

Bentonville City Council
Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2014

The City Council of Bentonville, Arkansas, met in regular session Tuesday, February 11, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., at the Community Development Building, Planning Commission meeting room, 305 SW A Street, Bentonville, Arkansas.

Present were council members Mary Baggett, Chris Sooter, Roger Thomas, Shane Perry, Leah Williams, Bill Burckart, Burton Head and Jim Grider. 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 Baggett to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2014 meeting as written, second by Alderman Grider. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

Motion was made by Alderman 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 Alderman Grider. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

1. A report was presented by David Deggs, Executive Director of Downtown Bentonville, Inc., on the organization's progress and accomplishments in 2013 in partnership with the City of Bentonville.
- 2a. Ordinance No. 2014-25: Ordinance accepting a property line adjustment of Dickson's Addition Lots 25-28 to the City of Bentonville, Arkansas.

[Applicant: MSB Holdings, LLC; Location: 711 and 723 West Central Avenue and 714 and 718 Southwest 2nd Street]

City Attorney Spence read the ordinance by title only. Motion to pass by Alderman Grider, second by Alderman Burckart. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

- 2b. Ordinance No. 2014-26: Ordinance changing real estate in the City of Bentonville, Arkansas, from its present classification to DE, downtown edge.

[Applicant: Don Wallace and Jennifer Wallace;
Location: 102 Northwest 3rd Street]

City Attorney Spence read the ordinance by title only. Motion to pass by Alderman Grider.

Alderman Thomas asked whether anyone was present to comment on this issue and if the City had received any comments on this rezoning issue due to its location. Brian Bahr, Economic Development Manager, stated that there was no opposition at the public hearing held before the Planning Commission. He added that this location is in a transitional area and that downtown edge would allow for a few additional uses and services at this property site.

Motion to second by Alderman Williams. Motion carried (8-0).

- 2c. Ordinance No. 2014-27: Ordinance changing real estate in the City of Bentonville, Arkansas, from its present classification to PRD, planned residential development.

[Applicant: Clay Carlton; Location: Southwest Farrington Avenue]

City Attorney Spence read the ordinance by title only.

Alderman Thomas asked about whether public comments were received on this rezoning issue due to the large amount of land involved.

Brian Bahr stated that the subdivision was platted originally in 2004, rezoned to a PUD in 2006, and that it was a partially developed subdivision that was abandoned during the recession. He also stated that it is surrounded by established single-family subdivisions and that developing this area would enhance the surrounding area. Alderman Burckart stated that the area was unsightly and in rough shape from having been abandoned for years and that it would be beneficial to have somebody come in to repair and finish what had been started years ago.

Motion to pass by Alderman Grider, second by Alderman Burckart. Motion carried (8-0).

- 2d. Ordinance No. 2014-28: Ordinance accepting a lot split of Mayer Addition to the City of Bentonville, Arkansas.

[Applicant: Don Mayer; Location: 5089 South Vaughn Road]

City Attorney Spence read the ordinance by title only. Motion to pass by Alderman Burckart, second by Alderman Grider. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

3. Resolution No. 2-14-11A: Resolution expressing the willingness of the City of Bentonville to utilize federal-aid funds for the following City project: Walton Boulevard multi-use trail.

City Attorney Spence read the resolution by title only. Motion to pass by Alderman Grider, second by Alderman Williams. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

4. Approval to transfer a one ton truck (#3010-24) from the Electric Department to the Street Department.

Motion to approve by Alderman Burckart, second by Alderman Baggett. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

5. Approval for the reappointment of Mary Baggett and Deborah Matteri to the Criminal Nuisance Abatement Board.

Motion to approve by Alderman Grider, second by Alderman Sooter. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

6. Approval to award Bid No. 14-06 in the amount of \$37,684 for the Parks and Recreation Department to purchase chemicals and fertilizers for sports fields and grounds.

Motion to approve by Alderman Burckart, second by Alderman Grider.

Alderman Thomas asked for clarification on whether this amount was included in the budget or would require a budget adjustment. Mayor McCaslin indicated it was approved in the 2014 budget. Motion carried (8-0).

7. Approval to award Bid No. 14-01 in the amount of \$22,777 for the Parks and Recreation Department for purchase and installation of fencing to replace the outfield and dugout fencing at Elm Tree fields.

Motion to approve by Alderman Grider, second by Alderman Sooter. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

8. Resolution No. 2-14-11 B: Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with CEI Engineering Associates, Inc. for engineering services associated with certain improvements to Town Branch in the vicinity of the Bentonville Electric Department.

City Attorney Spence read the resolution by title only. Motion to pass by Alderman Sooter, second by Alderman Williams. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

9. Approval to award Bid No. 14-11 to Ecotech Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$81,250 to allow the Wastewater Department to purchase liquid aluminum sulfate for chemical phosphorus removal at the wastewater treatment plant.

Motion to approve by Alderman Perry, second by Alderman Head. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).


10. Resolution No. 2-14-11 C: Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a professional services agreement with New World Systems for software services for the Bentonville Police Department.

City Attorney Spence read the resolution by title only. Motion to pass by Alderman Grider, second by Alderman Baggett. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

Several council members expressed their thanks to City crews for another job well done during the latest snow storm.

Mayor McCaslin recognized Brian Bahr. Mr. Bahr briefly highlighted the 2013 Annual Development Report handout provided to Council members. He also indicated the report was available on the City website.

Motion was made by Alderman Grider to adjourn the meeting, second by Alderman Burckart. Motion carried (8-0).


Linda Spence, City Clerk


Bob McCaslin, Mayor