



**Combined
Committee of the Whole
& City Council
Meeting Agenda
June 23, 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 June 23, 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: June 9, 2026

I. Committee of the Whole

1. **Informational Item about Natural Landscapes** **Informational**
 The Tree and Landscape Advisory Board has requested an exemption to the 8" tall grass and weed regulations to allow property owners to intentionally install and maintain native and pollinator landscapes. Staff is seeking guidance from the City Council to inform next steps.
2. **Informational Item on Proposed Amendments to Noise Regulations** **Informational**
 Informational item to discuss proposed amendments to the noise regulations.
3. **Consent Agenda Discussion** **Informational**

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

1. **Resolution to Recognize Detective Corporal Jason Beeler on his Retirement from the City** **Resolution**
 Request that the City Council adopt a formal resolution recognizing, commending, and congratulating Detective Corporal Jason Beeler on his retirement from the Bentonville Police Department, effective July 1, 2026. This resolution recognizes Detective Corporal Beeler's 22 years of dedicated service to the Bentonville Police Department and the citizens of Bentonville and extends best wishes for health, happiness, and continued success in his future endeavors. Resolution attached.
2. **Resolution to Accept Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Grant** **Resolution**
 Resolution to recognize and accept the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) grant in amount of \$39,499.93 under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) program. This is a 50/50 reimbursement of funds and will be used for purchases of bullet proof vest from 2025 to 2027. A budget adjustment is needed to recognize and appropriate funds upon repayment.
3. **Ordinance Revising No. 2019-148 Creating the Bentonville Utility Board** **Ordinance***
 Revising the Utility Board Creation Ordinance No. 2019-148 to require in-person attendance for Board Members. No budget adjustment is needed.
4. **Appointment of William Akins to the Bentonville Utility Board** **Appointment**
 Appointment of William Akins, based on staff recommendation to the Mayor, to the Bentonville Utility Board. Mr. Akins will be filling Fred Johnson's unexpired term that ends December 31, 2026.
5. **Appointment of Alexander Brice to the Bentonville Utility Board** **Appointment**
 Appointment of Alexander Brice, based on staff recommendation to the Mayor, to the Bentonville Utility Board. Mr. Brice will be filling Tom Butrinski's unexpired term that ends December 31, 2026.
6. **Public Hearing and Ordinance Vacating an Access Easement (VAC26-0007)** **Ordinance***
 Public Hearing and approval of an Ordinance vacating an Access Easement Vacation located between Lot 74 and 169 of Original Town of Bentonville Subdivision (VAC26-0007).

7. **Public Hearing and Ordinance Vacating a Right of Way (VAC26-0014)** **Ordinance***
Public Hearing and approval of an Ordinance vacating a Right of Way of Crooked Road in the City of Bentonville (VAC26-0014).
8. **Public Hearing and Ordinance Vacating a Utility Easement (VAC26-0029)** **Ordinance***
Public Hearing and approval of an Ordinance vacating a Utility Easement Vacation located at Lots 16-18 of 2nd East Side Addition (VAC26-0029).
9. **Resolution Setting a Public Hearing for a Right of Way Vacation & Establishing a Utility Easement (VAC26-0026)** **Resolution**
Approve Resolution to set a Public Hearing for July 14, 2026 for Right of Way Vacation with a Utility Easement Dedication located at Lot 1 of Wal-Mart Campus Subdivision Phase 2 (VAC26-0026).
10. **Resolution Setting a Public Hearing for a Right of Way Vacation & Establishing a Utility Easement (VAC26-0027)** **Resolution**
Approve Resolution to set a Public Hearing for July 14, 2026 for a Right of Way Vacation with a Utility Easement dedication located at Lot 1 of Walmart Campus Subdivision Phase 2 (VAC26-0027).
11. **Resolution Setting a Public Hearing for a General Easement Vacation (VAC26-0030)** **Resolution**
Approve Resolution to set Public Hearing for July 14, 2026 for a General Easement Vacation located at Block 3, Lot 19 of Hazel Park Subdivision (VAC26-0030).
12. **Resolution Setting a Public Hearing for a General Easement Vacation (VAC26-0031)** **Resolution**
Approve Resolution to set a Public Hearing for July 14, 2026 for a General Easement Vacation located at Block 3, Lot 18 of Hazel Park Subdivision (VAC26-0031).
13. **Resolution to Approve Supplemental Agreement #1 for Greenhouse Road Improvements** **Resolution**
Staff recommends approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to Burns & McDonnell's contract for the Greenhouse Road Improvements project. This agreement expands the scope of work to include environmental clearance documentation, traffic design plans, roadway design (including Kimmel Road, RCB, and Greenhouse typical sections), bridge design plans, and floodplain modeling. No budget adjustment is needed.

III. Utility Board

1. **Ordinance Approving a Waiver of Bid & Reserve Slots for 3 Substation Transformers from Prolec - GE** **Ordinance***
Due to volatility in the transformer market, BEUD is waiving competitive bidding and entering into an agreement with Prolec - GE to reserve slots for 3 substation transformers for future BEUD capital projects concerning substations for \$450,000.00. 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. A budget adjustment is needed.

2. **Resolution Authorizing a Contract Amendment to the Water and Wastewater Capacity Fee Analysis** **Resolution**

A resolution requested by Staff for Council to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a professional services agreement Amendment with Raftelis Finances Consultants, Inc. (Raftelis) reducing the contract amount by \$16,200.00 for a revised amount not to exceed \$43,400 and extending the contract time to December 31, 2026. Utility Board approved 4-0. A budget adjustment is needed.

3. **Resolution Authorizing a Contract Amendment - Water & Wastewater Rate Analysis and Financial Plan** **Resolution**

A resolution requested by Staff for Council to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a professional services agreement Amendment with Raftelis Finances Consultants, Inc. (Raftelis) in an amount not to exceed \$16,200.00. Utility Board approved 4-0. No budget adjustment is needed.

4. **Ordinance Adopting Revisions for the 2026 Water Utilities Department Specifications Update** **Ordinance***

Staff requests council approval of an ordinance adopting revisions to the Water Utilities Department Specifications. The focus of the proposed revision was to provide more opportunity for development to take advantage of reduced and/or zero setbacks and other features of the recently adopted Unified Development Code by allowing flexibility in the placement of water and sewer utilities if certain requirements are met. Utility Board approved 4-0. No budget adjustment is needed.

5. **Resolution Approving Amendment #1 for the 2026 Sewer Model Expansion Shell Basin Interceptor** **Resolution**

Staff is requesting approval of a resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into an Agreement for Amendment #1 with Olsson, Inc. in the amount of \$977,277.00. This is to amend the current model expansion contract to initiate concurrent design services for improvements with the lower Shell Basin. The project is funded by the ALWF loan. Utility Board approved 4-0. No budget adjustment needed.

IV. Planning

1. **Fish - 503 SW Third Street (RZ26-0026)** **Ordinance***

The Planning Commission voted 6-0, recommending approval.

An Ordinance Changing Real Estate In The City Of Bentonville, Arkansas, From Its Present Zoning Classification Of R-1, Suburban Single-Family To T4.1, Neighborhood General; And For Other Purposes.

2. **Srunn - 5036 SW Shell Road (RZ26-0027)** **Ordinance***

The Planning Commission voted 5-1, recommending approval.

An Ordinance Changing Real Estate In The City Of Bentonville, Arkansas, From Its Present Zoning Classification Of R-1, Suburban Single-Family To T3.2, Neighborhood Transition; And For Other Purposes.

V. Other Business/Announcements/Comments

Adjournment

Public Comments Concerning Matters of City Related Business