

Combined Committee of the Whole & City Council Meeting Minutes June 9, 2026



The City Council of Bentonville, Arkansas, met in regular session on Tuesday June 9, 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 (online, nonvoting), Holly Hook, Bill Burckart, Beckie Seba, Aubrey Patterson, Dan Grover, Chris Sooter and Cindy Acree.

Also, present were Mayor Stephanie Orman, City Attorney Nick Henry was absent-Mayors Assistant Lisa Babington stood in his place, 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 Acree motioned to approve the May 26th meeting minutes, seconded by Council Member Burckart 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 Seba. 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. Consent Agenda Discussion New Business Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

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

Present were Council Members Octavio Sanchez (online- nonvoting), Holly Hook, Bill Burckart, Beckie Seba, Aubrey Patterson, Cindy Acree, Dan Grover, & Chris Sooter.

Also, present were Mayor Stephanie Orman, Mayors Assistant Lisa Babington in place of City Attorney Nick Henry who was absent, City Clerk Malorie Marrs, the press, city staff, and the audience. Several members of the city staff and the public attended remotely via Zoom.

I. New Business

1. Resolution 6-9-26 A: Recognize Chief Aaron "Ray" Shastid on his Retirement from the City

Request that the City Council adopt a formal resolution recognizing, commending, and congratulating Chief Aaron "Ray" Shastid on his retirement from the Bentonville Police Department, effective June 19, 2026. This resolution recognizes Chief Shastid for over 26 years in law enforcement, including 23 years dedicated to the Bentonville Police Department and the citizens of Bentonville. It also wishes Chief Shastid health, happiness, and continued success in his future endeavors.

Mayor Orman read the proclamation out loud. Members from the community, Police Force, and audience stood in appreciation and applause for all of Chiefs work and dedication.

II. Consent Agenda

New Business items: 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

2. Resolution 6-9-26 B: Resolution Awarding Bid IFB-26-28 to Superior Auto Group for (1) Animal Services Vehicle

Resolution awarding bid IFB-26-28 to Superior Auto Group in Siloam Springs, AR, in the amount of \$67,869.00, for the purchase of a 2027 Ram 2500 4x4 Crew Cab Truck to include all upfitting of emergency equipment and warranties. No budget adjustment is needed.

3. Resolution 6-9-26 C: Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of an E One Rescue Truck
A Resolution authorizing the purchase of an E One Rescue Truck to replace a 2008, Pierce Heavy Rescue at the end of service life. No budgeted adjustment needed.

4. Resolution 6-9-26 D: Resolution to Exchange the Fire Apparatus Provided by Benton County

A Resolution acknowledging the possession of a 2024 Fouts Brothers Fire Truck from Benton County and the release of the 2004 Pierce Fire Truck back to Benton County. No budget adjustment is needed.

5. Resolution 6-9-26 E: Resolution Entering an Agreement with Halff Associates Inc. for Design of NW 3rd Street Sidepath

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement with Halff, in the amount of \$211,000.00 for design services for the NW 3rd Street Sidepath, connecting the Elm Tree Trail to Coler Preserve. No budget adjustment is needed.

10. Resolution 6-9-26 F: Resolution Setting a Public Hearing for an Access Easement Vacation (VAC26- 0007)

Approve Resolution to set a Public Hearing for June 23, 2026 for an Access Easement Vacation located between Lot 74 and 169 of Original Town of Bentonville Subdivision (VAC26-0007).

11. Resolution 6-9-26 G: Resolution Setting a Public Hearing for a Right of Way Vacation (VAC26-0014)

Approve Resolution to set Public Hearing for June 23, 2026 for Right of Way Vacation of Crooked Road in the City of Bentonville (VAC26-0014).

12. Resolution 6-9-26 H: Resolution Setting a Public Hearing for a Utility Easement Vacation (VAC26- 0029)

Approve Resolution to set a Public Hearing for June 23, 2026 for a Utility Easement Vacation located at Lots 16-18 of 2nd East Side Addition (VAC26-0029).

13. Resolution 6-9-26 I: Resolution Approving South Basin Phase 1, Amendment No. 1 - North Branch and Lift Station Engineering Services

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into Amendment #1 with Black & Veatch, in the amount of \$3,012,902.00, expanding the scope of design for the North Branch of the South Basin. No budget adjustment needed.

14. Resolution 6-9-26 J: Resolution Approving an Agreement for East Battlefield and Adjacent Areas

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement with Walter P. Moore & Associates, Inc. for the design and management of the East Battlefield and Central, East Battlefield, Water Tower Rd. Ph. III, and Adjacent Areas improvements. No budget adjustment is needed.

Mayors Assistant Lisa Babington read the consent agenda out loud by title only
Motion to approve by Council Member Seba, seconded by Council Member Burckart
Consent agenda passes (7-0)

III. New Business Non Consent Agenda Items

6. Ordinance 2026-111: Public Hearing and Ordinance Vacating a Right of Way (VAC26-0002)

Public Hearing and approval of an Ordinance vacating a Right of Way located at Lot 209 of the Original Town of Bentonville Subdivision (VAC26-0002).

Mayor Orman opened the public hearing in person and online, with no comments
Mayor closed the public hearing.

Mayors Assistant Lisa Babington read the Ordinance out loud by title only
Motion to vote by Council Member Seba, seconded by Council Member Burckart.
Ordinance passes (7-0).

7. Ordinance 2026-112: Public Hearing and Ordinance Vacating a Right of Way (VAC26-0005)

Public Hearing and approval of an Ordinance vacating a Right of Way located at Lot 76 of the Bentonville Original Subdivision (VAC26-0005).

Mayor Orman opened the public hearing in person and online, with no comments
Mayor closed the public hearing.

Mayors Assistant Lisa Babington read the Ordinance out loud by title only
Motion to vote by Council Member Seba, seconded by Council Member Burckart.
Ordinance passes (7-0).

8. Ordinance 2026-113: Public Hearing & Ordinance Vacating a Right of Way & Establishing a Utility Easement (VAC26-0011)

Public Hearing and approval of an Ordinance vacating a Right of Way and establishing a Utility Easement located at Lots 3, 5, 6 and 10 of Orchard Addition (VAC26-0011).

Mayor Orman opened the public hearing in person and online, with no comments
Mayor closed the public hearing.

Mayors Assistant Lisa Babington read the Ordinance out loud by title only
Motion to vote by Council Member Seba, seconded by Council Member Burckart.
Ordinance passes (7-0).

9. Ordinance 2026-114: Public Hearing and Ordinance Vacating a Utility Easement (VAC26-0013)

Public Hearing and approval of an Ordinance vacating a Utility Easement Vacation located at Lot 7, Block 2 of Scoggan Subdivision (VAC26-0013).

Mayor Orman opened the public hearing in person and online, with no comments
Mayor closed the public hearing.

Mayors Assistant Lisa Babington read the Ordinance out loud by title only
Motion to vote by Council Member Seba, seconded by Council Member Burckart.
Ordinance passes (7-0).

IV. Utility Board - June 2, 2026 Meeting Canceled

V. Planning

1. Ordinance 2026-115: Final Plat - Opal Park, Phase 1 - North of SW Regional Airport Blvd, west of Knotty Pine Rd (FP25-0011)

The Planning Commission voted 6-0, recommending approval.

An Ordinance Accepting A Final Plat Of Opal Park, Phase 1 To The City Of Bentonville, Arkansas; And For Other Purposes.

Mayors Assistant Lisa Babington read the Ordinance out loud by title only
Motion to vote by Council Member Burckart, seconded by Council Member Sooter.
Ordinance passes (7-0).

2. Ordinance 2026-116: Rezoning - Costello - T2.1, Rural to T3.1, Neighborhood Edge - 3205 SW 2nd Street (RZ26- 0028)

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 T2.1, Rural To T3.1, Neighborhood Edge; And For Other Purposes.

Council Member Acree asked a clarifying question regarding the location.

Mayors Assistant Lisa Babington read the Ordinance out loud by title only
Motion to vote by Council Member Burckart, seconded by Council Member Sooter.
Ordinance passes (7-0).

3. Ordinance 2026-117: Rezoning - Barron Road, LLC - T2.1, Rural to T3.2, Neighborhood Transition - SW Barron Road (RZ26- 0029)

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 T2.1, Rural To T3.2, Neighborhood Transition; And For Other Purposes.

Mayors Assistant Lisa Babington read the Ordinance out loud by title only
Motion to vote by Council Member Seba, seconded by Council Member Burckart.
Ordinance passes (7-0).

4. Ordinance 2026-118: Rezoning - Barron Road, LLC - T2.1, Rural to T4.2 Neighborhood Node - 5927 SW Barron Road (RZ26- 0024)

The Planning Commission voted 6-0, recommending approval.

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Mayors Assistant Lisa Babington read the Ordinance out loud by title only
Motion to vote by Council Member Seba, seconded by Council Member Acree.
Ordinance passes (7-0).

5. Ordinance 2026-119: Rezoning - Edward L. and Imelda Frail Revocable Trust - T2.1, Rural to T4.2 Neighborhood Node, T3.1, Neighborhood Edge, and T3.2, Neighborhood Transition - South of Regional Airport / east of SW Lee Lane (Parcels #01-07968-005, 01-07968-000, 01- 07968-002, 01-07968-019, 01-07968-013) (RZ26-0017)

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 T2.1, Rural To T4.2, Neighborhood Node, T3.1, Neighborhood Edge, And T3.2, Neighborhood Transition; And For Other Purposes.

Council Member Patterson asked for an overview of the concerns, what was changed, and why was it originally tabled. Tyler Overstreet indicated this had been in the system since 2023, but new concerns around flooding and traffic, which the developer would have to

mitigate through permitting. This was a revisit and rehashing of the current project.

Mayors Assistant Lisa Babington read the Ordinance out loud by title only
Motion to vote by Council Member Seba, seconded by Council Member Sooter.
Ordinance passes (7-0).

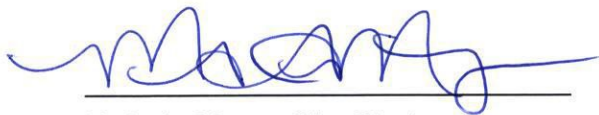
Motion for adjournment from the voting portion by Council Member Burckart, seconded Council Member by Hook.

Adjournment at 6:32pm

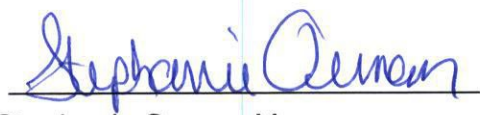
VI. Committee Reports

1. **Acree Traffic and Signage:** Approved a temporary dumpster on 310 W Central for 3 months.
2. **Seba Public Art:** 32 Submissions for the Water Tower project
Airport Advisory: Neighborhood Open House at the Hanger June 18th, 4pm-7pm
3. **Burckart:** International building codes are updating, wanted to be aware
4. **Mayor Orman:** More updates to come on the noise ordinance, specifically clarity around enforcement

The next Bentonville City Council meeting will be Tuesday June 23, 2026.



Malorie Marrs, City Clerk



Stephanie Orman, Mayor

