
Bentonville City Council
Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2013

The City Council of Bentonville, Arkansas, met in regular session Tuesday, June 25, 2013, 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, Burton Head and Jim Grider, with Shane Perry 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 June 11, 2013 meeting as written, second by Alderman Burckart. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Alderman Perry absent.

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 (7-0), with Alderman Perry absent.

1. Ordinance No. 2013-58: Ordinance changing real estate in the City of Bentonville, Arkansas from its present classification to R-3, medium density residential.

[Applicant: Fireblaze VI and Fireblaze X; Location: Been Road and Southwest 28th Street]

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 (7-0), with Alderman Perry absent.

2. Resolution No. 6-25-13 A: Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with Jackson, Brown, Perculict Architects for architectural services related to the design of Fire Station 6 in the City of Bentonville, Arkansas.

City Attorney Spence read the resolution by title only.

Alderman Burckart asked whether the last memo received was to be an amendment to the contract or if it was as amended before and the memo is just further explanation. Brent Boydston, Fire Chief, responded that he understood it to be further explanation concerning the reuse of documents prepared for Fire Station 6.

Alderman Burckart stated he had questioned whether the reduction would be to the entire fee or only as to certain aspects of the fee. Chief Boydston explained that the reduction was for architectural design documents. He also stated that future projects may require changes due to such things as site selection and time between projects.

Alderman Thomas asked Mark Clinard, Construction Manager, if he had seen this type arrangement used before. Mr. Clinard stated that he had not seen this type of arrangement before in commercial construction and that he thought it was a significant savings and a great deal.

Motion to approve resolution by Alderman Grider, second by Alderman Baggett. Motion carried (7-0), with Alderman Perry absent.

3. Approval to award Bid No. 13-23, a six-month blanket bid for water materials to be ordered on an as-needed basis.

Motion to approve by Alderman Grider, second by Alderman Williams. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Alderman Perry absent.

4. Approval to award Bid No. 13-24, a six-month blanket bid for electric material to be ordered on an as-needed basis.

Motion to approve by Alderman Sooter, second by Alderman Burckart. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Alderman Perry absent.

5. Approval to award Bid No. 13-25, a six-month blanket bid for 3 phase transformers to be ordered on an as-needed basis.

Motion to approve by Alderman Grider, second by Alderman Williams. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Alderman Perry absent.

6. Approval to award Bid No. 13-26, a six-month blanket bid for switchgears to be ordered on an as-needed basis.

Motion to approve by Alderman Grider, second by Alderman Head. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Alderman Perry absent.

7. Approval to award Bid No.13-28 to Wesco in the amount of \$31,860 to purchase 750 underground wire.

Motion to approve by Alderman Sooter, second by Alderman Grider. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Alderman Perry absent.

8. Ordinance No. 2013-59: Ordinance transferring administration of retirement coverage for eligible members of the Bentonville Fire Pension and Relief Fund to the Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement System (LOPFI) and authorizing the chief administrative officer to enter into an irrevocable agreement with LOPFI.

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 (7-0), with Alderman Perry absent.

9. Approval of final change order for the southwest Bentonville sidewalk project. The original contract amount was for \$107,464 and the final contract amount was \$99,702.50, which resulted in a reconciliation change order in the amount of \$7,761.50.

Motion to approve by Alderman Sooter, second by Alderman Grider. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Alderman Perry absent.

Motion was made by Alderman Burckart to adjourn the meeting, second by Alderman Grider. Motion carried (7-0).


Linda Spence, City Clerk


Bob McCaslin, Mayor