

Bentonville City Council  
Meeting Minutes  
August 13, 2013

The City Council of Bentonville, Arkansas, met in regular session Tuesday, August 13, 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, Shane Perry, Leah Williams, Bill Burckart, Burton Head and Jim Grider, with Roger Thomas 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 Sooter to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2013 meeting as written, second by Alderman Burckart. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Alderman Thomas 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 Baggett. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Alderman Thomas absent.

1. Mayor McCaslin announced that the City had received the Government Finance Officers Association Award (GFOA) for its budget presentation. The Mayor then recognized Denise Land, Finance Director, and presented her with a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation from the GFOA.
2. Mayor McCaslin recognized Mike Bender, Public Works Director. Mr. Bender recognized and introduced Dave Powell of Summit Aviation, Pat Carroll from the Bentonville Airport Advisory Board and Chad Cox. Mr. Carroll gave a power point presentation to update the Council on plans for the Bentonville Municipal Airport. Mr. Cox continued the power point presentation and also addressed the status of the aerobatic box at the airport. There was a brief discussion after the presentation, including questions.

- 3a. Ordinance No. 2013-68: Ordinance accepting a property line adjustment of Bentonville Original Subdivision Lot 198 to the City of Bentonville, Arkansas.

[Applicant: Lisa Kelley; Location: 122 South Main 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 (7-0), with Alderman Thomas absent.

- 3b. Ordinance No. 2013-69: Ordinance accepting a property line adjustment of the Trails at Rainbow Curve Addition to the City of Bentonville, Arkansas.

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

City Attorney Spence read the ordinance by title only. Motion to pass by Alderman Grider, second by Alderman Williams. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Alderman Thomas absent.

- 3c. Ordinance No. 2013-70: Ordinance changing real estate in the City of Bentonville, Arkansas, from its present classification to R-1, single family residential.

[Applicant: Chambers Bank; Location: Nomad Road and Highway 12]

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 (7-0), with Alderman Thomas absent.

- 3d. Ordinance No. 2013-71: Ordinance accepting a lot split of Lincoln and Rice Subdivision Block 2, Lots 13 and 14, to the City of Bentonville, Arkansas.

[Applicant: MSB Holdings, LLC; Location: 703 East Central Avenue]

City Attorney Spence read the ordinance by title only. Motion to pass by Alderman Grider, second by Alderman Williams. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Alderman Thomas absent.

- 3e. Ordinance No. 2013-72: Ordinance accepting a property line adjustment of Bentonville Original Subdivision Lot 196 to the City of Bentonville, Arkansas.

[Applicant: Kelley and Wade Jones; Location: 501 West Central Avenue]

City Attorney Spence read the ordinance by title only. Motion to pass by Alderman Burckart, second by Alderman Grider. There was no discussion. Motion carried (7-0), with Alderman Thomas absent.

- 3f. Resolution No. 8-13-13 A: Resolution setting a public hearing for August 27, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. regarding a petition filed by Trina and Dennis Hammond requesting a utility easement vacation in College Place Subdivision Phase 8 Lot 30 within the City of Bentonville, Arkansas.

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 (7-0), with Alderman Thomas absent.

4. Approval to appoint Randy Lawson to the Off-Street Parking District No. 3 Commission.

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

5. Approval of a budget adjustment in the amount of \$382,000 to purchase, equip and provide setup for eight 2014 Chevrolet Tahoes for the Police Department.

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

6. Resolution No. 8-13-13 B: Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with New World Systems for additional software services for the Bentonville Police Department.

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 (7-0), with Alderman Thomas absent.

7. Approval to award Bid No. 13-31 to Hugg & Hall in the amount of \$23,919.18 to purchase a Norton model C5936SS walk behind street saw.

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

8. Resolution No. 8-13-13 C: Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a professional services agreement with Don Spann, AIA, Architect for architectural services associated with the design and construction of the Water Utilities Administration Building in the City of Bentonville, Arkansas.

City Attorney Spence read the resolution by title only.

Alderman Burckart stated he was aware of the need to upgrade the facilities for the Water Department due to overcrowding of the existing facilities, but indicated that perhaps a master plan would allow better overall use of the property. He suggested the Council set funds aside for a master plan.

Alderman Burckart noted that since 2009 the City had purchased property both east and west of this property and further noted that in the 2011 and 2012 budget discussions he had indicated his position that a master plan needed to be done to optimize the City's use of the property in this area. He stated he thought a master plan was still appropriate and that he had still not seen one. He stated that among things to be considered is that the Street Department may at some point be moved to another location, though that has not at this time been confirmed.

Preston Newbill, Water Utilities Manager, indicated he had anticipated this line of questions and that he wanted to explain how the proposal would fit in with a master plan. Mr. Newbill stated that if the Street Department later moved, it would simply give the Water Department more bays to use. He also indicated that Alderman Burckart's request had been noted and that the proposal before the Council would fit into any eventual master plan.

Mr. Newbill then presented a power point presentation visually depicting the proposal. He stated that the difference between the original plan and the proposal before the Council is that the proposal before the Council, in addition to providing additional bays for storage and on-site work, would provide improved facilities for meeting customers and customer parking, would provide additional space for employees, including locker room facilities and a training/break room, and would provide additional storage.

Mr. Newbill also explained that though the proposal before the Council was significantly more expensive than what was originally planned for this budget cycle, it was on par with the overall build out planned at the site which would have been done over multiple years. He also explained the source of the planned funding for the project, which included savings accomplished in other areas and capacity fees.

Motion to approve the resolution by Alderman Baggett, second by Alderman Sooter. Motion carried (6-1), with Alderman Burckart voting no and Alderman Thomas absent.

9. Approval to award Bid No. 13-32 to Evans Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$30,796.88 to purchase and replace a portable power generator currently being used by the Wastewater Department.

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

Alderman Burckart inquired where things stood on a plan for the area where the Water Department expansion was planned and the possibility of relocating the Street Department. Travis Matlock, Engineering Director, indicated that there had been internal discussions about the Street Department moving as well as some additional development for the Electric Department. He further stated that though more discussion and consideration by the staff would need to be done, he anticipated a master plan would be forthcoming to address additional properties to be acquired, use of the property and development of surrounding properties.

Mayor McCaslin added that other than the Street Department, there was no consideration being given to relocating the current downtown campus of City support departments and that they would likely be there for decades to come.


10. Resolution No. 8-13-13 D: Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into three land lease agreements with Summit Aviation, LLC for hangar sites located at the Bentonville Municipal Airport.

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 (7-0), with Alderman Thomas absent.

11. Resolution No. 8-13-13 E: Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with Burns & McDonnell Engineering company to provide electric transmission and distribution design services for the 8th Street improvement project.

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 (7-0), with Alderman Thomas 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

