

Bentonville City Council
Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2015

The City Council of Bentonville, Arkansas, met in regular session Tuesday, June 9, 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, James Smith, Bill Burckart, Octavio Sanchez and Jim Webb. Also present were Mayor Bob McCaslin, City Staff Attorney Camille Thompson, City Clerk Linda Spence, the press, city staff and the audience.

At 6:00 p.m., prior to calling the meeting to order, Mayor McCaslin invited public comments. There was no response so the Mayor declared the comment period closed. The Mayor then invited questions or comments from the Council about items on the agenda and there were none.

Thereafter, Mayor McCaslin called the meeting to order. 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 Smith to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2015 meeting as presented, second by Alderman Sanchez. 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. Mayor McCaslin recognized Hadi Dudley, Library Director, who distributed copies of the Bentonville Public Library Annual Report for 2014 and presented a brief summary of the report. She also reported on the branch library located in the Community Center.

- 2a. Ordinance No. 2015-68: Ordinance accepting a lot split of Lots 1, 2 and 3 of Rateliff Manor Addition to the City of Bentonville, Arkansas.

[Applicant: The Rateliff Family Trust (Charles Rateliff);
Location: 1716 Southwest 2nd Street]

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

- 2b. Ordinance No. 2015-69: Ordinance accepting a lot split of Lots 15, 16, 17 and 18 of Claypool Block Subdivision to the City of Bentonville, Arkansas.

[Applicant: Todd Renfrow;
Location: 219, 221, 223 and 225 Northwest A Street]

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

- 2c. Ordinance No. 2015-70: Ordinance changing real estate in the City of Bentonville, Arkansas, from its present classification to C-3, central commercial.

[Applicant: Arvest Bank;
Location: 807 South Walton Boulevard]

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

- 2d. Ordinance No. 2015-71: Ordinance changing real estate in the City of Bentonville, Arkansas from its present classification to R-0, residential office.

[Applicant: Michael Wisdom;
Location: 1202 Southeast J Street]

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

3. Approval of the appointment of Jim Grider to the Planning Commission beginning July 1, 2015 and ending July 1, 2020.

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

4. Resolution No. 6-9-15 A: Resolution supporting the location, startup and expansion of Orchestra Works, a digital media and retail technology company in Bentonville, Arkansas.

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

5. Resolution No. 6-9-15 B: Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to assign a land lease agreement for a hangar site located at the Bentonville Municipal Airport.

Staff Attorney Thompson read the resolution by title only. Motion to pass by Alderman Burckart, second by Alderman Webb. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

6. Resolution No. 6-9-15 C: Resolution setting a public hearing for June 23, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., on a petition filed by Bike Rack Group requesting an alley vacation within the City of Bentonville, Arkansas.

Staff Attorney Thompson read the resolution by title only. Motion to pass by Alderman Burckart, second by Alderman Sanchez. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

7. Resolution No. 6-9-15 D: Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with Crafton Tull Engineers for survey and design of certain drainage improvements.

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

8. Resolution No. 6-9-15 E: Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute right-of-way and easement documents for the South Main Street project.

Staff Attorney Thompson read the resolution by title only. Motion to pass by Alderman Smith, second by Alderman Sanchez. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).


9. Approval to modify Electric Department capital line item to replace "2-ton truck w/auto-crane" with "digger derrick."

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

At the end of the published agenda, the Mayor asked if there were further comments or questions.

Alderman Burckart commented on the opening of the new Community Center and of a job well done by all involved.

Motion to adjourn by Alderman Burckart, second by Alderman Smith. Motion carried (8-0).



Linda Spence, City Clerk



Bob McCaslin, Mayor