (VAC26-0011)

Resolution to set a Public Hearing for June 9, 2026 for a Right of Way Vacation located at Lots 3, 5, 6 and 10 of Orchard Addition (VAC26-0011).

7. Resolution 5-26-26 E: Setting a Public Hearing for a Utility Easement Vacation (VAC26- 0013)

Resolution to set a Public Hearing for June 9, 2026 for a Utility Easement Vacation located at Lot 7, Block 2 of Scoggan Subdivision (VAC26-0013).

8. Resolution 5-26-26 F: Awarding Bid IFB-26-31 to Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc. for Asphalt Materials

Resolution to award bid IFB-26-31 to Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc. per the unit prices attached for the purchase of asphalt materials as required for street surface repairs and street resurfacing. The purchase of Asphalt Materials will be for use by the Street Department on an as needed basis through the end of 2026. Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc. was the lowest bid received. No budget adjustment is needed.

9. Resolution 5-26-26 G: Awarding Bid IFB-26-33 to Innovative Roadway Solutions LLC, for 2026 Mastic Seal

Resolution to award bid IFB-26-33 2026 (Mastic Sealer for City of Bentonville Streets) to Innovative Roadway Solutions, LLC per the unit prices attached. This is a budgeted item. Innovative Roadway Solutions, LLC was the sole bid received. No budget adjustment is needed.

11. Resolution 5-26-26 I: Calling for a Special Election for the City Council Vacancy of Ward 1, Position 2

A Resolution calling for a special election to replace Council Member Gayatri Richardson.

Utility Board Consent item: 1 & 2

1. Resolution 5-26-26 J: Authorizing Shewmaker Phase 1 Amendment #4 - Construction Administration Services

Staff request that the mayor and city clerk enter into an agreement with Garver Engineering, for Amendment # 4, in the amount of \$602,604.00 for engineering administration services for the Shewmaker Basin Interceptor Improvements - Phase 1. This project includes the installation of 6,700 linear feet of the 24" interceptor from the North Lift Station to MH320- 3331 just north of Tiger Boulevard. The project is funded by the ALWF loan. Utility Board approved 3-0. No budget adjustment is needed.

2. Resolution 5-26-26 K: Authorizing Change Order #1 - 48" Water Transmission Line Relocation - Construction

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to accept change order #1 in the amount of \$212,171.18 from Garney for the construction changes on the 48" Transmission Main Relocation associated with ARDOT project 090512 Hwy 112 relocation. The change order includes a Highway reroute removal, pipe casing installation and temporary fencing. The change order adds 41 days to the schedule due to pipe design and manufacturing delays. Utility Board approved 3-0. No budget adjustment is needed.

City Attorney Nick Henry read the consent agenda items out loud by title only
Motion to approve my Council Member Sanchez, seconded by Council Member Hook
Consent Agenda passes (8-0)

III. New Business Non Consent Agenda Items

10. Resolution 5-26-26 H: Approving Amendment #1 with Olsson Inc. for SW 2nd & 'O' Drainage Improvements

Staff recommends approval of an amendment to Olsson's contract for SW 2nd & O Drainage Improvements. This amendment will revise the contract scope to modify existing design to reduce overall storm sewer network to approximately 200-feet in length to truncate along the eastern side of O Street at an up-well junction. This is to reduce the construction estimate to within previous budget as directed by City Council. No budget adjustment is needed.

Council Members discussed the contract scope reduction, reducing the overall storm sewer network by about 200 ft. City recommended this change to ensure the projects construction estimate remained within the established budget

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 (8-0).

IV. Planning

1. Ordinance 2026-109: Property Line Adjustment - Lot 25, Block 7 of Clark's Second Addition - 304 SW B Street (PLA26- 0008)

The Planning Commission voted 6-0, recommending approval.

An Ordinance Accepting A Property Line Adjustment Of Lots 1 And 2, Block 7 Of Clark's Second Addition And A Portion Of The Alley Vacated By Ordinance 87-88 Creating New Lot 25, Block 7 Of Clark's Second 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 (8-0).

2. Ordinance 2026-110: Property Line Adjustment - Lots 23 & 24, Block 2 of Lincoln & Rice Addition - 102 NE F Street (PLA26- 0011)

The Planning Commission voted 6-0, recommending approval.

An Ordinance Accepting A Property Line Adjustment Of Lots 20 And 21, Block 2 Of Lincoln And Rice Addition Creating New Lots 23 And 24, Block 2 Of Lincoln And Rice Addition To The City Of Bentonville, Arkansas; And For Other Purposes.

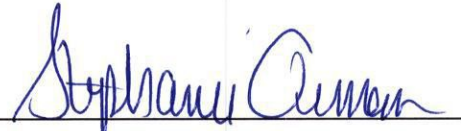
City Attorney Nick Henry read the ordinance out loud by title only.
Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, seconded by Council Member Seba
Ordinance passes (8-0).

Motion for adjournment from the voting portion by Sanchez, seconded by Acree.
Adjournment at 7:08pm

The next Bentonville City Council meeting will be Tuesday June 9, 2026.



Malorie Marrs, City Clerk



Stephanie Orman, Mayor

