

Bentonville City Council  
Meeting Minutes  
May 12, 2015

The City Council of Bentonville, Arkansas, met in regular session Tuesday, May 12, 2015, at 6:15 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, James Smith, Bill Burckart, Octavio Sanchez and Jim Webb. 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 6:15 p.m. The Mayor then 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 April 28, 2015 meeting as presented, second by Alderman Smith. 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 Burckart. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

1. Proclamations presented to recognize Police Week and Emergency Medical Services Week in Bentonville, Arkansas.

Mayor McCaslin recognized Police Chief Jon Simpson. The Mayor then read aloud the proclamation recognizing May 10-16, 2015 as Police Week and presented the proclamation to Chief Simpson.

Mayor McCaslin next recognized Fire Chief Brent Boydston. The Mayor then read aloud the proclamation recognizing the week of May 17-23, 2015 as Emergency Medical Services Week and presented the proclamation to Chief Boydston.

- 2a. Ordinance No. 2015-57: Ordinance accepting a lot split of Lots 1 and 2 O'Dell Subdivision to the City of Bentonville, Arkansas.

[Applicant: Terry and Linda O'Dell;  
Location: 7555 Hutchens Road]

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 (8-0).

- 2b. Ordinance No. 2015-58: Ordinance changing real estate in the City of Bentonville, Arkansas from its present classification to R-1, single family residential.

[Applicant: Terry and Linda O'Dell;  
Location: 7555 Hutchens Road]

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

- 2c. Ordinance No. 2015-59: Ordinance accepting a property line adjustment of Lot 17, Block 1, Hollands Addition to the City of Bentonville, Arkansas.

[Applicant: First National Bank of Fort Smith;  
Location: 402 Southwest A Street]

City Attorney Spence read the ordinance by title only.

Alderman Burckart asked how the reduced right-of-way on Southwest A Street would fit in with the Master Street Plan. Troy Galloway, Community Development Director, indicated that there had been a consultation with Mike Churchwell and it had been determined the wider right-of-way was not required. Mr. Galloway also indicated it was not expected that multilane streets would be built in the downtown area so narrower right-of-ways would be acceptable and would improve the ability to develop downtown properties.

Mr. Galloway indicated that at key intersections a wider right-of-way might still be necessary to provide a turn lane, but not continuous down the streets. He indicated an example would be East Central Avenue where the right-of-way expands where there is a turn lane, but is narrower along the full course of the street.

In response to Alderman Burckart, Mr. Galloway confirmed that it was best to leave the issue to consideration as part of the comprehensive planning process to allow an outside set of eyes on what is to be done and also to consider the issues in conjunction with all the other elements of the planning process.

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

- 3a. Ordinance No. 2015-60: Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement with Houseal Lavigne Associates LLC for preparation of the City of Bentonville Comprehensive Plan and waiving the requirement of competitive bidding.

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

- 3b. Approval of a budget adjustment in the amount of \$225,000 to enter into an agreement with Houseal Lavigne Associates LLC for technical and professional assistance with the preparation of the City of Bentonville Comprehensive Plan.

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

4. Ordinance No. 2015-61: Ordinance vacating a public access easement located in Lots 8 and 9 of Oakbrooke Subdivision Phase II to the City of Bentonville, Arkansas, Benton County, Arkansas.

Mayor McCaslin declared a public hearing open for comments. There was no response so Mayor McCaslin declared the public hearing closed.

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 (8-0).

5. Ordinance No. 2015-62: Ordinance vacating a public access easement located in part of Lot 114 Stonehenge Subdivision Phase 1 to the City of Bentonville, Arkansas, Benton County, Arkansas.

Mayor McCaslin declared a public hearing open for comments. There was no response so Mayor McCaslin declared the public hearing closed.

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

6. Approval to award Bid No. 15-24 to Fleet Safety in the amount of \$41,760.95 for the purchase of itemized equipment for the Police Department.

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

7. Approval of two police officer positions, a community officer and a domestic violence officer, for the Bentonville Police Department.

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

8. Approval to award Bid No. 15-20 to Ladd's, Inc. in the amount of \$33,033.88 to purchase a slope mower for the Parks and Recreation Department.

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

9. Approval of a change order and budget adjustment for the Parks and Recreation Department in the amount of \$5,800 for the Citizens Park parking lot project.

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

10. Approval of a change order to General Construction Solutions and budget adjustment in the amount of \$9,293.24 for the Merchants Park parking lot project.

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

11. Approval to award Bid No. 15-26 to AAMSCO in the amount of \$33,642.58 for the purchase of a metal plate embosser.

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

Mayor McCaslin stated there was no further business and asked if there were any comments.

Alderman Burckart commented on the Bentonville Film Festival and thanked city staff and volunteers for their work. Mayor McCaslin stated the public service teams were stretched but did a great job.

Mayor McCaslin commented on the opening of the Community Center and the positive feedback he had received. David Wright, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that the early opening was helpful and that staff were learning a lot and would be ready for the opening on June 6.

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



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Linda Spence, City Clerk



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Bob McCaslin, Mayor