

**Bentonville City Council**  
Meeting Minutes  
February 13, 2007

The City Council of Bentonville, Arkansas met in regular session, Tuesday, February 13, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 115 West Central, Bentonville, Arkansas. Present were Council Members Ed Austin, Scott Comiskey, Mary Baggett, Chris Sooter, Jim Grider, James Smith, Bryan Bennett and Rod Sanders. Also present were Mayor Bob McCaslin, City Attorney George Spence, City Clerk Suzanne Grider, the press, city staff, and the audience.

Mayor Bob McCaslin called the meeting to order and asked everyone to join him in saluting our nation's flag. After the pledge, the invocation was given by Don Morrow of First Christian Church.

Motion was made by Council Member Baggett, seconded by Council Member Grider to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 23, 2007 as written. Motion carried (8-0).

Motion was made by Council Member Sanders, seconded by Council Member Baggett to suspend the rules regarding the reading of all ordinances and all resolutions except #10 on three separate days and further move that they be read by title only. Motion carried (8-0).

**I. City Attorney George Spence read by title only Ordinance #(2007-18) accepting the annexation of certain territory to the City of Bentonville, and assigning same to wards. (Ben Israel).**

Motion was made by Council Member Sanders, seconded by Council Member Baggett to suspend the rules regarding the reading of this ordinance on three separate days and further move that this ordinance be read by title only. Motion carried (8-0).. City Attorney George Spence read the ordinance by title only. Motion was made by Council Member Grider, seconded by Council Member Baggett that the ordinance do pass. Motion carried (8-0).

**II. City Attorney George Spence read by title only Ordinance #(2007-19) accepting the annexation of certain territory to the City of Bentonville, Arkansas, and making same a part of the City of Bentonville, and assigning same to wards. (Jim Brassart).**

Motion was made by Council Member Sanders, seconded by Council Member Baggett to suspend the rules regarding the reading of this ordinance on three separate days and further move that this ordinance be read by title only. Motion carried (8-0). City Attorney George Spence read the ordinance by title only. Motion was made by Council Member Sooter, seconded by Council Member Grider that the ordinance do pass. Motion carried (8-0).

**IIIa. City Attorney George Spence read by title only Ordinance #(2007-20) changing real estate in the City of Bentonville, Arkansas from its present classification to C-3. (William Wallace and Suphra Xayrasith).**

Motion was made by Council Member Sanders, seconded by Council Member Baggett to suspend the rules regarding the reading of this ordinance on three separate days and further move that this ordinance be read by title only. Motion carried (8-0). City Attorney George Spence read the ordinance by title only. Motion was made by Council Member Grider seconded by Council Member Baggett that the ordinance do pass. Motion carried (8-0).

**IIIb. City Attorney George Spence read by title only Ordinance #(2007-21) accepting a lot split of Lot 3 Hatfield Addition to the City of Bentonville, Arkansas.**

Motion was made by Council Member Sanders seconded by Council Member Baggett to suspend the rules regarding the reading of this ordinance on three separate days and further move that this ordinance be read by title only. Motion carried (8-0). City Attorney George Spence read the ordinance by title only. Motion was made by Council Member Austin seconded by Council Member Grider that the ordinance do pass. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

**IIIc. City Attorney George Spence read by title only Ordinance #(2007-22) accepting a plat of Riverwalk Farm Estates, Phase 1, Subdivision to the City of Bentonville, Arkansas.**

Motion was made by Council Member Sanders seconded by Council Member Baggett to suspend the rules regarding the reading of this ordinance on three separate days and further move that this ordinance be read by title only. Motion carried (8-0). City Attorney George Spence read the ordinance by title only. Motion was made by Council Member Grider seconded by Council Member Smith that the ordinance do pass. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

**IV. Budget adjustment for the parks department in the amount of \$2,032 to cover the cost of a state vehicle.**

Motion was made by Council Member Bennett, seconded by Council Member Baggett to adopt the resolution. Motion carried (8-0).

**V. City Attorney George Spence read by title only Ordinance #(2007-23) authorizing the mayor and the city clerk to enter into an agreement for the purchase of battery backup systems for the signalization equipment at certain intersections in the City of Bentonville, in an amount not to exceed \$30,750, waiving the requirement of competitive bidding and declaring an emergency.**

Motion was made by Council Member Sanders seconded by Council Member Baggett to suspend the rules regarding the reading of this ordinance on three separate days and further move that this ordinance be read by title only. Motion carried (8-0). City Attorney George Spence read the ordinance by title only. Motion was made by Council Member Grider seconded by Council Member Smith that the ordinance do pass. Motion

carried unanimously (8-0). Motion was made by Council Member Sanders, seconded by Council Member Baggett to approve the emergency clause. Motion carried (8-0).

**VII. City Attorney George Spence read by title only Ordinance #(2007-24) adopting a public art policy that creates a public art advisory committee and governs display of artwork on city-owned property.**

Motion was made by Council Member Sanders seconded by Council Member Baggett to suspend the rules regarding the reading of this ordinance on three separate days and further move that this ordinance be read by title only. Motion carried (8-0). City Attorney George Spence read the ordinance by title only. Motion was made by Council Member Sanders seconded by Council Member Sooter that the ordinance do pass. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

**VIII. City Attorney George Spence read by title only Resolution #(02-13-07A) authorizing the mayor and clerk to enter into an agreement with the Walton Arts Center for the placement of artwork on city owned property at Lake Bella Vista Park.**

Motion was made by Council Member Baggett, seconded by Council Member Grider to adopt the resolution. Motion carried (8-0).

**IX. Award Bid #07-08 to Altec for a tree trimming truck in the amount of \$138,500 for the electric department.**

Motion was made by Council Member Baggett, seconded by Council Member Grider to award Bid #07-08 to Altec for a tree trimming truck for the electric department in the amount of \$138,500. Motion carried (8-0).

**X. City Attorney George Spence read by title only Resolution #(02-13-07B) expressing the appreciation of Bentonville, Arkansas to our men and women serving in the armed forces, and calling for all civic organizations to recognize them.**

Motion was made by Council Member Grider, seconded by Council Member Smith to adopt the resolution. Motion carried (8-0).

Mayor McCaslin asked for a moment of silence for our armed forces.

**XI. Authorization for the police department to replace a vehicle totaled in an accident in Texas.**

Motion was made by Council Member Baggett, seconded by Council Member Grider to authorize the replacement of a vehicle for the police department. Motion carried (8-0).

**XII. City Attorney George Spence read by title only Resolution #(02-13-07C) declaring certain property belonging to the City of Bentonville, Arkansas as surplus property. (Ambulance).**

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Motion was made by Council Member Sanders, seconded by Council Member Baggett to adopt the resolution. Motion carried (8-0).

Motion was made by Council Member Grider, seconded by Council Member Comiskey to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried (8-0).

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Bob McCaslin, Mayor

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Suzanne Grider, City Clerk