

Bentonville City Council
Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2014

The City Council of Bentonville, Arkansas, met in regular session Tuesday, March 25, 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, Roger Thomas, Shane Perry, Leah Williams, Bill Burckart, Burton Head and Jim Grider, with Chris Sooter 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.

Mayor McCaslin recognized two Boy Scouts in attendance. Ben Anderson from Troop 525 introduced himself and stated he was working on earning his Citizenship in the Community and Communications badges. Joshua Puente, also from Troop 525, introduced himself and stated he was working on earning his Communications badge. He also presented a plaque to the Mayor and Council in appreciation of the Electric Department's support and assistance in troop projects. The Mayor accepted the plaque on behalf of the Council and the Electric Department.

Motion was made by Alderman Baggett to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2014 meeting as written, second by Alderman Burckart. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Alderman Sooter absent.

Motion was made by Alderman Grider 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 Burckart. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Alderman Sooter absent.

1. David Wright, Parks and Recreation Director, presented the annual Parks and Recreation Department report and a status report on the new Community Recreation Center.

- 2a. Ordinance No. 2014-39: Ordinance accepting a property line adjustment of Lot 14, Block 14, Deming's Second Addition to the City of Bentonville, Arkansas.

[Applicant: Terry Ging Services; Location: 501 North Main 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 (7-0), with Alderman Sooter absent.

- 2b. Ordinance No. 2014-40: Ordinance amending the classification of property from low density residential to commercial on the Future Land Use Map for the City of Bentonville, Arkansas.

[Applicants: James and Brenda Patton, Trustees of the Patton Family Trust; Location: East Centerton Boulevard (State Highway 102 and Greenhouse Road)]

City Attorney Spence read the ordinance by title only.

Alderman Thomas asked for an explanation as to why this change was requested. Brian Bahr, Economic Development Manager, stated that this six acres fronts Highway 102 and is more suitable for commercial construction. He indicated that there is a contract for a Walmart fueling station on one corner. He also stated that the land use has to be in place before rezoning can occur and that part of this land is in the Centerton city limits, the Bentonville city limits, and also in the County. Mayor McCaslin stated a Neighborhood Market will also be located on this site.

Alderman Thomas also asked if the City had been working with Centerton Mayor Bill Edwards. Mr. Bahr stated that the Centerton city staff and council would address the part of this site that is in Centerton and apply their standards for their portion of this project.

Motion to pass by Alderman Grider, second by Alderman Burckart. Motion carried (6-0-1), with Alderman Perry abstaining and Alderman Sooter absent.

3. Approval of a budget adjustment in the amount of \$63,000 to the Street Department budget for moneys spent on fuel and street maintenance as a result of winter storm events this year.

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


4. Resolution No. 3-15-14 A: Resolution to enter into a contract of obligation with the Department of Environmental Quality as authorized in Arkansas Code Annotated §8-6-1603.

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 (7-0), with Alderman Sooter absent.

5. Resolution No. 3-25-14 B: Resolution adopting certain amendments to the Policy and Procedure Manual for the Bentonville Police Department.

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

Motion was made by Alderman Grider to adjourn the meeting, second by Alderman Burckart. Motion carried (7-0), with Alderman Sooter absent.



Linda Spence, City Clerk



Bob McCaslin, Mayor