

Bentonville City Council
Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2015

The City Council of Bentonville, Arkansas, met in regular session Tuesday, September 8, 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 Attorney George Spence, 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 Burckart to approve the minutes of the August 25, 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 Smith. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

1. Ordinance No. 2015-102: Ordinance accepting a final plat of Arbor Lane II Subdivision Phase 1 to the City of Bentonville, Arkansas.

[Applicant: Arbor Lane Phase II Development, LLC;
Location: Southwest Juniper Avenue]

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).

2. Ordinance No. 2015-103: Ordinance vacating a 20 foot utility easement located between Lots 1 and 2 of A & T Addition to the City of Bentonville, 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 Sooter. There was no discussion. Motion carried
(8-0).

3. Resolution No. 9-8-15 A: Resolution setting a public hearing for September 22, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., on a petition filed by Hope Church of Northwest Arkansas requesting a utility easement vacation, located at 1700 Southeast Moberly Lane, within the City of Bentonville, Arkansas.

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

4. Resolution No. 9-8-15 B: Resolution setting a public hearing for September 22, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., on a petition filed by Ron Blackwell requesting a public access easement vacation, located in part of Lot 4 Ron Blackwell Addition, within the City of Bentonville, Arkansas.

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

5. Approval of a budget adjustment to recognize revenue awarded in the form of a grant from the Walton Family Foundation in the amount of \$3,825 to leverage City funds to purchase 300 trees for the fall tree giveaway to be held on Saturday, October 17, 2015.

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

6. Ordinance No. 2015-104: Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with Crossland Construction Company, Inc. for the construction of a new driveway at F Substation and waiving the requirement of competitive bidding.

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

7. Ordinance No. 2015-105: Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into an agreement with Novatech for the purchase of certain remote terminal unit equipment for the City of Bentonville Electric Utilities Department and waiving the requirement of competitive bidding.

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

8. Resolution No. 9-8-15 C: Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a Mutual Aid Police Protection agreement with the City of Fort Smith, Arkansas.

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

9. Resolution No. 9-8-15 D: Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a Mutual Aid Police Protection agreement with the City of Bella Vista, Arkansas.

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

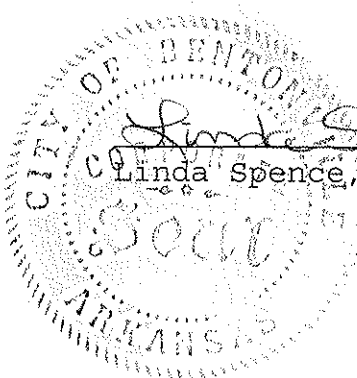
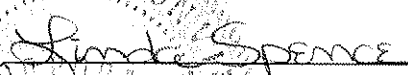
10. Resolution No. 9-8-15 E: Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a Mutual Aid Police Protection Agreement with the City of Rogers, Arkansas.

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

Alderman Robinson asked about whether there were agreements with Fayetteville and Springdale similar to the ones just approved. Police Chief Jon Simpson stated that discussions would be ongoing with other area agencies. He added that Fayetteville had used a similar document in the past and this would keep us on the same track.

Alderman Burckart asked if this would move us toward a universal communication system which would assist in the event of a disaster. Chief Simpson stated that the agreements were a step in the right direction. He added that if the City has something like this in place and something unforeseen happens the Department would be ahead of the curve.

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

A circular seal for the City of Benton, Arkansas, featuring the text "CITY OF BENTON" and "ARKANSAS" around the perimeter. The seal is partially obscured by the signature and name of Linda Spence.

Linda Spence, City Clerk


Bob McCaslin, Mayor