

Bentonville City Council
Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2020

The City Council of Bentonville, Arkansas, met in special session on Friday, March 13, 2020, at 2:00 p.m., at the Community Development Building, 305 Southwest A Street, Bentonville, Arkansas.

Present were council members Tim Robinson, Chad Goss, Cindy Acree, Chris Sooter, Aubrey Patterson, Bill Burckart and Jonathan Terlouw, with Octavio Sanchez absent. Also present were Mayor Stephanie Orman, City Attorney George Spence, City Clerk Linda Spence, the press, city staff and the audience.

Mayor Orman called the meeting to order.

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 Burckart. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Council Member Sanchez absent.

1. Ordinance No. 2020-56: Emergency ordinance adopting revisions to the City of Bentonville personnel policy to provide for emergency leave and declaring an emergency.

City Attorney Spence read the ordinance by title only.

Jake Harper, Director of Finance and Administration, explained the purpose and provisions of the ordinance in detail and answered questions from Council.

Motion to pass by Council Member Burckart, second by Council Member Robinson. There was no further discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Council Member Sanchez absent.

City Attorney Spence read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion to pass by Council Member Burckart, second by Council Member Sooter. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Council Member Sanchez absent.

2. Ordinance No. 2020-57: Emergency ordinance granting the Mayor broad temporary authority to maintain City functions and declaring an emergency.

City Attorney Spence read the ordinance by title only.

A discussion was had concerning budget adjustments, notifications and the process to call a meeting. City Attorney Spence noted the Mayor's authority under the ordinance related to spending was limited to that needed to maintain critical City services.

Motion to pass by Council Member Robinson, second by Council Member Acree. There was no further discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Council Member Sanchez absent.

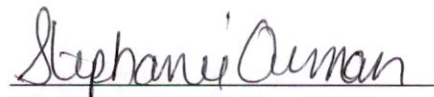
City Attorney Spence read the emergency clause of the ordinance.

Motion to pass by Council Member Sooter, second by Council Member Goss. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Council Member Sanchez absent.

Reports were made related to changes in City programs and events due to the COVID situation by Fire Chief Brent Boydston, Parks and Recreation Director David Wright and City Librarian Hadi Dudley.

Mayor Orman adjourned the meeting.


Linda Spence, City Clerk


Stephanie Orman, Mayor

