

Bentonville City Council
Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2015

The City Council of Bentonville, Arkansas, met in regular session Tuesday, February 10, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., at the Community Development Building, 305 Southwest A Street, Bentonville, Arkansas.

Present were council members Stephanie Orman, John Skaggs, Tim Robinson, Chris Sooter, Bill Burckart, Octavio Sanchez and Jim Webb, with James Smith absent. Also present were Mayor Bob McCaslin, City Attorney George Spence, City Clerk Linda Spence, the press, city staff and the audience.

Mayor McCaslin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Mayor led everyone present in the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence in support of our armed forces.

Motion was made by Alderman Sanchez to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2015 meeting as presented, second by Alderman Burckart. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Alderman Smith absent.

1. Presentation of the Green Energy Initiatives Award to the City of Bentonville. Mayor McCaslin recognized Nathan Rutledge and Donnie Baker from Crews and Associates and First Security. Mr. Rutledge spoke briefly about the reasons for the award and Mr. Baker presented the award to Troy Galloway, Community Development Director.
2. Presentation of Arkansas American Planning Association awards to Downtown Bentonville, Inc. and Harrison French and Associates for the Downtown Master Plan and to Hight Jackson Associates for the Southeast Downtown Area Plan.

Mayor McCaslin recognized Shelli Kerr, Planning Services Manager. Ms. Kerr stated that the City of Bentonville was awarded two awards from the Arkansas chapter of the American Planning Association. One award was in the category of

Achievement in Plan Implementation for the Downtown Master Plan adopted in 2014 and the second was for Achievement in Comprehensive Plan Development of the Southeast Downtown Area Plan also adopted in 2014. She added that the City wanted to share these awards with key partners in the community who had participated in the projects.

Troy Galloway presented a recognition to Harrison French of Harrison French and Associates and also to Debbie Matteri of Downtown Bentonville, Inc. and Daniel Hintz formerly of Downtown Bentonville, Inc. related to their involvement with the Downtown Master Plan.

Mr. Galloway then presented a recognition to Allie McKenzie and Gail Shepherd of Hight Jackson Associates related to that firm's involvement with the Southeast Downtown Area Plan.

- 3a. Ordinance No. 2015-17: Ordinance changing real estate in the City of Bentonville, Arkansas, from its present classification to I-1, light industrial.

[Applicant: Ft. Scott Property, LLC;
Location: 5808 Southwest Regional Airport Boulevard]

City Attorney Spence read the ordinance by title only. Motion to pass by Alderman Burckart, second by Alderman Sanchez. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Alderman Smith absent.

- 3b. Ordinance No. 2015-18: Ordinance changing real estate in the City of Bentonville, Arkansas, from its present classification to PRD, planned residential development.

[Applicant: Picture Real Estate Development Corporation;
Location: 501 Southeast D Street]

City Attorney Spence read the ordinance by title only. Motion to pass by Alderman Burckart, second by Alderman Sanchez. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Alderman Smith absent.

4. Ordinance No. 2015-19: Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into an agreement with Boyette Strategic Advisors for services related to the Bentonville Blueprint and waiving the requirement of competitive bidding.

City Attorney Spence read the ordinance by title only.
Motion to pass by Alderman Skaggs, second by
Alderman Robinson.

Alderman Burckart asked where the money for the contract would come from. Mr. Galloway stated it would come from the Planning Department budget. Mr. Galloway also stated the intent of this contract is to further develop strategy related to the Bentonville Blueprint.

Motion carried (7-0), with Alderman Smith absent.

5. Approval to appoint Greg Matteri to the Bentonville Planning Commission to fill an unexpired term to expire on July 1, 2017.

Motion to approve by Alderman Sooter, second by
Alderman Burckart. There was no discussion. Motion carried
(7-0), with Alderman Smith absent.

6. Ordinance No. 2015-20: Ordinance adopting the 2014 National Electric Code, or latest edition, and local amendments.

City Attorney Spence noted two ordinances were sent out with the agenda and that the two-page document was the one being presented to and voted on by Council.

City Attorney Spence read the ordinance by title only.
Motion to pass by Alderman Sanchez, second by
Alderman Sooter. There was no discussion. Motion carried
(7-0), with Alderman Smith absent.

7. Resolution No. 2-10-15 A: Resolution setting a public hearing for February 24, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., on a petition filed by the Rusch Living Trust requesting an alley/right-of-way vacation in the City of Bentonville, Arkansas.

City Attorney Spence read the resolution by title only.
Motion to pass by Alderman Burckart, second by
Alderman Orman. There was no discussion. Motion carried
(7-0), with Alderman Smith absent.

8. Resolution No. 2-10-15 B: Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with Garver Engineers for engineering services associated with certain improvements to Northwest 3rd Street in Bentonville, Arkansas.

City Attorney Spence read the resolution by title only.

Alderman Burckart asked whether this project was part of the traffic study. Mike Churchwell, Transportation Director, stated that this section of road was not part of the traffic study, but had been on the agenda since 2004 and was a part of the bond program for 2007.

Motion to pass by Alderman Sanchez, second by
Alderman Sooter. Motion carried (7-0), with Alderman Smith
absent.

9. Approval to award Bid No. 15-01 to Gastony Boring Services, Inc. for a three-year period (2015-2018) for directional and on-grade boring services.

Motion to approve by Alderman Burckart, second by
Alderman Sooter. There was no discussion. Motion carried
(7-0), with Alderman Smith absent.

10. Approval to award Bid No. 15-05 in the amount of \$82,012.50 to the Stuart Irby Company for 1/0 underground wire.

Motion to approve by Alderman Burckart, second by
Alderman Sanchez. There was no discussion. Motion carried
(7-0), with Alderman Smith absent.

11. Approval to award Bid No. 15-07 in the amount of \$68,750 to Ecotech Enterprises, Inc. for the purchase of liquid aluminum sulfate for chemical phosphorus removal at the wastewater treatment plant.

Motion to approve by Alderman Sanchez, second by Alderman Sooter. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Alderman Smith absent.

12. Resolution No. 2-10-15 C: Resolution declaring certain property belonging to the City of Bentonville Police Department as surplus property.

[1987 Ford F700 armored vehicle to be transferred to the Cave Springs Police Department and 2005 Chevy extended cab 4x4 long wide-bed pickup as a department-to-department asset transfer]

City Attorney Spence read the resolution by title only. Motion to pass by Alderman Burckart, second by Alderman Sooter. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Alderman Smith absent.

13. Resolution No. 2-10-15 D: Resolution declaring certain property belonging to the City of Bentonville Police Department as surplus property.

[2009 Ford Crown Victoria]

City Attorney Spence read the resolution by title only. Motion to pass by Alderman Burckart, second by Alderman Sanchez. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Alderman Smith absent.

14. Approval to award Bid No. 15-09 in the amount of \$498,727 to Technogym for fitness equipment for the Bentonville Community Center.

Motion to approve by Alderman Sanchez, second by Alderman Robinson. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Alderman Smith absent.

15. Ordinance No. 2015-21: Ordinance adopting revisions to the personnel policy for the City of Bentonville, Arkansas. [Sections 6.1.3, 1.4.1, 1.4.2]

City Attorney Spence read the ordinance by title only.
Motion to pass by Alderman Burckart, second by
Alderman Sooter. There was no discussion. Motion carried
(7-0), with Alderman Smith absent.

Mayor McCaslin addressed the Council in reference to its request
to institute a change in council meetings. He stated that the
City Attorney had drafted a resolution in that regard. The Mayor
stated that at the request of Alderman Smith there would be no
consideration of this issue since Alderman Smith was unable to be
present. The Mayor added that the resolution would be sent out
for review tomorrow.

The Mayor then recognized three Boy Scouts from Troop 505 and one
Boy Scout from Troop 202.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Alderman Burckart, second by
Alderman Sooter. Motion carried (7-0).

Linda Spence

Linda Spence, City Clerk

Bob McCaslin

Bob McCaslin, Mayor

