

Bentonville City Council
Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2020

The City Council of Bentonville, Arkansas, met in regular session Tuesday, March 24, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Development Building, 305 Southwest A Street, Bentonville, Arkansas.

Present at the Community Development Building were Mayor Orman, City Attorney George Spence, City Clerk Linda Spence, city staff Jonathan Rogers, Dennis Hayes, Sergeant Andrew Albers and Mike Jones from the Northwest Arkansas Democrat Gazette.

Due to the situation related to the Coronavirus, council members Tim Robinson, Chad Goss, Cindy Acree, Chris Sooter, Aubrey Patterson, Bill Burckart, Octavio Sanchez and Jonathan Terlouw attended remotely, as did several members of the city staff.

While no one from the public attended the meeting, the public was able to attend the meeting at the Community Development Building but were encouraged to comply with social distancing and other CDC/ADH guidelines.

Mayor Orman addressed the procedures for conducting the meeting with council members and staff attending remotely.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Orman called the meeting to order. 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 Council Member Acree to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2020 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Sanchez. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

Motion was made by Council Member Goss to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2020 special meeting as presented, second by Council Member Acree. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

Motion was made by Council Member 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 Council Member Sanchez. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

1. Resolution No. 3-24-20 A: Resolution supporting the installation of artwork titled "Art Feeds mural created by the Sunshine School" by Art Feeds and students at the Sunshine School and funded by Art Feeds and the Parks and Recreation Department on public property at Citizens Park.

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

2. Ordinance No. 2020-58: Ordinance vacating an alley right-of-way at 1235 Northeast Monroe Street of W.A. Burks Addition. (VAC20-03)

Mayor Orman declared a public hearing open for comments. There was no response so Mayor Orman declared the hearing closed.

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

3. Resolution No. 3-24-20 B: Resolution setting a public hearing for April 14, 2020, on a petition filed by Jamal Parker requesting a drainage and utility easement vacation for Livingston Square Subdivision.

City Attorney Spence read the resolution by title only.

Motion to pass by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Acree. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

4. Resolution No. 3-24-20 C: Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a Bentonville Municipal Airport land lease agreement with CPS Ventures, LLC.

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

5. Resolution No. 3-24-20 D: Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to consent to the assignment of ground lease agreement and statement of agreement for an existing hangar foot print located at the Bentonville Municipal Airport.

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

6. Ordinance No. 2020-59: Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement for the purchase of signal equipment for improvements to traffic signals and intersections in the City of Bentonville and waiving the requirement of competitive bidding.

City Attorney Spence read the ordinance by title only. Motion to pass by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Goss. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

7. Approval to award Bid No. 20-24 to McLarty Daniel, in the amount of \$114,628, for the Street Department to purchase two 2020 regular cab and chassis 4x4 trucks with a dump body.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Sooter. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

8. Approval to award a bid to Emergency Vehicle Specialists, through participation in the HGAC Cooperative contract, in the amount of \$20,588, for the purchase of five rapid intervention team packs (RIT Packs) for the Fire Department.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Burckart. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

9. Resolution No. 3-24-20 E: Resolution declaring certain property belonging to the City of Bentonville Fire Department as surplus property. [electronic fireworks firing system]

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

10. Ordinance No. 2020-60: Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into an agreement for the purchase of uniforms for the Bentonville Fire Department and waiving the requirement of competitive bidding.

City Attorney Spence read the ordinance by title only. Motion to pass by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Goss. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

11. Resolution No. 3-24-20 F: Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an add-on agreement with Invoice Cloud.

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

12. Resolution No. 3-24-20 G: Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with Carroll Electric Cooperative Corporation for the replacement of an electric transmission line for clearance and safety reasons.

City Attorney Spence read the resolution by title only.

Motion to pass by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Sooter. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

13. Approval to award Bid No. 20-10 to Luttrell Enterprises, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000, for brush hog and rough mowing of the City airport. The agreement may be extended up to three years upon mutual agreement of the parties.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Burckart. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

14. Approval to award Bid No. 20-24 to McLarty Daniel, in the amount of \$60,224, for the purchase of a 2020 RAM 5500 crew cab truck chassis with a dump bed for the Water Department.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Sooter. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

15. Approval to award Bid No. 20-21 to Shupe and Associates, in the amount of \$52,083.68, for the purchase of three phosphorous analyzers for the Wastewater Utilities Department.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Acree. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

- 16a. Approval to award a bid to Multi-Craft Contractors, through participation in the Interlocal Purchasing Cooperative, in the amount of \$153,828, for replacement of the Bentonville District Court HVAC system.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Acree. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

- 16b. Approval of a budget adjustment in the amount of \$3,828 to cover the cost of replacement of the Bentonville District Court HVAC system.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Sooter. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

17. Ordinance No. 2020-61: Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into an agreement with Downtown Bentonville, Inc. for event production and related services and waiving the requirement of competitive bidding.

City Attorney Spence read the ordinance by title only. Motion to pass by Council Member Acree, second by Council Member Patterson. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

18. Approval of a Parks and Recreation budget adjustment to recognize revenue from a Walton Family Foundation grant, in the amount of 394,646, for restoration of part of the Town Branch Creek and repair of the emergency access for Slaughter Pen Mountain Bike Park.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Robinson. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

19. Approval to award Bid No. 20-14 to Intelligent Marking USA - Turf Tank, in the amount of \$43,562 to purchase a robotic painter for Bentonville sports fields.

Motion to approve by Council Member Sanchez, second by Council Member Acree. There was no discussion. Motion carried (8-0).

20. This item was removed from the agenda: A resolution authorizing a second restated and amended agreement pertaining to the Northwest Arkansas National Airport.

Mayor Orman reported that all public buildings were now closed. She also reported that while City parks and trails were open, public restrooms were closed, as well as basketball courts and the skateboarding area. Additionally, she stated persons using parks and trails are being encouraged to use social distancing to protect themselves and others.

Council Member Patterson asked how the City planned to handle utility shutoffs for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic. Jake Harper, Director of Finance and Administration, stated that the City had ceased shutoffs of utilities for nonpayment and that such would continue for the foreseeable future.

Mayor Orman adjourned the meeting.

Linda Spence
Linda Spence, City Clerk

Stephanie Orman
Stephanie Orman, Mayor

