

Bentonville City Council
Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2014

The City Council of Bentonville, Arkansas, met in regular session Tuesday, November 10, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., at the Community Development Building, 305 SW A Street, Bentonville, Arkansas.

Present were council members Mary Baggett, John Skaggs, Roger Thomas, Chris Sooter, James Smith, Bill Burckart, Burton Head and Jim Grider. 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 October 28, 2014 meeting as presented, second by Alderman Grider. 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 Grider. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

1. Ordinance No. 2014-124: Ordinance accepting a lot split of Lots 8 and 9 Moberly Corner Addition to the City of Bentonville, Arkansas.

[Applicant: Great Northwest Development, LLC;
Location: Southeast corner of the intersection of
Southeast 8th Street and Southeast S Street]

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

2. Resolution No. 11-10-14 A: Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a memorandum of understanding with Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning for Stormwater Education.

City Attorney Spence read the resolution by title only.

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

3. Approval of a reconciliation change order to the contract with Arco Excavation and Paving, Inc. on the Northeast 2nd Street drainage project in the amount of \$5,629.35.

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

4. Resolution No. 11-10-14 B: Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to extend the agreement with Time Striping, Inc. for the annual street striping program and to increase the 2014 contract price amount.

City Attorney Spence read the resolution by title only.

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

5. Ordinance No. 2014-125: Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into an agreement with Time Striping, Inc. for street striping associated with the 2014 street overlay project and waiving the requirement of competitive bidding.

City Attorney Spence read the ordinance by title only.

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


6. Ordinance No. 2014-126: Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into an agreement with Basler Electric for certain equipment for electric Substation H and waiving the requirement of competitive bidding.

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 (8-0).

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

(Following adjournment, the Council met as a Committee of the Whole to review the proposed 2015 City budget, as presented by Denise Land, Finance Director. She began with a general overview comparing proposed 2015 budgeted revenues and expenditures with prior periods. She then presented the capital budget, which did result in some questions from Council members that were responded to by appropriate department heads.

After completion of the budget discussion, Mayor McCaslin noted that in addition to the regular Council meeting to occur on November 25th, a Committee of the Whole meeting was currently scheduled for Monday the 24th solely to address the budget. He sought input from Council members as to whether they wanted to maintain the planned schedule as they seemed to be largely satisfied with the presentation that had taken place. After some limited discussion, the consensus of the Council was to cancel the Monday meeting and to address any further questions concerning the budget at the regular Council meeting on Tuesday. That being determined, the Committee meeting was adjourned.)


Linda Spence, City Clerk


Bob McCaslin, Mayor

