

Bentonville City Council
Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2014

The City Council of Bentonville, Arkansas, met in regular session Tuesday, May 13, 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, Leah Williams, Bill Burckart and Burton Head, with Shane Perry and Jim Grider 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 Baggett to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2014 meeting as presented, second by Alderman Burckart. There was no discussion. Motion carried (6-0), with Alderman Perry and Alderman Grider absent.

Mayor McCaslin recognized Boy Scout Parker Dragovich.

Mayor McCaslin announced he had two public safety team proclamations to present.

Mayor McCaslin recognized Police Chief Jon Simpson. The Mayor then read a proclamation establishing the week of May 11 through 17 as Police Week in Bentonville.

Mayor McCaslin also recognized Fire Chief Brent Boydston. The Mayor then read a proclamation establishing the week of May 18 through 24 as Emergency Medical Services Week in Bentonville.

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 (6-0), with Alderman Perry and Alderman Grider absent.

- 1a. Ordinance No. 2014-48: Ordinance accepting a lot split of Lots 3 and 4 Wiens Acres to the City of Bentonville, Arkansas.
[Applicant: Joshua Knott; Location: 4301 Southwest 2nd Street]

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 (6-0), with Alderman Perry and Alderman Grider absent.

- 1b. Ordinance No. 2014-49: Ordinance accepting a property line adjustment of Lot 3 Overland Place Subdivision to the City of Bentonville, Arkansas.

[Applicant: Terry Pool; Location: 1104 Southeast Walton Boulevard]

City Attorney Spence read the ordinance by title only. Motion to pass by Alderman Burckart, second by Alderman Williams. There was no discussion. Motion carried (6-0), with Alderman Perry and Alderman Grider absent.

- 1c. Resolution No. 5-13-14 A: Resolution recommending adoption of the amended City of Bentonville 2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan to serve as the guide for utilizing CDBG funds provided to the City by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

City Attorney Spence read the resolution by title only. Motion to pass by Alderman Baggett, second by Alderman Burckart. There was no discussion. Motion carried (6-0), with Alderman Perry and Alderman Grider absent.

2. Resolution No. 5-13-14 B: Resolution setting a public hearing for May 27, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. regarding a petition filed by Burckart Construction requesting a utility easement vacation located at Lot 126 of Chapel Hill Subdivision.

City Attorney Spence read the resolution by title only. Motion to pass by Alderman Baggett, second by Alderman Williams. There was no discussion. Motion carried (5-0-1), with Alderman Perry and Alderman Grider absent and Alderman Burckart abstaining.

3. Approval of a budget adjustment to recognize revenue from an Endeavor Foundation grant, adding \$70,500 to the Planning budget.

Motion to approve by Alderman Sooter, second by Alderman Burckart. There was no discussion. Motion carried (6-0), with Alderman Perry and Alderman Grider absent.

4. Resolution No. 5-13-14 C: Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute a deed transferring certain property related to the Southwest I Street project.

City Attorney Spence read the resolution by title only. Motion to pass by Alderman Burckart, second by Alderman Williams. There was no discussion. Motion carried (6-0), with Alderman Perry and Alderman Grider absent.

5. Ordinance No. 2014-50: Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into an agreement with Mueller Systems, Inc. for the installation of three phase commercial and industrial electric meters and waiving the requirement of competitive bidding.

City Attorney Spence read the ordinance by title only.

Alderman Thomas asked for clarification on the source of these funds. Travis Matlock, Engineering Director, stated this item was provided for in budget preparation last year.

Motion to approve by Alderman Burckart, second by Alderman Baggett. Motion carried (6-0), with Alderman Perry and Alderman Grider absent.

6. Approval to award Bid No. 14-20 in the amount of \$146,000 to Kenworth for the purchase of two cab and chassis for the Electric Department.

Alderman Thomas asked if his understanding was correct that the City was under budget on other items in this category so that in spending an additional amount on this item the City would still not be over budget. Travis Matlock, Engineering Director, confirmed that to be correct.

Motion to approve by Alderman Burckart, second by Alderman Head. Motion carried (6-0), with Alderman Perry and Alderman Grider absent.

7. Resolution No. 5-13-14 D: Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with Oros and Busch Application Technologies, Inc. for the transport and disposal of biosolids.

City Attorney Spence read the resolution by title only. Motion to pass by Alderman Burckart, second by Alderman Baggett. There was no discussion. Motion carried (6-0), with Alderman Perry and Alderman Grider absent.

8. Resolution No. 5-13-14 E: Resolution allowing the City of Bentonville, Arkansas to enter into a Contract of Obligation with the Department of Environmental Quality.

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 (6-0), with Alderman Perry and Alderman Grider absent.

9. Approval of Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$1,163 to Thomas Fence for the Elm Tree ball field fencing project.

Motion to approve by Alderman Sooter, second by Alderman Burckart. There was no discussion. Motion carried (6-0), with Alderman Perry and Alderman Grider absent.

10. Ordinance No. 2014-51: Ordinance creating a position in the pay plan for the City of Bentonville, Arkansas.

City Attorney Spence read the ordinance by title only.

Alderman Thomas asked for clarification on whether this item was included in the budget. David Wright, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that "No," it had not been in the budget. He further stated that at the time of creating the budget there was a lot of uncertainty with this project and that now with the status of the project it was time to hire someone for this position. Mr. Wright indicated the position would be paid for in the long run from expected revenues. He also indicated that the hiring process had not begun yet for the position and he expected it to take about sixty days to fill. Ed Wheeler, Human Resources Manager, indicated the position to cost about \$80,000 annually, including benefits.

Alderman Baggett stated that it was very good planning to get a person in the position now as there will be a lot to do and a lot to learn.

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

Motion was made by Alderman Burckart to adjourn the meeting, second by
Alderman Williams. Motion carried (6-0).



Linda Spence, City Clerk



Bob McCaslin, Mayor