

Combined Committee of the Whole & City Council Meeting Minutes July 14, 2026



The City Council of Bentonville, Arkansas, met in regular session on Tuesday July 14, 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, Aubrey Patterson, Chris Sooter, Dan Grover, 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 June 23rd meeting minutes, seconded by Council Member Acree passes (8-0)

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 (8-0)

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, 8, 9, 10, 12-19

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

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I. New Business

June 2026 Residential Landscape Award - 1106 NW 11th Street

Recognition by City Council of the landscaping of residential property at 1106 NW 11th street. The property was selected by the Tree & Landscape Advisory Committee and is the June 2026 Residential Landscaping of the Month award winner.

II. New Business: Consent Agenda Items: 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 12-19

2. Resolution 7-14-16 A: Award BID IFB-26-42 for Code Compliance Mowing

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement with Luttrell Enterprises for code compliance mowing, brush hogging, and debris removal at the per unit cost. No budget adjustment is needed.

3. Resolution 7-14-16 B: Committing Funds to HWY 71 B Corridor Transit Oriented Development Planning

Resolution Approving a Resolution supporting the NWARD's application for Federal Transit Administration Transit-Oriented Development Planning Funds for the Highway 71 B Corridor and committing up to \$50,000.00 as Bentonville's portion of the required local match. No budget adjustment is needed.

8. Resolution 7-14-16 C: Setting a Public Hearing for an Alley Right of Way Vacation (VAC26 0035)

Resolution to set a Public Hearing for July 28, 2026 for an Alley Right of Way Vacation located at Lot 13, Block 11 of the Gilmore's Addition (VAC26-0035).

9. Resolution 7-14-16 D: Entering Into an Agreement for Document Management & Workflow Software

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement with MCCI for the purchase of Laserfiche Document Management and Workflow Management No budget adjustment is needed.

10. Resolution 7-14-16 E: Award Bid IFB-26-39 for a 2026 Bucket Truck to All Around MFG

Resolution to award bid IFB-26-39 for one 2026 or Current Year Model Bucket Truck in the amount of \$200,000.00. No budget adjustment is needed.

12. Resolution 7-14-16 F: Authorizing Meshek Amendment #2 for SW Nutmeg Drainage Improvements

Staff recommends approval of Amendment #2 to Meshek's contract for the SW Nutmeg

Drainage Improvements project in the amount of \$78,568.00. Amendment #2 expands the scope of work to include bidding services and additional construction services during the design period, bringing the total contract amount to \$254,623.00. This will use Drainage Bond Funds. No budget adjustment is needed.

13. Resolution 7-14-16 G: Authorizing Amendment #1 with Olsson for NW Tiger & G Street Improvements

Staff recommends approval of Amendment #1 to Olsson's professional services agreement for the NW Tiger & G Street Improvements project in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. This amendment adds bidding and award phase services for the 2026 bid effort, bringing the project through the contractor bidding and selection process. This will be covered by drainage bonds. No budget adjustment is needed.

14. Resolution 7-14-16 H: Authorizing a Truck Purchase Amendment

A Resolution authorizing the reassignment of IFB-24-25, for the purchase of a service truck in the amount of \$139,574.00, to Olathe Ford Sales Inc. from Grand Truck Equipment, LLC. No budget adjustment is needed.

15. Resolution 7-14-16 I: Authorizing an Increase to the IDIQ Contract with Milestone and a Budget Adjustment

Resolution authorizing an increase in the Milestone IDIQ contract for Sidewalks and Other Concrete Work in the amount of \$550,000.00. A budget adjustment is needed.

16. Resolution 7-14-16 J: Award Bid to Sandridge Construction of Phase 2 of McCollum Sidepath Project

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement with Sandridge Construction, in the amount of \$741,058.00, for construction of Phase 2 of the McCollum Sidepath project. A budget adjustment is needed to allocate budgeted funds.

17. Resolution 7-14-16 K: Accepting a Grant Award from the Walton Family Foundation for John Deshields Blvd Crosswalks

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to accept a grant from the Walton Family Foundation, in the amount of \$30,000.00, for pedestrian infrastructure improvements on John Deshields Blvd and Memorial Park. A budget adjustment is needed.

18. Resolution 7-14-16 L: Accepting a Contribution from Runway for Pedestrian Infrastructure

A Resolution accepting a contribution from Runway, in the amount of \$30,000.00, for

pedestrian infrastructure improvements on John Deshields Blvd and Memorial Park. A budget adjustment is needed.

19. Resolution 7-14-16 M: Authorizing a Closeout of a Walton Family Foundation Grant

A Resolution authorizing the repayment of unused grant funds, to the Walton Family Foundation, in the amount of \$100,000.00. A budget adjustment is needed.

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

Motion to approve consent agenda as read by Council Member Sanchez, seconded by Council Member Seba.

Consent agenda passes (8-0)

III. Utility Board - July 7, 2026 Meeting Canceled

IV. New Business Non Consent Agenda Items

4. Ordinance 2026- 128: Public Hearing & Ordinance Vacating a Right of Way & Establishing a Utility Easement (VAC26-0026)

Public Hearing and approval of an Ordinance vacating a Right of Way Vacation and a Utility Easement Dedication located at Lot 1 of Wal-Mart Campus Subdivision Phase 2 (VAC26 0026).

Mayor Orman opened the public hearing online and in person. No comments

City Attorney Nick Henry read the Ordinance by title only.

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

Ordinance passes (8-0)

5. Ordinance 2026-130: Public Hearing & Ordinance Vacating a Right of Way & Establishing Utility Easements (VAC26-0027)

Public Hearing and approval of an Ordinance vacating a Right of Way Vacation and establishing Utility Easements located at Lot 1 of Walmart Campus Subdivision Phase 2 (VAC26-0027).

Mayor Orman opened the public hearing online and in person. No comments

City Attorney Nick Henry read the Ordinance by title only.

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

Ordinance passes (8-0)

6. Ordinance 2026-129: Public Hearing & Ordinance Vacating a General Easement Vacation (VAC26 0030)

Public Hearing and approval of an Ordinance vacating a General Easement Vacation located at Block 3, Lot 19 of Hazel Park Subdivision (VAC26-0030).

Mayor Orman opened the public hearing online and in person. No comments

City Attorney Nick Henry read the Ordinance by title only.

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

Ordinance passes (8-0)

7. Ordinance 2026-131: Public Hearing & Ordinance Vacating a General Easement Vacation (VAC26 0031)

Public Hearing and approval of an Ordinance vacating a General Easement Vacation located at Block 3, Lot 18 of Hazel Park Subdivision (VAC26-0031).

Mayor Orman opened the public hearing online and in person. No comments

City Attorney Nick Henry read the Ordinance by title only.

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

Ordinance passes (8-0)

11. Ordinance 2026-132: to Approve a Waiver of Bid for Change Order #1 to IFB-26-33 - Mastic Seal

Ordinance requesting to waive competitive bidding approving Change Order #1 to the existing contract. Innovative Roadway Solutions LLC was the only competitive bidder under IFB-26-33 Mastic Seal.

An emergency clause is requested to allow this change order to become effective immediately.

The contractor is scheduled to be in the area within approximately two weeks. Immediate approval will reduce project delays. No budget adjustment is needed.

City Attorney Nick Henry read the Ordinance by title only, motion to pass by Council Member Sanchez, seconded by council Member Seba.

Ordinance passes (8-0).

City Attorney Nick Henry read the Emergency Clause by tile only, motion to pass by pass by Council Member Sanchez, seconded by council Member Seba.

ER Clause passes (8-0).

V. Planning

1. Ordinance 2026-133: Rezoning - Michael Koenitz-Hudac - T2.1, Rural to T5.2, Town Center High - 1201 and 1203 SW I St (RZ26-0030)

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 T5.2, Town Center High; And For Other Purposes.

City Attorney Nick Henry read the Ordinance by title only.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez seconded by Council Member Acree
Ordinance passes (8-0)

Motion for adjournment from the voting portion by Seba, seconded by Hook.

Adjournment at 6:18pm

V. Committee Updates

1. Acree: Traffic & Signage – Goblin Run Event, Spooky race route reviewed. Race route will begin at the Library and finish at Coler; Event scheduled for October 26.

- **2. Seba – Airport:** Introduction/appointment of the new airport manager.

Public Art: Mayor's 250th Art Project update/discussion.

The next Bentonville City Council meeting will be Tuesday July 14, 2026.




Malorie Marrs, City Clerk


Stephanie Orman, Mayor