

**BENTON CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**  
**February 23, 2026**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE AGENDA MEETING**

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| <b>I.</b>   | <b>CALL TO ORDER</b>                                    | <b>Mayor Tom Farmer</b>      |
| <b>II.</b>  | <b>INVOCATION</b>                                       | <b>Bro. Rob Gaddis</b>       |
| <b>III.</b> | <b>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</b>                             | <b>Council Member Donnor</b> |
| <b>IV.</b>  | <b>ROLL CALL</b>  | <b>City Clerk</b>            |
| <b>V.</b>   | <b>STATEMENT OF FOIA<br/>COMPLIANCE &amp; ROLL CALL</b> | <b>City Clerk</b>            |

**I affirm that I have not engaged in any prohibited discussion, deliberation, or polling regarding any item on this meeting’s agenda outside of a properly noticed and open meeting, in compliance with the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act, as amended by Act 505 of 2025.**

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| <b>VI.</b> | <b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b> | <b>February 2, 2026<br/>Regular Meeting</b> |
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**VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS & MOTIONS**

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| <b>1.</b> | <b>A&amp;P COMMISSION</b>        | <b>Council Member Brown/Baptist</b>     |
| <b>2.</b> | <b>ANIMAL SERVICES COMMITTEE</b> | <b>Council Member Villines/Hamm</b>     |
| <b>3.</b> | <b>COMMISSIONS COMMITTEE</b>     | <b>Council Member Spencer-Cole/Reed</b> |
| <b>4.</b> | <b>COMMUNITY SERVICE</b>         | <b>Council Member Reed/Spencer-Cole</b> |
| <b>5.</b> | <b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>         | <b>Council Member Brown/Morrow</b>      |

**RESOLUTION NO. 11 OF 2026**

**A RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT FOR THE RALPH BUNCHE CONNECTOR TRAIL TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**RESOLUTION NO. 12 OF 2026**

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FY2025 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF BENTON, ARKANSAS, AS ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION NO. 142 OF 2024, TO REVISE APPROPRIATIONS TO REFLECT FY2025 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT “1”; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**RESOLUTION NO. 13 OF 2026**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,000 FROM THE ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM; AMENDING THE 2026 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO INCREASE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,000; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**RESOLUTION NO. 14 OF 2026**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROCUREMENT OF “SPARTAN PROSECUTOR” SOFTWARE FROM SPARTAN TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS FOR USE BY THE CITY PROSECUTOR’S OFFICE; AMENDING THE FY2026 COURT AUTOMATION FUND BUDGET TO INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,120 USING AVAILABLE CASH ON HAND; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**RESOLUTION NO. 15 OF 2026**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN CITY PERSONAL PROPERTY AS SURPLUS; AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE SURPLUS PROPERTY BY PUBLIC AUCTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**6. PARKS COMMITTEE Council Member Hart/Lee**

**7. PERSONNEL/HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE Council Member Donnor/Baptist**

**ORDINANCE NO. 3 OF 2026**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN ACTUARIAL VALUATION OF THE LOCAL FIRE PENSION PLAN CONSOLIDATED INTO LOPFI; AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR SAID VALUATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**8. PLANNING COMMISSION Council Member Spencer-Cole**

**ORDINANCE NO. 4 OF 2026**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF BENTON ZONING ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE NO. 14 OF 2017, AS AMENDED) TO AMEND SECTION 7.022 (S-SCHOOL ZONING DISTRICT); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**ORDINANCE NO. 5 OF 2026**

**AN ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY AT 707 COLUMBIA ROAD IN THE CITY OF BENTON, SALINE COUNTY, ARKANSAS, FROM C2-GENERAL COMMERCIAL TO R5-MULTI FAMILY DISTRICT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**ORDINANCE NO. 6 OF 2026**

**AN ORDINANCE REZONING 30.26 ACRES ALONG SLEEPY VILLAGE ROAD IN THE CITY OF BENTON, SALINE COUNTY, ARKANSAS, FROM LI-LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO R3-SINGLE FAMILY DISTRICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**ORDINANCE NO. 7 OF 2026**

**AN ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY ALONG LONGVIEW STREET IN THE CITY OF BENTON, SALINE COUNTY, ARKANSAS, FROM R2-SINGLE FAMILY DISTRICT DETACHED HOUSING TO R5-MULTI FAMILY DISTRICT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**ORDINANCE NO. 8 OF 2026**

**AN ORDINANCE REZONING APPROXIMATELY 62.99 ACRES LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF SLEEPY VILLAGE ROAD IN THE CITY OF BENTON, SALINE COUNTY, ARKANSAS, FROM LI LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO R-3 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT; AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**ORDINANCE NO. 9 OF 2026**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AN APPEAL TO THE BENTON CITY COUNCIL FROM A DECISION OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT DENYING A SIGN VARIANCE (OR PERMIT/DECISION) UNDER THE BENTON SIGN REGULATIONS (ORDINANCE NO. 42 OF 2020); SETTING THE APPEAL FOR CITY COUNCIL HEARING ON FEBRUARY 23, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**9. PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

**Council Member Hart**

**ORDINANCE NO. 10 OF 2026**

**AN ORDINANCE WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZING BENTON UTILITIES TO PURCHASE TWO REPLACEMENT HORIZONTAL CENTRIFUGAL SKID-MOUNTED PUMPS WITH 150 HP HORIZONTAL ELECTRIC MOTORS FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**ORDINANCE NO. 11 OF 2026**

**AN ORDINANCE WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZING BENTON UTILITIES TO PURCHASE AN ULTRAVIOLET (UV) SYSTEM UPGRADE, INCLUDING INSTALLATION, AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**10. STREETS COMMITTEE**

**Council Member Hamm/Baptist**

- VIII. Old Business**
- IX. Public Comments**
- X. Adjourn**

**MINUTES OF THE BENTON CITY COUNCIL**  
**Rescheduled Regular Session**  
**February 2, 2026**  
**Benton City Hall**

**Benton City Council was called to order at 5:38 p.m. The January 26, 2026 regular scheduled council meeting was rescheduled to February 2, 2026 due to inclement weather.**

**The invocation was given by Bro. Bryan Clay.**

**Council Member Reed led the pledge of allegiance.**

**Roll was called.**

**The following people were in attendance:**

**Council Member Frank Baptist  
Council Member Ann Spencer-Cole  
Council Member Bill Donnor  
Council Member Trevor Villines  
Council Member Jeff Hamm  
Baxter Drennon, City Attorney**

**Council Member Steve Brown  
Council Member Evelyn Reed  
Council Member Jeff Morrow  
Council Member Judd Hart  
Cindy Stracener, City Clerk  
Tom Farmer, Mayor**

**When the roll was called nine (9) council members were present. Council Member Lee was absent. A quorum was declared.**

**The city clerk read the Statement of FOIA Compliance – I affirm that I have not engaged in any prohibited discussion, deliberation, or polling regarding any item on this meeting’s agenda outside of a properly noticed and open meeting, in compliance with the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act, as amended by Act 505 of 2025. Roll was called which resulted in Council Member Baptist yes, Council Member Brown yes, Council Member Spencer-Cole yes, Council Member Reed yes, Council Member Donnor yes, Council Member Morrow yes, Council Member Hart yes, Council Member Villines yes, Council Member Lee absent, and Council Member Hamm yes.**

**Council Member Morrow made a motion to approve December 15, 2025, city council meeting minutes. Second, by Council Member Hamm. The Mayor called for a voice vote. All council members present voted in the affirmative. December 15, 2025, council minutes were approved with 9 affirmative votes and 1 absent.**

**The next item on the agenda was Resolution 1 of 2026 – A Resolution Establishing the Time of the Council Meetings, Setting Its Meeting Agenda, and Establishing Rules for Conducting Council and Committee Meetings; and For Other Purposes. Council Member Morrow made a motion to adopt Resolution 1 of 2026. Second, by Council Member Villines. The resolution was read by title. The only change was that agendas have to go out by Wednesday at noon instead of Friday. The Mayor asked for any questions or comments, none. Roll was called which resulted in Council Member Baptist yes, Council Member Brown yes, Council Member Spencer-Cole yes, Council Member Reed yes, Council Member Donnor yes, Council Member Morrow yes, Council Member Hart yes, Council Member Villines yes, Council Member Lee**

absent, and Council Member Hamm yes. Resolution 1 of 2026 was adopted with 9 affirmative votes and 1 absent.

The next item on the agenda was committee reports and motions. There was not a report from the A&P Commission, Animal Service Committee, Parks Committee, Streets Committee, Commission Committee, or the Public Utility Commission.

Council Member Reed was recognized for a report from the Community Service Committee. Council Member Reed made a motion to read and adopt Resolution 2 of 2026 – A Resolution to Condemn the Structure Located at 723 Denton Street, Benton, Arkansas and for Code Enforcement to Raze Said Property in Accordance with Arkansas State Law and City Ordinance; and For Other Purposes. Second, by Council Member Brown. The resolution was read by title. The Mayor asked if anyone was here for this property, no one came forward. He asked for any questions or comments, none. Roll was called which resulted in Council Member Baptist yes, Council Member Brown yes, Council Member Spencer-Cole yes, Council Member Reed yes, Council Member Donnor yes, Council Member Morrow yes, Council Member Hart yes, Council Member Villines yes, Council Member Lee absent, and Council Member Hamm yes. Resolution 2 of 2026 was adopted with 9 affirmative votes and 1 absent.

Council Member Reed made a motion to read and adopt Resolution 3 of 2026 – A Resolution to Condemn the Structure Located at 1205 Shady Lane and for Code Enforcement to Raze Said Property in Accordance with Arkansas State Law and City Ordinance; and For Other Purposes. Seconded by Council Member Baptist. The resolution was read by title. The Mayor asked if anyone was here for this property. Ariella Lloyd, owner of the property, stated they have cleaned up a lot of the property and plan to sell the property. The outside has been cleaned up, and it looks good. Jason Lyon, Community Development Director stated that it is an active clean up, the shed is the worst part now. Council Member Brown stated if it would be the recommendation of code enforcement to push pause on this or continue the process. Mr. Lyon stated that it was discussed today and code enforcement wants to press forward with the process. If there is active cleaning the city will not tear down the structure. The city is happy right now with the progress. Council Member Morrow encouraged flexibility because the weather would put some delays on the cleanup. As long as progress is being made the city will work with you. Council Member Hamm stated that he hates putting them in a spot of demolition since they are making progress. Jason Lyon stated that the city will not raze the structure as long as there is active progress being made. Roll was called which resulted in Council Member Baptist yes, Council Member Brown yes, Council Member Spencer-Cole yes, Council Member Reed yes, Council Member Donnor yes, Council Member Morrow yes, Council Member Hart yes, Council Member Villines yes, Council Member Lee absent, and Council Member Hamm yes. Resolution 3 of 2026 was adopted with 9 affirmative votes and 1 absent.

Council Member Reed made a motion to adopt Resolution 4 of 2025 – A Resolution To Request the Saline County Tax Collector Place a Certified Lien Against Real Property Located at 723 Denton Street as a Result of Incurred Expenses by the City of Benton, Arkansas in Accordance with State Law and City Ordinance; and For Other Purposes. Second, by Council Member Brown. The resolution was read by title. The Mayor asked if anyone was here for this property, no one came forward. The cost of the cleanup was \$3,354.60. He asked for any questions or comments, none. Roll was called which resulted in Council Member Baptist yes,

**Council Member Brown yes, Council Member Spencer-Cole yes, Council Member Reed yes, Council Member Donnor yes, Council Member Morrow yes, Council Member Hart yes, Council Member Villines yes, Council Member Lee absent, and Council Member Hamm yes. Resolution 4 of 2026 was adopted with 9 affirmative votes and 1 absent.**

**Council Member Brown was recognized for a report from the Finance Committee. Council Member Brown made a motion to adopt Resolution 5 of 2026 – A Resolution Approving an Audit Contract with Ellis & Moore CPA’s for \$11,000 and the Use of Restricted Funds Set Aside in 2020 for Audit Purposes; and For Other Purposes. Seconded by Council Member Baptist. The resolution was read by title. The Mayor stated that we have \$35,000 in that account. The Mayor asked for any questions or comments, none. Roll was called which resulted in Council Member Baptist yes, Council Member Brown yes, Council Member Spencer-Cole yes, Council Member Reed yes, Council Member Donnor yes, Council Member Morrow yes, Council Member Hart yes, Council Member Villines yes, Council Member Lee absent, and Council Member Hamm yes. Resolution 5 of 2026 was adopted with 9 affirmative votes and 1 absent.**

**Council Member Brown made a motion to read and adopt Resolution 6 of 2026 – A Resolution Expressing the Willingness of the City of Benton, Arkansas to Utilize Federal-Aid Transportation Alternatives Program; and For Other Purposes. Second, by Council Member Spencer-Cole. The resolution was read by title. The Mayor stated that this is for the Alcoa Road Trail and it runs from Smithers to the Almatris plant. Our cost will be \$100,000. The Mayor asked for any questions or comments, none. Roll was called which resulted in Council Member Baptist yes, Council Member Brown yes, Council Member Spencer-Cole yes, Council Member Reed yes, Council Member Donnor yes, Council Member Morrow yes, Council Member Hart yes, Council Member Villines yes, Council Member Lee absent, and Council Member Hamm yes. Resolution 6 of 2026 was adopted with 9 affirmative votes and 1 absent.**

**Council Member Brown made a motion to read and adopt Resolution 7 of 2026 – A Resolution Expressing the Willingness of the City of Benton Streets and Drainage Department to Utilize Federal-Aid Surface Transportation Block Grant Funds. Second, by Council Member Spencer-Cole. The resolution was read by title. This is for overage cost and observation for the Congo Shenandoah roundabout. The Mayor asked for any questions or comments, none. Roll was called which resulted in Council Member Baptist yes, Council Member Brown yes, Council Member Spencer-Cole yes, Council Member Reed yes, Council Member Donnor yes, Council Member Morrow yes, Council Member Hart yes, Council Member Villines yes, Council Member Lee absent, and Council Member Hamm yes. Resolution 7 of 2026 was adopted with 9 affirmative votes and 1 absent.**

**Council Member Brown made a motion to read and adopt Resolution 8 of 2026 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Chief Financial Officer to Advertise for Offers to Purchase the Old Senior Center Building Located at 210 Jefferson Street; and For Other Purposes. Second, by Council Member Spencer-Cole. The resolution was read by title. The Mayor stated that the city will take sealed bids. The property was appraised for \$445,000. The Mayor asked for any questions or comments, none. Roll was called which resulted in Council Member Baptist yes, Council Member Brown yes, Council Member Spencer-Cole yes, Council Member Reed yes, Council Member Donnor yes, Council Member Morrow yes, Council Member Hart yes, Council Member Villines yes, Council Member Lee absent, and Council Member Hamm yes. Resolution 8 of 2026 was adopted with 9 affirmative votes and 1 absent.**

**Council Member Brown made a motion to read and adopt Resolution 9 of 2026 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Chief Financial Officer to Advertise for Offers to Purchase the Old Animal Services Building Located at 606 Willow Street; and For Other Purposes. Seconded by Council Member Baptist. The resolution was read by title. The Mayor stated that this will be the same process, we will take sealed bids. This property was appraised at \$75,000. The Mayor asked for any questions or comments, none. Roll was called which resulted in Council Member Baptist yes, Council Member Brown yes, Council Member Spencer-Cole yes, Council Member Reed yes, Council Member Donnor yes, Council Member Morrow yes, Council Member Hart yes, Council Member Villines yes, Council Member Lee absent, and Council Member Hamm yes. Resolution 9 of 2026 was adopted with 9 affirmative votes and 1 absent.**

**Council Member Donnor was recognized for a report from the Personnel/Health & Safety Committee. Council Member Donnor made a motion to read and adopt Ordinance 1 of 2026 – An Ordinance Modifying the City of Benton Pay Structure for All General Fund, Street, Animal Services, and Parks Department Officials and Employees; and For Other Purposes. Seconded by Council Member Baptist. The ordinance was read. This is only adding an additional Lieutenant position which replaces the public relations position. The Mayor asked for any questions or comments, none. Roll was called which resulted in Council Member Baptist yes, Council Member Brown yes, Council Member Spencer-Cole yes, Council Member Reed yes, Council Member Donnor yes, Council Member Morrow yes, Council Member Hart yes, Council Member Villines yes, Council Member Lee absent, and Council Member Hamm yes. Ordinance 1 of 2026 was adopted with 9 affirmative votes and 1 absent.**

**Council Member Spencer-Cole was recognized for a report from the Planning Commission. Council Member Spencer-Cole made a motion to read and adopt Ordinance 2 of 2026 – An Ordinance Providing for Conditional Use for a Youth Home in a Residential Dwelling Located at 1400 Pleasant Poplar Cove; and For Other Purposes. Seconded by Council Member Brown. The ordinance was read. The Mayor stated there will be four girls and adult supervision for 24 hours a day. Council Member Hart stated under the zoning matrix, under R2, it lists certain conditional use permits and those that aren't. By us approving a youth home will it cause any effects on the zoning map that we currently have, that is checked in an X or C. Baxter Drennon, City Attorney, stated that it is a conditional use and by its nature an individual analysis of its circumstances that are happening there. If you have the exact same circumstances which I think would be very difficult, maybe someone could argue that it creates precedent. I don't think it would create a situation where you would have to do the same thing every time moving forward. Council Member Hart asked by approving this in a residential area, is there a precedent set for other subdivisions or other people coming and complaining and us saying maybe no in the future. Jason Lyon stated in this case there is a caveat at the bottom of our matrix that says that any use that is not shown in the matrix can be a conditional use. If this wasn't a business but a foster home, then it would be allowed. Concerning precedent, it would depend on the neighborhood, for this there has not been any negative input from the public, if it is put somewhere else in the city there is potential for negative input, that does have influence, but I don't think that it sets precedent. Council Member Hart asked if the POA was informed. Ms. Nelson, applicant, stated that there is not a POA. Roll was called which resulted in Council Member Baptist yes, Council Member Brown yes, Council Member Spencer-Cole abstained, Council Member Reed yes, Council Member Donnor yes, Council Member Morrow yes, Council Member Hart yes, Council**

**Member Villines yes, Council Member Lee absent, and Council Member Hamm yes. Ordinance 2 of 2026 was adopted with 8 affirmative votes, 1 abstained and 1 absent.**

**Council Member Spencer-Cole made a motion to read and adopt Resolution 10 of 2026 – A Resolution Ratifying and Confirming the Reappointment of Carl West as Commissioner to the Benton Planning Commission; and For Other Purposes. Seconded by Council Member Reed. The resolution was read by title. The Mayor stated that the city received six applications and this was the Planning Commission’s recommendation. The Mayor asked for any questions or comments, none. Roll was called which resulted in Council Member Baptist yes, Council Member Brown yes, Council Member Spencer-Cole yes, Council Member Reed yes, Council Member Donnor yes, Council Member Morrow yes, Council Member Hart yes, Council Member Villines yes, Council Member Lee absent, and Council Member Hamm yes. Resolution 10 of 2026 was adopted with 9 affirmative votes and 1 absent vote.**

**There was not any old business. The Mayor asked for any public comments, none. The Mayor read an email that the city received from Pafford praising the teamwork between the agencies in the resuscitation of two patients. Pafford expressed their gratitude in serving alongside our fire and police departments.**

**The Mayor gave his state of the city address. See attached.**

**The next council meeting will be on February 23<sup>rd</sup> and committee meetings will be on February 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.**

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**Tom Farmer, Mayor**

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**Cindy Stracener, City Clerk**

## State of the City for 26

For just a minute I will reflect over the 2025 accomplishments in the Benton:

1. In late February 2025, we moved into 410 River Street, where we remodeled the old Benton Junior High School building into a new City Hall. This is where several City departments including City Clerk, Community Development, Business, and Mayor's office are now located. It is also where the City Council holds their council meetings.
2. Spring 2025 we utilized cash on hand to build a new Animal Services Center, which houses twice as many animals as the old one. The tentative opening date is February 2026 and is located just below the Mountain Bike Park we are so proud of that Parks maintains.
3. Also in Spring 2025, we began the remodel of the old City Hall, turning it into a modernized Police Station again utilizing cash on hand. The tentative opening date will be in mid-January 2026.
4. A Fire Training Center was procured in Summer 2025 and was planned to be opened by the end of 2025, but the manufacturer ran into a few difficulties which pushed the opening into the Spring 2026.
5. Another big accomplishment was a full transition of non-uniformed employees' retirement systems to APERS without having to phase them into the program. We did it by using cash on hand. This is a huge benefit for our employees by increasing retention of existing employees and attracting new talent.
6. **We did all of this without having to ask the people for an increase in taxes or millage.**
7. Several grants were acquired that will allow us to expand on our bike paths in 2026.

8. We finished a few phases of the Downtown Stormwater project but still lack a few more to go.
9. Buc-ees started their lengthy building process and hired a store manager. The new store manager will be moving into our community in the early part of 2026.
10. The development below Encore Heart Hospital began and phase one should be opened in early Summer 2026.
11. Wright's BBQ purchased the Applebee's building and began remodeling. Their opening is planned for by June 1, 2026.
12. David's Burger has begun their building process across from Wal-Mart and should be opened early Summer 2026.
13. Sonic purchased two additional properties around it to tear down the old Sonic and begin construction with a new and improved Sonic on Military Road.
14. Duke's Wholesale moved to lower Military with a bigger and better car lot.
15. The City of Benton dedicated two bridges in honor of Paul Baker and CPL Cario Fuller Jr.
16. The construction of an 18-lane indoor gun range began right across from Wood Grill.
17. The City of Benton also began the dirt work for the 6 soccer fields just above the RV park which also started construction.
18. We had the largest attended Christmas Tree lighting in the history of the City of Benton Christmas Tree lighting with almost 1000 people in attendance.
19. City of Benton, according to Metroplan, is one of the fastest growing cities in central Arkansas.
20. We passed a flat budget for 2026 utilizing the same dollar amount we did in 2025 but moving money within the line items to give employees a 2.5% raise for 2026.

21. In Fall of 2025, we installed Veteran's Day Banner throughout downtown Benton and down South Street.
22. The Master Gardeners did an amazing job keeping the landscaping and flowers updated throughout Downtown. The Master Gardeners designed and oversaw the planting of the New City Hall landscaping.
23. We welcomed 2026 with the annual ACDI Ball Drop.

**Residential:**

1. Heritage Landing – 9 Single Family lot subdivision located on the corner of Dale Ave and River Street.
2. Arbors @ McNeil Creek – Quadplex/Triplex development off Troy Drive.
3. The Prairie – 17 single family lot subdivision located off Galloway Drive.
4. Winchester Drive – 94 lot single family subdivision located off Denise Drive.
5. 521 Third Street – 5 lot single family subdivision for attached housing to be located on the corner of S. Third and Columbia.
6. Rolla Rd – 9 quadplexes to be located off Rolla Rd.
7. Bird Street Apartments – Renovating and adding more apartment buildings to the existing infrastructure.
8. Panther Cove – 30 lot single family residential subdivision to be located off Shenandoah.
9. Mary Kay Place – 26 duplexes built on the corner of Mary Kay and River Street.
10. Lindsey Management expanded their capacity with 5 new units at Longhills.
11. Winchester Way – 20 attached single-family dwellings to be built on the corner of Browning and Winchester.
12. Cottage Walk – 400 single family lot subdivision to be located off Westerman and Northshore.

13. Riverview Addition – 6 attached single family subdivision off of Jackman and Tee Street.
14. Rosemary Fields – 164 single family lot subdivision to be located off Aaron field Rd.

**Commercial:**

1. Highway 5 – Office space building built and rented out by Pro Land Title Co.
2. Highway 5 – Clinic space building built and owned by Hometown Family Health and Wellness.
3. Military Rd – Duke Wholesale purchased this lot and will be building their car lot business.
4. The old gas station beside Old Brown's Country Store on I-30 was bought and plans to be renovated into another gas station.
5. Floors and More property. Will be developed into a 7-lot commercial development and rented/sold to incoming businesses.
6. Military Road---Take 5 Oil Change built.
7. Congo Rd – Old Dentons Trotline will be renovated into a multipurpose building with residential units on the top and commercial units on the bottom.
8. I-30 – Old Church building bought and renovated by Minton Law Firm for their office space.
9. Space next to Encore Heart Hospital – Will be built into a 7 lot commercial development.
10. N. Market Street – Will be a new office building for Pediatric Dentistry Clinic.
11. S Market Street – Fire Training Center to be built.
12. Alcoa Rd – A New Gas station [C-store] is going to be built.
13. Alcoa Rd – a new Dollar General is planned to be built.

14. Yuma Street – a plumbing company [Drain Right Plumbing] will build their office space here.
15. First Service Bank – bought Old Scooters Coffee shop across from Tommys Car Wash on Alcoa to build a new bank.
16. Streets spent 2.4 million dollars to resurface 15 lane miles of roads.
17. Awarded 3 grants to: Widen Congo, Widen Northshore, and Fourth street sidewalks for a total of 1.5 million dollars.
18. Streets also completed sidewalk projects for Montclair, Harbor View and several sidewalk repairs.
19. Installed 10 Speed Cushions.
20. Repaired over 250 Street Cuts around the City
21. Averaged 130 leaf and debris pick-ups weekly.
22. Repaired and replaced over 50 culverts, inlets, and curbs around the city.
23. Completed the Shoreline Drive drainage projects as well as several drainage ditch washouts throughout the year.
24. Repaved and restriped the downtown area.

*61 points*

We have exciting numbers to report about all the wonderful people who visited our great city this past year. In total, we had about 392,700 out-of-town visitors. They spent roughly 24 million dollars in our restaurants, shops, and activities throughout the city, which was up from the year before. On average we have around 26,000 people visit us monthly.

Our Police department did it again. For the 7<sup>th</sup> straight year crime overall has been down in our city. This is truly amazing because with growth brings a few issues but as always, our police department stays on top of the issues and ahead of the problems that we face daily. I am proud of this accomplishment as I know our leadership team, Scotty Hodges and his officers are also.

Our Parks department continues to get awards throughout the year. This past year they received 4 awards for the outstanding services they provide to our citizens.

As I think about our Street Department and how they help the citizens daily with working on drainage problems, picking up debris from ward to ward, and while the entire time continue to keep up with the demands on filling potholes, supplying sand bags when floods are predicted, to repaving streets, all of this shows the dedication they have to making life better for citizens. This year will bring more services with debris pick up with the new grapple truck we purchased in 2025.

Our animal services department again served our citizens well by taking in 481 dogs and 281 cats and accepting 86 surrenders in 2025 while handling 2418 calls throughout the year. The animal service department successfully found homes through adoption for 303 dogs and 206 cats and truly returned to individual pet owners a total of 244 pets that had been chipped. This is why the chipping program is so important if you have a pet as part of your family at home. The chipping program was successful by chipping a total of 438 animals throughout the year.

Then you think about our fire department, who are always on the scene whether it be a fire, an accident, or whatever the emergency is, they arrive in a quick and speedy manner to respond to the needs of our citizens. Our six stations served to meet the citizens' needs daily with their efforts. In 2026 we should receive our new ladder truck which has been on order for some time.

As far as our finances are concerned, the year 2025 was challenging one for sure since we faced 5 months with revenue that came in less than the same month the year before, but we did finish strong with a 1.52% sales tax increase over the year 2024. We finished higher for the year 2025 with \$418,798 over in sales taxes over the 2024-year .

Each of our departments has risen to the challenges of 2025 and are ready to accept the even greater challenges and opportunities for 2026. The state of the city is good and ready for a greater year in 2026.

Submitted to the records on January 26, 2026,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Farmer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "T".

Tom Farmer

Mayor of Benton

CITY OF BENTON UTILITY COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026, 6:00 P.M.,  
ELECTRIC UTILITY BUILDING  
1827 DALE AVENUE

The City of Benton Utility Commissioners met in regular session Monday, February 2, 2026, at the Electric Utility Building, 1827 Dale Avenue.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Commission Chairman Ferrell.

The invocation was given by Commission Chairman Ferrell.

Commission Vice Chairman Ferrell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

When the roll was called, Commissioners present were:

Gary Ferrell, Chairman  
Dave McCullum, Commission Member  
Jana Hogue, Commission Member  
Kevin Perry, Commission Member

A quorum was declared with four members present.

Commission Chairman Ferrell asked if everyone had read the regular meeting minutes of January 5<sup>th</sup> and asked if there were questions or a motion. Commission Member Perry made a motion to accept the January 5<sup>th</sup> minutes as presented and Commission Member McCollum seconded the motion. Commission Chairman Ferrell called for a voice vote. All commission members present voted in the affirmative. January 5<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved. Commission Chairman Ferrell then asked if everyone had read the minutes of the special meeting January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026, and if so, is there a motion? Commission Member Hogue made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and be filed for future reference. The motion was seconded by Commission Member Perry. Commission Chairman Ferrell called for a voice vote. All commission members present voted in the affirmative. Both sets of minutes were approved.

## Departmental Reports

### A. Safety/Personnel Update

Mrs. Terrie Sossamon, Human Resources Manager, gave the monthly update on employee numbers, both budgeted and actual, workers' comp claims, safety classes, and new employees.

### B. December Financials

Mr. Jimmy Garrett, CFO, went through the December financials. In December, expenses were over revenues by \$742,987. He then went through the cash balances, franchise fees, revenues versus expenditures by department, bad debts, Capital Outlay Budget VS Actual 2025 and billing statistics for December in all three departments. Commission Member McCollum made a motion to approve the December financials as presented. Commission Member Hogue seconded the motion. Commission Chairman Ferrell called for a voice vote. All commission members present voted in the affirmative. December financials were approved.

## Old Business

### Completion of Grant Project

Miss Anna Pesaresi, Electrical Engineer was not present so Mr. Pedersen presented the slide showing the recloser grant completed cost of \$128,059.19 and we were reimbursed for \$84,464.00 which meant our cost was \$43,595.19. He then explained the FEMA reimbursement for the April storms. He said the total cost for damage repairs was \$306,779.75 and we were reimbursed \$219,883.43 leaving our final cost for repairs at \$86,896.32.

### Update on Ownership Project

Mr. Todd Pedersen, General Manager, told them the bid has been approved by Osceola for Benton Utilities to buy their 7MW of energy from the Independence Power Plant. They are just waiting to see if any of the current owners (who get first choice) offer to match or exceed our bid.

## New Business

### Waive Bidding for High Service Motors at Water Plant

Mr. Jon DeJarnatt, Water Plant Manager explained the need for the two new high service pumps and motors at the water treatment plant. He said the original motors were dated 1964. The total cost for both motors was \$96,000 and he asked to waive bidding. Commission Member Perry made a motion to approve the request to waive bidding. Commission Member Hogue seconded the motion. Commission Chairman Ferrell called for a voice vote. All commission member present voted in the affirmative. The motion was approved.

## Introduction of OMS

Mr. Pedersen explained the new Outage Management System (OMS). He showed the commission the outage map that will show what areas are out of electricity and that this map can be accessed by the public. He said there was an option on the Benton Utilities app to report a power outage and see the map, as well as on the Benton Utilities website. He said they are still working out the kinks but it is up and functional.

## Approval to Purchase Two Excavators

Mr. Dewayne Hood, Water/Wastewater Construction Manager asked the commission for approval to purchase two excavators. One for the Wastewater Construction Department and the other for the Water Construction Department. He said they got the quotes through Sourcewell. Commission Member McCollum made a motion to allow the purchase of the excavators for the water and wastewater construction departments. Commission Member Perry seconded the motion. Commission Chairman Ferrell called for a voice vote. All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

## Approval to Purchase Used Service Bucket Truck

Mr. Darren Prysock, Electric Department Manager, told the commission that he had an option to purchase a used Altec bucket truck from Global through Sourcewell. He said they put in the budget \$200,000 to buy this bucket truck and there are two that they are wanting to get rid of. This is a 2025 Ford 600 truck and it was used as a rental. It came in at \$197,885. It only has 5,000 miles and three hundred hours. It will be a year old in April. It has a 42-to-43-foot lift. Commission Member Hogue made a motion to allow staff to purchase this truck for the electric department. Commission Member McCollum seconded the motion. Commission Chairman Ferrell called for a voice vote. All member present voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

## Waiving Bidding on the UV Upgrade at the Wastewater Treatment Plant

Mr. Greg Becker, Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager, said he would like to ask for approval to waive bids. He reminded the commission that they had already upgraded on side and this was the upgrade on the other. He said this was an approved project in the budget. He would like to waive bids because this is a sole source provider. Mr. Pedersen explained that the plant is set up to only use Trojan UV systems. Commission Member made a motion to allow staff to move forward with purchasing

this UV Upgrade and to send an ordinance to City Council to waive competitive bidding. Commission Member seconded the motion. Commission Chairman Ferrell called for a voice vote. All commission members present voted in the affirmative.

#### Announcements

Next Meeting Date: March 2, 2026

Motion made to adjourn to executive session by Commission Member McCollum 7:50 and the meeting began at 7:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Commission Member Hogues. Meeting adjourned.

#### Executive Session

##### Personnel Matter

Executive session was reconvened at 7:15 and Commission Member McCollum made a motion to give the General Manager a 3% raise. Commission Member Perry seconded the motion. Commission Chairman Ferrell called for a voice vote. All members in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Commission Member McCollum made a motion to adjourn with a second by Commission Member Perry. Commission Chairman Ferrell called for a voice vote. All commission members present voted in the affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Gary Ferrell, Commission Chairman

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Madeline Wilson, Recording Secretary

# Benton Advertising & Promotion Commission

## Agenda

February 11, 2026

3:30 pm at Benton City Hall in Council Chambers

(410 River Street)

**I. Call to Order**

<b>II. Roll Call</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>FOIA Compliant</b>
Frank Baptist	_____	_____	_____
Steve Brown	_____	_____	_____
Alison Burch	_____	_____	_____
Bill Eldridge	_____	_____	_____
Elgin Hamner IV	_____	_____	_____
Luke Moody	_____	_____	_____
Greg Shinn	_____	_____	_____

**III. Statement of FOIA Compliance**

I affirm that I have not engaged in any prohibited discussion, deliberation, or polling regarding any item on this meeting's agenda outside of a properly noticed and open meeting, in compliance with the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act, as amended by Act 505 of 2025.

**IV. Minutes from January Meeting**

**V. Financial Reports**

- A. Bank Balances and Collections Report – Mandy Spicer
- B. Profit and Loss Reports – Jordan Woolbright
- C. 2026 Budgets – Jordan Woolbright / Bill Eldridge

**VI. Administrative**

Delinquency Report – Mandy Spicer

**VII. Funding**

- A. Arkansas USSSA – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Vote
- B. Saline County Art League – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Vote
- C. Royal Players, Inc. – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Vote
- D. Arkansas Senior Olympics – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading
- E. Saline River Race – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading
- F. Juneteenth – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

**VIII. Benton Event Center Report – Nikki Chumley**

**IX. Marketing Report – Rachel Rivers**

**X. Development of Exit 114 Property – Bill Eldridge**

**XI. Old Business**  
None

**XII. New Business**  
Next Meeting Date – March 11

**XIII. Other Business**

**XIV. Adjournment**

**BENTON ADVERTISING & PROMOTION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes**  
**January 14, 2026**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bill Eldridge called the meeting of the Benton Advertising & Promotion Commission to order on January 14, 2026, at 3:30 pm at Benton City Hall in Council Chambers.

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners in attendance were Bill Eldridge, Frank Baptist, Steve Brown, Alison Burch, Luke Moody and Greg Shinn. Elgin Hamner was absent.

III. STATEMENT OF FOIA COMPLIANCE

Bill Eldridge read the Statement of FOIA Compliance and Amy McCormick requested the response of the commissioners. Bill Eldridge, Frank Baptist, Steve Brown, Alison Burch, Luke Moody and Greg Shinn responded that he/she is in compliance with the statement.

IV. MINUTES

Luke Moody made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2025 meeting. Alison Burch seconded. Motion carried.

V. FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. Profit & Loss Reports

Financial reports were presented by Jordan Woolbright. The A&P Commission bank accounts show the following balances as of December 31, 2025:

Bank OZK – Focus Group Project	\$804,116.52
Bank OZK – A&P	\$172,674.27
Bank OZK – Event Center	\$560,893.65
Bank OZK – Savings	<u>\$466,272.35</u>
Total Checking/Savings	\$2,003,956.79

There is a liability of \$1,612.38 owed to the Arkansas Department of Finance and the City of Benton for sales tax.

A&P profit and loss statements: for the month of December 2025 total income of \$17,538.00 and total operating expenses of \$14,400.43 resulting in net gain of \$3,137.57. For the year to date as of December 2025 total income of \$223,902.19 and total operating expenses of \$178,801.56 resulting in net income of \$45,100.63.

Event Center profit and loss statements: for the month of December 2025 total income of \$63,739.62 and total operating expenses of \$90,099.07 resulting in net loss of (\$26,359.45). For the year to date as of December 2025 total income of \$803,397.70, total operating expenses of \$562,605.92 and capital expenditures of \$63,821.37 resulting in net income of \$176,970.41. Beginning February 2025, \$10,000 is transferred each month from the event center operating account to the event center savings account. Also, funds are transferred from the event center savings account to the event center operating account for capital expenditures.

Focus Group profit and loss statement: for the month of December 2025 total income of \$19,396.81 and total operating expenses of \$0 resulting in net gain of \$19,396.81. For the year to date as of December 2025, total income of \$244,365.26, total operating expenses of \$11.10 and total special project expenses of \$97,752.55 resulting in net income of \$146,601.61.

**B. Bank Balances and Collections Report**

Mandy Spicer presented the bank accounts with the following balances as of December 31, 2025:

	Statement Balance	Prev. Month's Balance
A&P Collections General	\$9,999.34	\$10,155.51
A&P Large Project Checking	\$2,232,317.80	\$2,522,964.12
A&P Small Project Checking	\$1,678,027.82	\$1,650,493.31
A&P General Operating Checking	\$172,699.33	\$171,467.17
Benton Focus Group Checking	\$804,116.52	\$784,719.71
Benton Event Center Gen Operating Checking	\$560,279.72	\$608,742.29
Benton Even Center Savings	<u>\$466,272.35</u>	\$454,887.14
	<b>\$5,923,712.88</b>	

The annual payment for the Thomas land was made in January 2026.

**VI. ADMINISTRATIVE**

Mandy Spicer reported collections received in the month of December 2025 were \$170,442.43, which is a 4.0% decrease from December 2024. The collections received in December are for the month of November. The total amount collected for 2025 was \$2,179,503.82.

Below are the amounts collected in December of this year along with December of the previous six years:

December 2025 Collections:	\$170,442.43
December 2024 Collections:	\$177,568.47
December 2023 Collections:	\$163,482.66

December 2022 Collections:	\$148,725.26
December 2021 Collections:	\$135,536.13
December 2020 Collections:	\$109,901.21
December 2019 Collections:	\$116,259.46

Mandy Spicer reported there are several delinquencies but all are expected to pay soon.

Luke Moody made a motion to accept the financial reports as presented by Jordan Woolbright and Mandy Spicer. Greg Shinn seconded. Motion carried.

VII. FUNDING REQUEST

- A. Arkansas USSSA – 1<sup>st</sup> reading of request for \$3,500 for Wood Grill / Everett Youth Softball Classic – Clint Albright was recognized to speak. Clint Albright said this is a new girls fast pitch softball tournament scheduled for June 6-7 with all games taking place in Benton. Clint is involved in similar events so has knowledge of how to contact teams to invite them to the tournament. The goal is to have 70 teams participate, which would be approximately 1,170 participants and 4,500 fans. The marketing plan includes eblasts to all USSSA teams in an 8 state region, postings on seventeen social media pages focused on girls fast pitch softball, advertising on twelve youth softball websites and mailing flyers to teams. Bill Eldridge stated that Commissioner Elgin Hamner will recuse himself from voting on this funding request since his company is a sponsor.
  
- B. Saline County Art League, Inc. – 1<sup>st</sup> reading of request for \$7,270 for open houses, Saline County Museum Day and other themed events – Harold Pelton was recognized to speak. Mr. Pelton said the art league has seen an increase in donations and memberships from advertising from the last couple of years. The advertising increases visibility, which increases donations and membership which allows for repairs and maintenance of the Shoppach House. The next large project hopefully to be completed is brickwork. The marketing plan includes printing newsletters and tri-folds, advertising on MySaline.com, at Benton athletic games and on a billboard.
  
- C. Royal Players, Inc. – 1<sup>st</sup> reading of request for \$19,100 to advertise 12 upcoming events and \$19,349 for marquee refurbishment – Jennifer Wells was recognized to speak. Jennifer stated last year’s events were very successful, especially the haunted house which attracted people from all over Arkansas. The funding request of \$19,100 is for marketing events and productions throughout the year.

The total cost to refurbish the marquee is \$43,349. The request of \$19,349 is based on an electrical upgrade quote from Middlebrooks Electric and a sign work quote from Arkansas Sign. Approximately, \$16,000 has been raised for the project, in addition to applying for an \$8,000 grant, leaving \$19,349. Bill stated the request was sent to City Attorney Baxter Drennon for review. Baxter said since the building

is privately owned, taxpayer funds (A&P funds) can't be used for improvements such as refurbishing the marquee. Bill will see if Baxter can attend the February A&P meeting for verification before the Commission votes on the request.

**VIII. BENTON EVENT CENTER REPORT**

Nikki Chumley reported about 15 events held in the building from December 10 to January 14. The events included Christmas parties, the Attorney General Officer of the Year banquet, luncheons, the state police graduation, gun show, bingo and company meetings. Total attendance from the day the building opened is 1,044,349.

**IX. MARKETING REPORT**

Rachel Rivers reported the social media platforms continue to grow and perform well. She reviewed the top eight performing content topics, including the launch of the website announcement, Christmas events, ordering Thanksgiving food and behind the scenes at the Royal Theatre. Upcoming topics include Valentine's Day, Spring Break itineraries and day trips in Benton. Rachel said the marketing committee is meeting tomorrow to discuss plans and the budget for 2026.

**X. DEVELOPMENT OF EXIT 114 PROPERTY**

Bill Eldridge reported there was a tour of the RV park and soccer complex site earlier this week and pictures were shown in the meeting room. The permit was received last week and there has been a lot of progress.

**XI. OLD BUSINESS**

Budget Committee – Bill Eldridge reported the budget committee had its first meeting last week and the committee is recommending some changes to the allocation of A&P funds from the collection account to the other accounts. Payment of the dirt work for the RV park and soccer complex will deplete the funds dramatically, so the committee is recommending changes in order to accumulate funds more rapidly so the RV park can be built without incurring debt. Currently, the monthly allocation of A&P tax funds from the collection account to the other accounts is as follows:

- A&P Large Project – 50%
- A&P Small Project – 20%
- A&P General Operating – 10%
- Benton Event Center Operating – 10%
- Benton Event Center Savings – 0%
- Benton Focus Group – 10%

The budget committee is recommending changing the monthly allocation effective immediately to the following:

- A&P Large Project – balance
- A&P Small Project - \$10,000
- A&P General Operating - \$17,000
- Benton Event Center Operating - \$0

Benton Event Center Savings - \$0  
Benton Focus Group - \$10,000

Bill explained the allocation of tax funds needs to be approved at this meeting so the transfers can be made this month. The entire budget will be presented at next month's meeting. The Benton Event Center has performed well and has a cushion of prior years' retained earnings as its base along with strong rental revenue projected for this year.

Luke Moody made a motion to change the monthly allocation of A&P tax funds from the collection account to the following: A&P Large Project - balance, A&P Small Project - \$10,000, A&P General Operating - \$17,000, Benton Event Center Operating - \$0, Benton Event Center Savings - \$0 and Benton Focus Group - \$10,000. Steve Brown seconded. Motion carried.

The final budget item to be addressed at this meeting is the funding expense item. Bill Eldridge explained the budgeted amount was \$50,000 in 2025. Amy McCormick provided that the commission approved funding requests in 2025 totaling \$39,949 and \$35,179.96 has been paid. Bill explained the unspent budgeted amount of \$14,820.04 could be transferred to the large project account. After discussion, Luke Moody made a motion for the funding expense item in the 2026 budget be \$50,000 and any unused budgeted funding amount in 2025 and 2026 be transferred to the large project account. Frank Baptist seconded. Motion carried.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

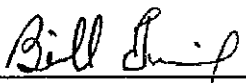
The next meeting of the A&P Commission will be February 11, 2026.

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Bill Eldridge recognized John Wilson with Lights by Sparky. He explained that he met with Mayor Farmer and Gary James a couple months ago and it was decided he would begin programming the lights. Previously, he charged \$750 plus tax per quarter and is requesting it be increased to \$1,000 plus tax per quarter. If there are electrical repairs done by a third-party vendor, those charges will be added to the quarterly invoices. Bill Eldridge reminded the commissioners that the City of Benton owns the lights. Luke Moody made a motion to increase the maintenance agreement fee to \$1,000 plus tax per quarter beginning this quarter. Alison Burch seconded. Motion carried.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Luke Moody made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Frank Baptist seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 pm.

  
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Bill Eldridge, Chairman

  
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Amy McCormick, Recording Secretary

Benton Advertising & Promotion Commission Bank Account Balances  
January 31, 2026

Account Name	Acct #	Statement Balance	Previous Month's Balance
<b>Cash Accounts:</b>			
A&P Collections General	***1584	10,197.33	9,999.34
A&P Large Project Checking	50% ***0318	1,198,779.39	2,232,317.80
A&P Small Project Checking	20% ***0348	1,690,679.92	1,678,027.82
A&P General Op Checking	10% ***3297	180,566.41	172,699.33
Benton Focus Group Checking	10% ***2274	816,298.45	804,116.52
Benton Event Center General Op Checking	10% ***2640	564,905.79	560,279.72
Benton Event Center Savings	***9832	477,563.25	466,272.35
<b>TOTAL OPERATING CASH &amp; INVESTMENTS</b>			<b>4,938,990.54</b>



**Benton A&P Commission**  
**Statement of Assets, Liabilities & Equity-Modified Cash Basis**  
Substantially All Disclosures Required by the Modified Cash Basis of Accounting Omitted  
As of January 31, 2026

	<u>Jan 31, 26</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
Bank OZK - Focus Group Checking	816,298.45
Bank OZK - A&P Checking	174,310.70
Bank OZK - Event Center Checking	541,913.20
Bank OZK - Event Center Savings	477,563.25
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>2,010,085.60</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>2,010,085.60</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>2,010,085.60</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
Sales Tax Payable	592.00
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<u>592.00</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>592.00</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	592.00
<b>Equity</b>	
Retained Earnings	2,002,435.41
Net Income	7,058.19
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>2,009,493.60</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>2,010,085.60</u></u>

NO ASSURANCE IS PROVIDED ON THESE STATEMENTS.

**Benton A&P Commission**  
**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual - A&P - Modified Cash Basis**  
**Substantially All Disclosures Required by the Modified Cash Basis of Accounting Omitted**  
**January 2026**

	<u>Jan 26</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
<b>Interest Income</b>	451.35	300.00	151.35	150.45%
<b>Revenue</b>				
<b>A&amp;P Tax Revenue</b>	17,000.00	17,000.00	0.00	100.0%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u>17,000.00</u>	<u>17,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>17,451.35</u>	<u>17,300.00</u>	<u>151.35</u>	<u>100.88%</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	17,451.35	17,300.00	151.35	100.88%
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>Accounting Services</b>	600.00	600.00	0.00	100.0%
<b>Advertising Expense</b>	53.90	85.00	(31.10)	63.41%
<b>Comp. for Commissioners</b>	750.00	750.00	0.00	100.0%
<b>Funding</b>	0.00	4,166.66	(4,166.66)	0.0%
<b>Labor Expenses</b>	5,165.71	5,151.04	14.67	100.29%
<b>Legal Counsel</b>	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	100.0%
<b>Postage</b>	296.98	296.98	0.00	100.0%
<b>Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>	1,090.00	1,090.00	0.00	100.0%
<b>Service Agreement</b>	6,658.33	6,658.33	0.00	100.0%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>15,814.92</u>	<u>19,998.01</u>	<u>(4,183.09)</u>	<u>79.08%</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>1,636.43</u>	<u>(2,698.01)</u>	<u>4,334.44</u>	<u>(60.65%)</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>1,636.43</u>	<u>(2,698.01)</u>	<u>4,334.44</u>	<u>(60.65%)</u>

NO ASSURANCE IS PROVIDED ON THESE STATEMENTS.

**Benton A&P Commission**  
**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual - Event Center - Modified Cash Basis**  
**Substantially All Disclosures Required by the Modified Cash Basis of Accounting Omitted**  
**January 2026**

	<u>Jan 26</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
<b>Interest Income</b>	2,789.68	1,500.00	1,289.68	185.98%
<b>Revenue</b>				
<b>Rental Revenue</b>	35,971.75	43,741.38	(7,769.63)	82.24%
<b>Alcohol Sales</b>	2,392.66	1,552.00	840.66	154.17%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u>38,364.41</u>	<u>45,293.38</u>	<u>(6,928.97)</u>	<u>84.7%</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>41,154.09</u>	<u>46,793.38</u>	<u>(5,639.29)</u>	<u>87.95%</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	41,154.09	46,793.38	(5,639.29)	87.95%
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>Alcohol Expense</b>	980.37	700.00	280.37	140.05%
<b>Bank Service Fees</b>	409.74	522.59	(112.85)	78.41%
<b>Building Alarm System</b>	294.20	294.20	0.00	100.0%
<b>Cable TV</b>	199.43	199.43	0.00	100.0%
<b>Cleaning Service</b>	1,804.80	1,804.80	0.00	100.0%
<b>Contract Labor</b>	4,379.50	4,479.50	(100.00)	97.77%
<b>Dues &amp; Memberships</b>	200.00	200.00	0.00	100.0%
<b>Health Insurance</b>	1,274.94	1,274.94	0.00	100.0%
<b>Internet/IT</b>	1,929.95	1,929.95	0.00	100.0%
<b>Labor Expenses</b>	21,832.20	21,896.33	(64.13)	99.71%
<b>Laundry Expense</b>	2,715.60	2,715.60	0.00	100.0%
<b>Linen &amp; Supplies</b>	203.06	203.06	0.00	100.0%
<b>Office Expense</b>	289.27	300.00	(10.73)	96.42%
<b>Pest Control Expense</b>	152.86	153.00	(0.14)	99.91%
<b>Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>	4,012.75	4,000.00	12.75	100.32%
<b>Supplies</b>	497.16	500.00	(2.84)	99.43%
<b>Telephone Expense</b>	106.59	107.84	(1.25)	98.84%
<b>Trash Pickup</b>	596.10	596.10	0.00	100.0%
<b>Utilities</b>	5,965.79	5,965.79	0.00	100.0%
<b>Website</b>	69.95	69.95	0.00	100.0%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>47,914.26</u>	<u>47,913.08</u>	<u>1.18</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>(6,760.17)</u>	<u>(1,119.70)</u>	<u>(5,640.47)</u>	<u>603.75%</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>(6,760.17)</u>	<u>(1,119.70)</u>	<u>(5,640.47)</u>	<u>603.75%</u>
Transfer to BEC Savings	(10,000.00)			
Transfer from BEC Savings	0.00			

NO ASSURANCE IS PROVIDED ON THESE STATEMENTS.

**Benton A&P Commission**  
**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual - Focus Group - Modified Cash Basis**  
**Substantially All Disclosures Required by the Modified Cash Basis of Accounting Omitted**  
**January 2026**

	<u>Jan 26</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
<b>Interest Income</b>	2,181.93	1,000.00	1,181.93	218.19%
<b>Revenue</b>				
<b>A&amp;P Tax Revenue</b>	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	100.0%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	100.0%
<b>Total Income</b>	12,181.93	11,000.00	1,181.93	110.75%
<b>Gross Profit</b>	12,181.93	11,000.00	1,181.93	110.75%
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	12,181.93	11,000.00	1,181.93	110.75%
<b>Net Income</b>	12,181.93	11,000.00	1,181.93	110.75%

NO ASSURANCE IS PROVIDED ON THESE STATEMENTS.

2026 B' NETS

Benton Focus Group				Benton A&P Commission				Benton Event Center			
		2025	2026			2025	2026			2025	2026
		Actuals	Budget			Actuals	Budget			Actuals	Budget
<b>INCOME</b>											
Interest	\$	26,012.73	\$ 12,000.00	Interest	\$	5,549.66	\$ 3,600.00	Interest	\$	34,180.64	\$ 18,000.00
Sales Tax Revenue	\$	218,352.53	\$ 120,000.00	Sales Tax Revenue	\$	218,352.53	\$ 204,000.00	Alcohol Sales	\$	18,623.71	\$ 18,624.00
Gross Profit	\$	244,365.26	\$ 132,000.00	Gross Profit	\$	223,902.19	\$ 207,600.00	Refunds/Returns	\$	(857.00)	\$ -
<b>EXPENSES</b>											
Office	\$	11.10	\$ -	Accounting Services	\$	7,375.00	\$ 7,475.00	Sales Revenue-Other	\$	533,097.82	\$ 500,001.93
Total Expenses	\$	11.10	\$ -	Advertising	\$	6,885.52	\$ 5,737.33	Sales Tax Revenue	\$	218,352.53	\$ -
<b>SPECIAL PROJECTS</b>											
	\$	97,752.55	\$ -	Comp. for Commissioners	\$	8,400.00	\$ 9,000.00	Gross Profit	\$	803,397.70	\$ 536,625.93
<b>NET INCOME</b>											
	\$	146,601.61	\$ 132,000.00	Dues & Memberships	\$	1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	EXPENSES			
				Funding	\$	35,179.96	\$ 50,000.00	Advertising	\$	2,227.40	\$ 2,000.00
				Labor	\$	19,812.96	\$ 46,165.35	Alcohol	\$	13,618.57	\$ 5,950.00
				Legal Counsel	\$	14,400.00	\$ 14,400.00	Alcohol Permit	\$	3,576.00	\$ 3,576.00
				Meals & Entertainment	\$	131.69	\$ -	Bank Service Fees	\$	7,731.79	\$ 7,731.79
				Office Expense	\$	537.11	\$ 325.00	Building/Fire Alarm Systems	\$	3,184.47	\$ 3,331.06
				Postage	\$	224.92	\$ 296.98	Building Insurance	\$	32,296.13	\$ 32,296.13
				Professional Services	\$	800.00	\$ -	Cable TV	\$	2,345.13	\$ 2,393.16
				Repairs & Maintenance	\$	4,154.44	\$ 4,360.00	Cleaning Service	\$	18,423.60	\$ 16,471.43
				Service Agreement	\$	79,899.96	\$ 79,899.96	Contract Labor	\$	49,013.73	\$ 44,992.50
				Total Expenses	\$	178,801.56	\$ 218,659.62	Dues & Membership	\$	550.00	\$ 750.00
				<b>NET INCOME</b>	\$	45,100.63	\$ (11,059.62)	Health Insurance	\$	15,965.00	\$ 17,549.28
								Internet / IT	\$	16,465.40	\$ 23,159.40
								Labor	\$	186,470.88	\$ 193,698.00
								Laundry	\$	24,582.75	\$ 22,999.60
								Linens & Supplies	\$	3,260.22	\$ 2,491.06
								Office Expense	\$	8,829.68	\$ 6,999.00
								Pest Control	\$	1,093.73	\$ 1,320.69
								Repairs & Maintenance	\$	69,906.70	\$ 54,996.00
								Supplies	\$	18,162.25	\$ 17,977.37
								Telephone	\$	1,385.58	\$ 1,385.66
								Trash	\$	6,511.55	\$ 6,647.05
								Utilities	\$	76,126.01	\$ 76,070.78
								Website	\$	879.35	\$ 899.40
								Total Expenses	\$	562,605.92	\$ 545,625.36
								<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	\$	63,821.37	\$ -
								<b>NET INCOME</b>	\$	176,970.41	\$ (8,999.43)

## **NOTICE**

**The following businesses are delinquent in the  
remittance of their Benton Advertising and Promotion Tax  
as of February 10, 2026**

**Al's Minnows & Gas  
Benton Express  
Benton Food & Gas  
Benton Shell  
Dawson's Farms  
Gary's Slingblade Drive-In  
GiGi's  
Homers on the Go  
Isha The Taste of India  
Jimmy Mart  
Koffee with a Kause  
Kum & Go #166-Maverik  
La Calle 7  
La Terraza Mexican Cantina & Grill  
MawMaw's House  
Niecy's  
Pasta J  
Scoopy's Homemade Ice Cream  
Shiv Lodging-Rodeway Inn  
Southwest Special Events  
Supreme Service Solutions  
Taqueria Los Tarascos  
Tropical Smoothie Cafe  
Zaxby's**

**This notice is being placed in accordance with the Benton Advertising and  
Promotion Commission Delinquency Policy, as adopted November 15, 2012.**

# Benton Event Center-Event Report

January 13, 2026 to February 10, 2026

October 1, 2013 to January 12, 2026

**1,044,349**

	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b># of Attendees</b>
Kmac Enterprises	1/13-1/14/2026	80
HER Plan Leaders Dinner	1/15/2026	40
Dwarfanators	1/16/2026	600
First Baptist Volunteer Dinner	1/18/2026	215
PLANTS Convention	1/19-20/2026	330
AR Right to Life Banquet	1/22/2026	320
SportsCard & Memorabilia Show	1/24/2026	RESCHEDULED
Duck Duck Goose Children's Consignment Sale	1/23-2/2/2026	5200
YEA Recycle Saline Banquet	2/5/2026	450
JA Charity Gala	1/7/2026	150
RetirePath Workshop	1/10/2026	30

# of Events: 11

TOTAL: **7,415**

TOTAL: **1,051,764**



**Marketing Report, February 11, 2026**

**Facebook Followers & Views Summary**

Date	Followers	Change	Views
August	0	+638	25,900
September	638	+181	19,200
October	819	+203	23,200
November	1,022	+195	76,500
December	1,217	+205	38,100
January	1,590	+373	50,400

**Upcoming Content:**

- Stay Close, Play Big: Spring Break Adventures in Benton
- The Perfect Spring Break Itinerary—Benton Edition
- Launch of Restaurant Week in June

**Instagram Followers Growth Summary**

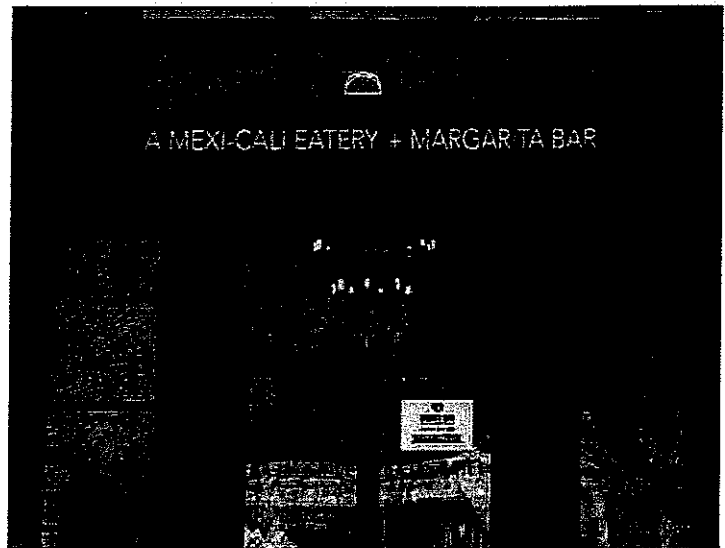
Date	Followers	Change from Previous
August	150	–
September	206	+56
October	243	+37
November	276	+33
December	327	+51
January	369	+42



## Restaurant Week Concepts



**BENTON**  
**RESTAURANT WEEK**  
**JUNE 14-20**



CITY OF BENTON, ARKANSAS  
**Planning & Zoning Meeting**  
 Tuesday January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
 6:00 P.M.

Chairman Stilwell called the meeting to order. Roll call resulted in 1 member[s] being absent.

Members Present	Members Absent
Carl West	
Brett Chumley	
	Lois Burks
Darrell Wood	
John Clements	
Pamela Gibson	
James Stilwell	
Andy Warford	
Mark Chilton	
Bruce Thomas, Interim Community Development Director	
Chelsea Matthews, City Planner	

*Approval of the minutes of December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, Planning Commission Meeting*

Chairman Stilwell asked if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes. Commissioner Gibson makes a motion to approve the minutes, as is. Commissioner West second. Motion carried.

**Board of Adjustments**

*192 Pearson Street [Variance for Rear BSL]*

Chairman Stilwell asked Ms. Matthews to introduce the variance request. Ms. Matthews reads the memorandum that states that Tyler Billson [property owner] is requesting a variance of his property located at 192 Pearson Street. The purpose of this variance is to allow a home to be built at a 10' rear BSL instead of the required 15' rear BSL in a TC2 zone. Chairman Stilwell calls for any questions or comments regarding this request. Mr. Billson speaks in favor of this request and clarifies that a 10' rear BSL will match the property next door to it and help keep the overall aesthetics of the neighborhood in sequence with each other. Commissioner West makes a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Chilton second. **Motion carried 7-0.**

**Planning Commission**

*1400 Pleasant Poplar Cove [Conditional Use for Youth Home]*

Chairman Stilwell asked Ms. Matthews to introduce the conditional use request. Ms. Matthews reads the memorandum that states that Jennifer Nelson [property owner contingent upon conditional use approval] is requesting approval of a conditional use permit to have a youth home at her property. Chairman Stilwell calls for any questions or comments regarding this request. Mrs. Nelson speaks in favor of this request and clarifies that this home will house 4 adolescent girls aged 13-17 and is being used as a way to reintegrate them into a normal living environment before they turn 18 and live on their own. Commissioner Gibson makes a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Clements second. **Motion carried 6-1 with Commissioner West voting "no".**

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*#805-04834-000 [Preliminary Plat]*

Chairman Stilwell asked Ms. Matthews to introduce the preliminary plat. Ms. Matthews reads the memorandum that states that Rees Commercial is requesting approval of a Commercial preliminary plat located at parcel #805-04834-000 [lot next to Encore Heart Hospital]. This plat consists of 7 Commercial lots [C3; Service Commercial]. Chairman Stilwell calls for any questions or comments regarding this request. Zane Robbins speaks in favor of this request. Commissioner West makes a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Gibson second. **Motion carried 7-0.**

*6601 Alcoa Rd [Site Plan for Dollar General]*

Chairman Stilwell asked Ms. Matthews to introduce the Site Plan. Ms. Matthews reads the memorandum that states that Bartlett Architecture, on behalf of Dollar General, is requesting approval of a site plan for their building to be located at 6601 Alcoa Rd. This property is currently zoned C2 [general commercial] and a general retail space up to 90,000 square feet in size is a permitted use. Chairman Stilwell calls for any questions or comments regarding this request. Mr. Bartlett speaks in favor of this item. Commissioner Warford makes a motion to approve this request. Commissioner West second. **Motion carried 7-0.**

*Rosemary Fields; Phase 1 [Final Plat]*

Chairman Stilwell asked Ms. Matthews to introduce the request. Ms. Matthews reads the memorandum that states that Hope Consulting, LLC, on behalf of H & H Estate Holdings [property owners] is requesting approval of a final plat for Phase 1 for Rosemary Fields. Chairman Stilwell calls for any questions or comments regarding this request. Jonathan Hope, with Hope Consulting, speaks in favor of this request. Commissioner Clements makes a motion to approve this request. Commissioner West Second. **Motion carried 7-0.**

### **Other Business**

#### *Commissioner Appointment*

Ms. Matthews states that there are multiple resumes to consider for the upcoming vacancy on the Planning Commission [Commissioner West term is currently expired]. Since there has not been another person selected, Commissioner West is allowed to continue to serve his position until someone is selected. Mr. West has also requested to remain on the Commission. Chairman Stilwell calls for any questions or comments regarding these resumes. Commissioner Gibson makes a motion to recommend Commissioner West to continue to serve his position. Commissioner Chilton second. This recommendation was voted “yes” unanimously by the Planning Commissioners and will go before City Council for final approval.

#### *School Zone Changes [Vote Needed]*

Ms. Matthews states that there is a proposed change to the School Zone classification in the Zoning Ordinance. The proposed change will take out the word “public” in the zoning classification so that both private and public schools are allowed within this zone. Commissioner Gibson states that the reason for the word “public” to be incorporated into the School Zone classification is due to paragraph “B” that specifies how site plans are approved for public schools. Commissioner Gibson states that if we are going to take out the word “public” that we should also omit paragraph B so that all site plans for schools should be reviewed the same

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Tuesday January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026

6:00 P.M.

way. Commissioner Gibson makes a motion to omit the word “public” and also omit paragraph B. Commissioner West second. **Motion carried 7-0.**

*R2 [Single Family District Detached Housing; Name Change; Vote Needed]*

Ms. Matthews states that Community Development would like to take out the “Detached Housing” part of the title in an R2 zone. The purpose of this request is to make all of the single-family zones have similar names. R2 also allows for attached housing so to have detached in the title is not correct. Commissioner West makes a motion to approve this title change. Commissioner Gibson second. **Motion carried 7-0.**

*No Multiple Zones on One Parcel of Land [Vote Needed]*

Ms. Matthews states that there have been a number of rezones requested recently that cause a “split zone” or multiple zones to be designated to one parcel of land. She states that it has been brought up previously that only one parcel of land should have only one zone assigned to it and recommends adding in a rule that states that only one zone can be assigned to one parcel of land to help this issue. Commissioner Wood makes a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Clements second. **Motion carried 7-0.**

*Attached Housing Allowed in R2 Zones [Discussion Only]*

Mr. Thomas [Community Development Director] states that there have been many submissions of attached housing units being proposed to be built in single family residential zones. He states that he believes allowing these types of single-family homes that are higher density takes away from the integrity of single family homes and would like the Commissioners to think about if attached housing should be continued to be allowed in an R2 zone or if it should be allowed in a multi family zone instead. **This item is for discussion only and does not require a vote.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 11 OF 2026**

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE RALPH BUNCHE CONNECTOR TRAIL TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Benton, Arkansas duly advertised for sealed bids for construction of the Ralph Bunche Connector Trail (“Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, bids were received, opened, and reviewed in accordance with applicable law and City purchasing requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that the bid submitted by Wooster Construction, LLC in the amount of \$341,811 is the lowest responsive and responsible (i.e., lowest acceptable) bid for the Project and that it is in the City’s best interest to award the contract to that bidder.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENTON, ARKANSAS:**

**SECTION 1. Award of Contract.**

The City Council hereby awards the contract for the Ralph Bunche Connector Trail to Wooster Construction, LLC (“Contractor”) based on Contractor’s bid in the amount of \$341,811, which is determined to be the lowest responsive and responsible bid, and the City Council hereby accepts that bid.

**SECTION 2. Authorization to Execute Contract; Related Documents.**

The Mayor is authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the City of Benton, the construction contract and any related documents necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Resolution, including without limitation any required bonds, insurance certificates, notices to proceed, and approved change orders within the limits authorized by the contract and applicable law/City policy.

**SECTION 3. Payment Authority.**

The Mayor (or the Mayor’s authorized designee) and the Chief Financial Officer are authorized to process and pay Contractor for work performed in accordance with the contract documents, including approved pay applications, retainage (if applicable), and any properly approved change orders, subject to verification of performance and availability of appropriated funds.

**SECTION 4. Effective Date.**

This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2026.

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Tom Farmer, Mayor

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Cindy Stracener, City Clerk

CERTIFIED BID TAB

PROJECT: 23-5732 Benton Ralph-Bunche Connector Trail (TAP-22) (S), Saline County, ARDOT Job No. 061779  
 BID LOCATION: City Hall, 410 River Street, Benton, Arkansas  
 BID TIME AND DATE: 2:30 PM, February 5, 2026

Certified by:   
 Caleb Zimmerman P.E. No. #27771

Item No.	Item Description	Units	Quantity	Wooster Construction Co., LLC 0380040326		Redstone Construction Group, Inc. 0007700226		H.W. Tucker Company 0038520226		Baylex Construction, Inc. 0385230626		Wagner General Contractors, Inc. 0165491026		Capital Paving & Construction, LLC 0378950926		Weaver Bailey Contractors 000060626		Steep Creek, LLC 0405500326		**Burkhalter Technologies 134230626		
				Unit Cost	Total Cost	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Unit Cost	Total Cost	
1	Site Preparation	LS	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$34,732.00	\$34,732.00	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00	\$44,107.00	\$44,107.00	\$4,933.00	\$4,933.00	\$40,325.00	\$40,325.00			
2	Clearing, Grubbing, and Excavation	LS	1	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$21,372.00	\$21,372.00	\$25,600.00	\$25,600.00	\$16,500.00	\$16,500.00	\$39,399.00	\$39,399.00	\$24,473.75	\$24,473.75	\$48,100.00	\$48,100.00			
3	Erosion Control	LF	2,250	\$5.00	\$11,250.00	\$6.00	\$13,500.00	\$4.75	\$10,687.50	\$5.12	\$11,520.00	\$5.00	\$11,250.00	\$5.20	\$11,700.00	\$5.24	\$14,040.00	\$12.35	\$27,810.00			
4	Rough Grading, Compacted Embankment	CY	2,500	\$20.00	\$50,000.00	\$29.00	\$72,500.00	\$31.50	\$78,750.00	\$24.58	\$61,450.00	\$28.00	\$70,000.00	\$47.55	\$118,875.00	\$37.45	\$93,625.00	\$63.22	\$158,050.00			
5	Install 18" HDPE Storm Pipe	LF	45	\$100.00	\$4,500.00	\$85.25	\$3,836.25	\$125.00	\$5,625.00	\$100.40	\$4,518.00	\$113.00	\$5,085.00	\$253.70	\$11,416.50	\$101.55	\$4,569.75	\$62.67	\$2,820.15			
6	Install Headwall for 18" HDPE Storm Pipe	EA	2	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,650.00	\$11,300.00	\$5,287.00	\$10,574.00	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,100.00	\$12,200.00	\$10,048.20	\$20,096.40	\$10,192.69	\$20,385.38	\$7,450.00	\$14,900.00			
7	Class 7 Aggregate Base Course (6" Depth) for Trail	TON	467	\$30.00	\$14,010.00	\$52.50	\$24,517.50	\$47.00	\$21,949.00	\$35.57	\$16,611.19	\$55.00	\$25,665.00	\$92.35	\$43,127.45	\$49.28	\$23,013.76	\$75.10	\$35,071.70			
8	Install Concrete at Trail (4" Thick)	SY	13,075	\$10.00	\$130,750.00	\$9.00	\$117,675.00	\$5.35	\$69,951.25	\$10.01	\$130,880.75	\$10.00	\$130,750.00	\$12.05	\$157,553.75	\$11.71	\$153,108.25	\$13.92	\$182,004.00			
9	Install Trail Striping	LF	1,050	\$10.00	\$10,500.00	\$3.00	\$3,150.00	\$3.20	\$3,360.00	\$5.00	\$5,250.00	\$3.00	\$3,150.00	\$1.25	\$1,312.50	\$2.83	\$2,971.50	\$8.99	\$9,376.50			
10	Install Headwall Access Panels	EA	4		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00					
11	Install Concrete Curb & Gutter	LF	24		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00					
12	Install Truncated Domes	EA	4	\$400.00	\$1,600.00	\$415.00	\$1,660.00	\$6.00	\$24.00	\$960.00	\$3,840.00	\$600.00	\$2,400.00	\$1,428.80	\$5,715.20	\$718.65	\$2,874.60	\$550.00	\$2,200.00			
13	Landscaping: Hydroseeding	ACRE	0.6	\$15,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$3,250.00	\$1,950.00	\$6,000.00	\$3,600.00	\$5,760.00	\$3,456.00	\$23,500.00	\$14,100.00	\$7,527.30	\$4,516.38	\$8,641.45	\$5,184.89	\$7,900.00	\$4,740.00			
14	Landscaping: Solid Sodding	SY	7,000	\$5.00	\$35,000.00	\$6.00	\$42,000.00	\$9.00	\$63,000.00	\$10.25	\$71,750.00	\$9.00	\$63,000.00	\$8.85	\$61,950.00	\$7.78	\$54,460.00	\$8.44	\$59,080.00			
15	Undercut Allowance	CY	1,000	\$10.00	\$10,000.00	\$40.00	\$40,000.00	\$38.00	\$38,000.00	\$33.54	\$33,540.00	\$33.00	\$33,000.00	\$17.40	\$17,400.00	\$68.74	\$68,740.00	\$83.00	\$83,000.00			
16	Arkansas Code Ann. §22-9-212 Trench and Excavation Safety Systems	LS	1	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3,850.00	\$3,850.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$16,357.50	\$16,357.50	\$4,671.26	\$4,671.26	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00			
17	Miscellaneous (Mobilization, Demobilization, As-Built Record Drawings)	LS	1	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$4,400.00	\$4,400.00	\$16,063.00	\$16,063.00	\$12,800.00	\$12,800.00	\$23,600.00	\$23,600.00	\$7,502.75	\$7,502.75	\$130,688.93	\$130,688.93	\$36,500.00	\$36,500.00			
18	Install 12" HDPE Storm Pipe	LF	13	\$100.00	\$1,300.00	\$110.00	\$1,430.00	\$225.00	\$2,925.00	\$154.46	\$2,007.98	\$49.00	\$637.00	\$148.65	\$1,932.45	\$155.38	\$2,019.94	\$71.85	\$944.05			
19	Install 24" HDPE Storm Pipe	LF	14	\$100.00	\$1,400.00	\$132.00	\$1,848.00	\$225.00	\$3,150.00	\$143.43	\$2,008.02	\$68.00	\$952.00	\$217.35	\$3,042.90	\$159.50	\$2,233.00	\$96.71	\$1,353.94			
20	Install Headwall for 24" HDPE Storm Pipe	EA	2	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,650.00	\$11,300.00	\$5,287.00	\$10,574.00	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,473.00	\$12,946.00	\$10,048.20	\$20,096.40	\$10,272.52	\$20,545.04	\$8,150.00	\$16,300.00			
21	Install Concrete Apron & Rip Rap Pad	EA	2	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$450.00	\$900.00	\$4,800.00	\$9,600.00	\$4,700.00	\$9,400.00	\$9,400.00	\$1,062.00	\$2,124.00	\$7,789.75	\$15,579.50	\$4,335.30	\$8,672.60	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00		
22	Install Removable Bollards	EA	3	\$500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$1,600.00	\$4,800.00	\$1,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,647.00	\$13,941.00	\$3,594.20	\$10,782.50	\$3,750.77	\$11,252.31	\$1,300.00	\$3,900.00			
23	Pedestrian Crossing Sign & Post	EA	2	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$605.00	\$1,210.00	\$1,700.00	\$3,400.00	\$950.00	\$1,900.00	\$1,540.00	\$3,080.00	\$1,818.60	\$3,637.20	\$2,395.52	\$4,791.04	\$625.00	\$1,250.00			
<b>Total Amount Bid</b>					<b>\$341,811.00</b>		<b>\$405,677.75</b>		<b>\$412,236.75</b>		<b>\$418,971.94</b>		<b>\$466,500.00</b>		<b>\$616,100.48</b>		<b>\$697,254.80</b>		<b>\$794,215.34</b>			

\* Difference Due to Math Error  
 \*\*Contractor Nonresponsive - Did not use correct Bid Form

**RESOLUTION NO. 12 OF 2026**

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FY2025 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF BENTON, ARKANSAS, AS ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION NO. 142 OF 2024, TO REVISE APPROPRIATIONS TO REFLECT FY2025 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT “1”; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Benton, Arkansas adopted the FY2025 City of Benton Budget by Resolution No. 142 of 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds it necessary and desirable to amend the FY2025 budget to revise appropriations to reflect actual FY2025 expenditures as set forth in Exhibit “1” attached hereto.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENTON, ARKANSAS:**

**SECTION 1. FY2025 Budget Amendment; Appropriation.**

Pursuant to the authority granted in Ark. Code Ann. §§ 14-58-202 and 14-58-203, the City Council hereby amends the FY2025 City of Benton Budget adopted by Resolution No. 142 of 2024 by revising FY2025 expenditure appropriations only as set forth in Exhibit “1,” which is incorporated herein by reference. The adoption of this Resolution constitutes an appropriation of City funds in the amended amounts shown in Exhibit “1.”

**SECTION 2. Repealer (Conflict).**

All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**SECTION 3. Effective Date.**

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2026.

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Tom Farmer, Mayor

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Cindy Stracener, City Clerk

**City of Benton - 2025  
True-Up Budget Amendment Resolution**

	2025 Appropriated Budget	Proposed adjustments	Difference
<b>Mayor &amp; Elected Officials</b>			
5001.01 Full Time-Exempt	\$219,687.00	\$223,300.00	\$3,613.00
5003.00 Temporary	\$18,000.00	\$15,000.00	(\$3,000.00)
5006.00 FICA	\$21,787.00	\$18,886.00	(\$2,901.00)
5013.00 Car Allowance	\$6,000.00	\$6,001.00	\$1.00
5016.00 Life Insurance	\$3,181.00	\$1,929.00	(\$1,252.00)
6101.01 Office Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$506.00	(\$994.00)
7002.00 Management Consulting	\$8,500.00	\$7,312.00	(\$1,188.00)
7003.00 Computer Services	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	(\$1,000.00)
7005.00 Special Legal	\$5,000.00	\$5,001.00	\$1.00
7021.00 Postage	\$75.00	\$261.00	\$186.00
7022.00 Cell Phone Service	\$4,850.00	\$3,272.00	(\$1,578.00)
7040.02 Public Relations	\$4,000.00	\$2,010.00	(\$1,990.00)
7055.00 Property Insurance	\$25,000.00	\$35,615.00	\$10,615.00
7090.00 Dues & Subscriptions	\$99,500.00	\$99,559.00	\$59.00
7092.00 Travel & Meetings	\$1,500.00	\$1,339.00	(\$161.00)
7094.00 Other Miscellaneous	\$40,000.00	\$43,617.00	\$3,617.00
7095.01 Training & Education	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	(\$1,000.00)
8002.00 Facility Capital	\$50,000.00	\$44,404.00	(\$5,596.00)
8004.03 Computer Equipment	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	(\$2,000.00)
8004.01 Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment	\$110,000.00	\$114,568.00	\$4,568.00
<b>Total Mayor &amp; Elected Officials</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>City Clerk</b>			
5007.00 Retirement Matching	\$9,149.00	\$10,658.00	\$1,509.00
7021.00 Postage	\$3,500.00	\$4,311.00	\$811.00
7040.01 Advertising	\$10,000.00	\$7,680.00	(\$2,320.00)
<b>Total City Clerk</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Administrative Services</b>			
5001.02 Full Time-non-Exempt	\$127,548.00	\$88,585.00	(\$38,963.00)
5016.00 Life Insurance	\$2,361.00	\$2,971.00	\$610.00
5007.00 Retirement Matching	\$59,077.00	\$54,000.00	(\$5,077.00)
7001.00 Accounting/ Auditing	\$7,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$4,000.00
7002.00 Management Consulting	\$5,000.00	\$12,044.00	\$7,044.00
7003.00 Computer Services	\$546,859.00	\$572,926.00	\$26,067.00
7024.00 TV Services	\$500.00	\$702.00	\$202.00
7040.01 Advertising	\$1,500.00	\$1,625.00	\$125.00
7090.00 Dues & Subscriptions	\$1,500.00	\$1,607.00	\$107.00
7100.00 Inventory - FF&E	\$2,000.00	\$4,397.00	\$2,397.00
8004.03 Computer Equipment Capital	\$13,250.00	\$16,738.00	\$3,488.00
<b>Total Administrative Services</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Legal</b>			
5001.01 Full Time-Exempt			\$0.00
5009.00 Health Insurance	\$5,965.00	\$6,045.00	\$80.00
7005.00 Special Legal	\$55,000.00	\$46,295.00	(\$8,705.00)
7006.00 Other Professional Services	\$376,000.00	\$384,000.00	\$8,000.00
7100.00 Inventory - FF&E	\$0.00	\$625.00	\$625.00
<b>Total Legal</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>

**Community Development**

5001.01 Full Time-Exempt	\$118,414.00	\$99,243.00	(\$19,171.00)
6005.00 Fuel	\$15,000.00	\$17,120.00	\$2,120.00
6023.01 Vehicle Repairs & Mtc	\$12,000.00	\$13,304.00	\$1,304.00
7006.00 Other Professional Services	\$65,000.00	\$78,582.00	\$13,582.00
7021.00 Postage	\$2,500.00	\$3,274.00	\$774.00
7100.00 Inventory - FF&E	\$3,500.00	\$4,891.00	\$1,391.00
<b>Total Community Development</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>

**Marketing**

6001.01 Office Supplies	\$200.00	\$412.00	\$212.00
7002.00 Management Consulting	\$2,880.00	\$3,529.00	\$649.00
7021.00 Postage	\$50.00	\$1,615.00	\$1,565.00
7040.01 Advertising	\$40,000.00	\$33,412.00	(\$6,588.00)
7092.00 Travel & Meetings	\$500.00	\$912.00	\$412.00
7100 Inventory - FF&E	\$2,500.00	\$3,250.00	\$750.00
7094.04 City Events	\$55,000.00	\$58,000.00	\$3,000.00
<b>Total Marketing</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>

	2025 Appropriated Budget	Proposed adjustments	Difference
<b>Police</b>			
5001.02 Full Time-Non-Exempt	\$5,333,970.00	\$5,301,530.00	(\$32,440.00)
5012.01 Separation Payout	\$6,200.00	\$13,788.00	\$7,588.00
6001.03 Computer Supplies	\$12,000.00	\$14,614.00	\$2,614.00
6005.00 Fuel	\$240,000.00	\$241,712.00	\$1,712.00
6020.00 Facility Mtc & Repair	\$31,000.00	\$36,136.00	\$5,136.00
6023.00 Equip Parts & Repair	\$7,000.00	\$9,823.00	\$2,823.00
7006.01 Janitorial	\$0.00	\$3,192.00	\$3,192.00
7022.00 Cell Phone Service	\$50,800.00	\$51,935.00	\$1,135.00
7100.00 Inventory - FF&E	\$29,200.00	\$29,472.00	\$272.00
8004.03 Computer Equipment Outlay	\$13,500.00	\$21,468.00	\$7,968.00
<b>Total Police</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Communications-911</b>			
5005.01 Overtime	\$14,000.00	\$14,611.00	\$611.00
5007.00 Retirement Matching	\$10,000.00	\$10,794.00	\$794.00
7055.00 Property Insurance	\$0.00	\$556.00	\$556.00
7094.00 Other Miscellaneous	\$5,000.00	\$3,039.00	(\$1,961.00)
<b>Total Communications 911</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Fire</b>			
5001.01 Exempt	504,117.00	504,260.00	\$143.00
5001.02 Non-exempt	4,714,101.00	4,681,767.00	(\$32,334.00)
5005.03 Unscheduled Overtime	500.00	505.00	\$5.00
5012.01 Separation Payout	0.00	1,337.00	\$1,337.00
5016.00 Life Insurance	21,928.00	22,614.00	\$686.00
6005.01 Chemicals	0.00	140.00	\$140.00
6020.00 Facility Mtc & Repair	5,000.00	5,343.00	\$343.00
6024.00 Equip Mtc & Service	10,000.00	10,617.00	\$617.00
6029.00 Small Tools	600.00	\$665.00	\$65.00
7003.00 Computer Services	39,060.00	\$43,156.00	\$4,096.00
7021.00 Postage	200.00	\$379.00	\$179.00
7053.00 Vehicle Insurance	32,748.00	\$40,290.00	\$7,542.00
7055.00 Property Insurance	18,650.00	\$29,310.00	\$10,660.00
7100.00 Inventory - FF&E	6,000.00	\$12,521.00	\$6,521.00
<b>Total Fire</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Transfers</b>			
<b>Total General Fund</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>

	2025 Appropriated Budget	Proposed adjustments	Difference
<b>Street</b>			
5012.01 Separation Payout	\$2,000.00	\$3,766.00	\$1,766.00
6001.01 Office Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$1,605.00	\$105.00
6001.06 Safety Supplies	\$6,600.00	\$6,807.00	\$207.00
6004.00 Clothing & Uniforms	\$20,000.00	\$21,346.00	\$1,346.00
6005.01 Chemicals	\$25,000.00	\$27,531.00	\$2,531.00
6023.00 Equip Parts & Repairs	\$4,000.00	\$5,336.00	\$1,336.00
6023.01 Vehicle Repairs & Mtc	\$90,000.00	\$114,040.00	\$24,040.00
6025.00 Asphalt	\$2,200,000.00	\$2,083,012.00	(\$116,988.00)
6026.00 Culvert & Pipe	\$30,000.00	\$44,061.00	\$14,061.00
6027.00 Gravel, Dirt & Sand	\$50,000.00	\$71,651.00	\$21,651.00
6035.00 Right of Way	\$80,000.00	\$105,234.00	\$25,234.00
7003.00 Computer Services	\$11,600.00	\$13,300.00	\$1,700.00
7006.00 Other Professional	\$132,000.00	\$149,044.00	\$17,044.00
7020.00 Telephone Services	\$1,250.00	\$1,654.00	\$404.00
7055.00 Property Insurance	\$8,278.00	\$11,903.00	\$3,625.00
7062.00 Water	\$1,500.00	\$1,663.00	\$163.00
7063.00 Wastewater	\$700.00	\$774.00	\$74.00
7092.00 Travel & Meetings	\$1,500.00	\$1,750.00	\$250.00
7100.00 Inventory FF&E	\$2,000.00	\$3,451.00	\$1,451.00
<b>Total Street</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Street Improvement</b>			
8001.00 Land Capital Outlay	\$70,800.00	\$72,100.00	\$1,300.00
8003.00 Non-Building Improvements	\$7,179,828.00	\$7,178,528.00	(\$1,300.00)
<b>Total Street Improvement</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Stormwater</b>			
5016.00 Life Insurance	\$725.00	\$758.00	\$33.00
6001.01 Office Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$1,640.00	\$640.00
6004.00 Clothing & Uniforms	\$3,800.00	\$3,853.00	\$53.00
6005.00 Fuel	\$6,000.00	\$7,194.00	\$1,194.00
6023.01 Vehicle Maintenance Repairs	\$8,000.00	\$16,162.00	\$8,162.00
7003.00 Computer Services	\$4,000.00	\$10,354.00	\$6,354.00
7006.06 Stormwater	\$300,000.00	\$307,988.00	\$7,988.00
8003.00 Non-Building Improvement	\$900,000.00	\$875,305.00	(\$24,695.00)
7100.00 Inventory - FF&E	\$1,400.00	\$1,671.00	\$271.00
<b>Total Stormwater</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>

	2025 Appropriated Budget	Proposed adjustments	Difference
<b>Animal Control</b>			
5005.01 Overtime	\$5,500.00	\$11,263.00	\$5,763.00
5012.01 Separation Payout	\$1,300.00	\$1,947.00	\$647.00
6020.00 Facility Mtc & Repairs	\$1,000.00	\$11,592.00	\$10,592.00
6023.00 Equip Parts & Repairs	\$500.00	\$574.00	\$74.00
6023.01 Vehicle Repairs & Mtc	\$13,000.00	\$15,641.00	\$2,641.00
7006.00 Other Professional	\$13,000.00	\$22,786.00	\$9,786.00
7006.07 Veterinary Services	\$44,000.00	\$45,387.00	\$1,387.00
7022.00 Cell Phone Services	\$6,150.00	\$6,465.00	\$315.00
7055.00 Property Insurance	\$950.00	\$1,490.00	\$540.00
8002.00 Facility Capital Outlay	\$1,765,575.00	\$1,733,399.00	(\$32,176.00)
7100.00 Inventory - FF&E	\$0.00	\$431.00	\$431.00
<b>Total Animal Control</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Public Safety-Police</b>			
7006.00 Other Professional Services	\$234,421.00	\$234,422.00	\$1.00
6001.06 Safety Supplies	\$96,650.00	\$98,408.00	\$1,758.00
7071.00 Vehicle Rentals	\$51,600.00	\$36,887.00	(\$14,713.00)
8005.00 Vehicle Capital Outlay	\$192,000.00	\$204,954.00	\$12,954.00
<b>Total Public Safety-Police</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Public Safety-Fire</b>			
7100.00 Inventory - FF&E	\$0.00	\$19,846.00	\$19,846.00
8002.00 Facility Capital Outlay	\$474,545.00	\$454,699.00	(\$19,846.00)
<b>Total Public Safety-Fire</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>

	2025 Appropriated Budget	Proposed adjustments	Difference
<b>Parks GO</b>			
5006.00 FICA - Employer Matching	\$105,815.00	\$117,781.00	\$11,966.00
5012.01 Separation Payout	\$2,500.00	\$7,476.00	\$4,976.00
5001.01 Exempt	\$596,595.00	\$579,653.00	(\$16,942.00)
<b>Total Parks GO</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Parks .25 Cent O&amp;M</b>			
6020.16 Aquatics Mtc & Repairs	\$15,000.00	\$20,823.00	\$5,823.00
7003.00 Computer Services	\$1,500.00	\$13,598.00	\$12,098.00
7004.00 Engineering Services	\$40,000.00	\$65,585.00	\$25,585.00
7055.00 Property Insurance	\$14,500.00	\$19,230.00	\$4,730.00
7062.00 Water	\$13,000.00	\$18,701.00	\$5,701.00
7063.00 Wastewater	\$11,000.00	\$15,131.00	\$4,131.00
7064.00 Trash Collection	\$15,000.00	\$16,239.00	\$1,239.00
8002.00 Facility Capital Outlay	\$1,090,000.00	\$1,030,043.00	(\$59,957.00)
7100.00 Inventory FFE	\$1,000.00	\$1,650.00	\$650.00
<b>Total Parks .25 Cent O&amp;M</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Parks .50 Cent Riverside Park</b>			
6020.00 Facility Mtc & Repairs	\$520,000.00	\$414,430.00	(\$105,570.00)
6106.00 First Aid Supplies	\$6,000.00	\$7,524.00	\$1,524.00
6005.02 Chemicals - Aquatics	\$55,000.00	\$58,595.00	\$3,595.00
6020.16 Aquatics Mtc & Repairs	\$140,000.00	\$140,526.00	\$526.00
6023.01 Vehicle Repairs & Mtc	\$50.00	\$95.00	\$45.00
7023.00 Internet Services	\$9,000.00	\$13,195.00	\$4,195.00
7055.00 Property Insurance	\$108,000.00	\$146,943.00	\$38,943.00
7061.00 Natural Gas	\$43,000.00	\$51,276.00	\$8,276.00
7062.00 Water	\$52,000.00	\$74,721.00	\$22,721.00
8004.01 Furniture/ Fixtures	\$0.00	\$8,059.00	\$8,059.00
7100.00 Inventory FFE	\$14,250.00	\$31,936.00	\$17,686.00
<b>Total Parks .50 Cent Riverside Park</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>

Special Revenue	2025 Appropriated Budget	Proposed adjustments	Difference	
<b>Franchise Taxes</b>				
6001.01 Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$93.00	\$93.00	
7006.00 Other Professional	\$19,200.00	\$19,107.00	(\$93.00)	
Total Franchise Fund			\$0.00	
<b>Police State Drug</b>				
6020.00 Facility Maintenance & Repair	\$50,000.00	\$49,750.00	(\$250.00)	
7090.00 Dues & Subscriptions	\$1,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$250.00	
Total Police State Drug			\$0.00	
<b>Police Federal Drug</b>				
7094.00 Other Miscellaneous	\$20,000.00	\$7,068.00	(\$12,932.00)	
8004.01 Furniture/ Fixtures Capital	\$0.00	\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00	
8005.00 Vehicles Capital Outlay	\$263,000.00	\$247,932.00	(\$15,068.00)	
Total Police Federal Drug			\$0.00	
<b>A&amp;P Project Fund</b>				
7006.00 Other Professional	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	
7040.01 Advertising	\$0.00	\$70,695.00	\$70,695.00	
8001.00 Land Capital Outlay	\$915,000.00	\$1,269,191.00	\$354,191.00	used cash on hand
8002.00 Facility Capital Outlay	\$0.00	\$196,000.00	\$196,000.00	used cash on hand
Total A&P Project Fund			\$620,906.00	
<b>American Rescue Plan Act Fund</b>				
7094.00 Other Miscellaneous	\$1,265,000.00	\$1,264,890.00	(\$110.00)	
6001.01 Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$110.00	\$110.00	
Total Animal Rescue Plan Act Fund			\$0.00	

Special Revenue	2025 Appropriated Budget	Proposed adjustments	Difference
<b>Closed Fire Pension</b>			
4300.00 Property Taxes	(\$600,000.00)	(\$711,167.00)	(\$111,167.00)
7094.06 Pension Funding	\$600,000.00	\$711,167.00	\$111,167.00
Total Closed Fire Pension			\$0.00
<b>Debt Service Fund</b>			
1001.90 Transfer In-Franchise	\$0.00	(\$1,298,957.00)	(\$1,298,957.00)
4500.00 Sales & Use Tax	\$0.00	(\$2,220,038.00)	(\$2,220,038.00)
4700.00 Interest Income	\$0.00	(\$96,312.00)	(\$96,312.00)
7006.00 Other Professional	\$0.00	\$950.00	\$950.00
9003.00 Principal Payments	\$0.00	\$2,130,000.00	\$2,130,000.00
9003.01 Bond Interest	\$0.00	\$1,478,657.00	\$1,478,657.00
9003.03 Trustee Fees	\$0.00	\$5,700.00	\$5,700.00
Total Debt Service Fund			\$0.00
<b>Agency Fund - A&amp;P</b>			
1501.8 Transfer Out-A&P Collections	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,183,526.00	\$183,526.00
4810.00 A&P Tax Collection	(\$2,000,000.00)	(\$2,183,792.00)	(\$183,792.00)
6001.01 Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$266.00	\$266.00
Total Agency Fund			\$0.00
<b>Agency Fund - Admin Justice</b>			
4600.11 Administration of Justice revenue	(\$540,000.00)	(\$731,181.00)	(\$191,181.00)
4700.00 Interest Income	(\$10.00)	(\$25.00)	(\$15.00)
7096.02 Administration of Justice	\$540,000.00	\$731,196.00	\$191,196.00
Total Agency Fund			\$0.00

**RESOLUTION NO. 13 OF 2026**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,000 FROM THE ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM; AMENDING THE 2026 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO INCREASE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,000; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Benton, Arkansas submitted a grant application to the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program and has been awarded a Certified Local Government (“CLG”) grant in the amount of Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$17,000) to complete an Arkansas Resources survey of the Historic Downtown District and to provide training for one (1) Historic District Commissioner; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds it is in the best interest of the City to accept the CLG grant award and amend the FY2026 budget to account for the grant revenues and related expenditures.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENTON, ARKANSAS:**

**SECTION 1. Grant Acceptance and Authorization.**

The City Council hereby accepts the CLG grant award in the amount of \$17,000. The Mayor is authorized to execute the grant award documents and any related instruments necessary to accept and administer the grant, and the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to take all actions necessary to implement the accounting and budget entries associated with the grant. The award letter is attached as Exhibit “1.”

**SECTION 2. FY2026 General Fund Budget Amendment.**

Pursuant to the authority granted in Ark. Code Ann. §§ 14-58-202 and 14-58-203, the City Council hereby amends the FY2026 City of Benton Budget adopted by Resolution No. 99 of 2025 by increasing General Fund revenues in the amount of \$17,000 and increasing General Fund expenditure appropriations in the amount of \$17,000, as set forth on Exhibit “2,” which is incorporated herein by reference.

**SECTION 3. Repealer (Conflict).**

All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**SECTION 4. Effective Date.**

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this the 23rd day of February 2026.

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Tom Farmer, Mayor

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Cindy Stracener, City Clerk



Sarah Huckabee Sanders  
Governor  
Shea Lewis  
Secretary

February 2, 2026

The Honorable Tom Farmer  
Mayor of Benton  
410 River Street  
Benton, AR 72015

Dear Mayor Farmer:

It is our pleasure to inform you that the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (AHPP) has awarded the City of Benton with a 2026-2027 Certified Local Government grant. The grant totals \$17,000, with funding allocated to support an architectural resurvey of downtown Benton and expenses related to relevant preservation training events.

The AHPP will contact city staff with further grant details in the coming weeks, including a full copy of your grant agreement. On behalf of AHPP and the Division of Arkansas Heritage, congratulations on your award. Thank you for your commitment to the shared task of preserving historic resources in Arkansas.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Scott Kaufman, written in a cursive style.

Scott Kaufman, AHPP Director &  
State Historic Preservation Officer

A blue ink signature of Iain Montgomery, written in a cursive style.

Iain Montgomery  
Certified Local Government Coordinator

Cc: Mandy Spicer, Chief Financial Officer, City of Benton

# City of Benton, Arkansas

General Fund  
Budget Amendment  
FY 2026



The Finance Committee of the City of Benton does hereby submit for approval a budget amendment for the Fiscal Year 2026. This submittal includes a revision for the General Fund.

Section 1 defines the dollar amount of the amendments contained in this exhibit.

Section 2 is a detailed explanation of the amended Funding and Disbursements.

## Section 1: Amended Appropriations – Fiscal Year 2026

### General Fund

	Beginning Approved Budget	Budget Amendment	Revised Budget
Receipts	\$24,312,502	\$17,000	\$24,329,502
Personal Services	\$19,626,947	\$0	\$19,626,947
Supplies, Repair & Mtc	\$844,340	\$0	\$844,340
Other Services and Charges	\$2,367,918	\$14,000	\$2,381,918
Miscellaneous	\$418,250	\$3,000	\$421,250
Capital Outlay	\$79,700	\$0	\$79,700
Transfers	\$951,040	\$0	\$951,040
Total Budget	\$24,307		\$24,307

## Section 2: Funding & Disbursements – Fiscal Year 2026

### General Fund

#### Funding

This budget amendment authorizes the acceptance of grant funds into the General Fund: Grants - State line item 4110.01 for \$17,000

Grants - State	4110.01	\$17,000
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#### Expenditures

This budget amendment approves the increase in line item 7006.00 Other Professional Services for the procurement of a firm to provide a survey of the Benton Historic District.

This budget amendment approves the increase in line item 7092.00 Travel & Meetings to send one Historic District Commissioner to the training

Other Professional Services	7006.00	\$14,000
Travel & Meetings	7092.00	\$3,000

**RESOLUTION NO. 14 OF 2026**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROCUREMENT OF “SPARTAN PROSECUTOR” SOFTWARE FROM SPARTAN TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS FOR USE BY THE CITY PROSECUTOR’S OFFICE; AMENDING THE FY2026 COURT AUTOMATION FUND BUDGET TO INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,120 USING AVAILABLE CASH ON HAND; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Benton, Arkansas desires to procure the software program known as Spartan Prosecutor from Spartan Technology Solutions for use by the City Prosecutor’s Office; and

**WHEREAS**, sufficient cash on hand is available within the Court Automation Fund to fund this procurement, and it is therefore necessary to amend the FY2026 budget to recognize and appropriate the expenditure in the amount of Twenty-Two Thousand One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$22,120).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENTON, ARKANSAS:**

**SECTION 1. Approval of Quote / Procurement.**

The City Council hereby approves the quote submitted by Spartan Technology Solutions in the total amount of \$22,120 for the Spartan Prosecutor software program. The Prosecutor’s recommendation letter is attached as Exhibit “1.”

**SECTION 2. Authorization to Execute Contract; Purchasing Controls.**

The Mayor is authorized to execute, on behalf of the City, a contract and related documents necessary to procure Spartan Prosecutor from Spartan Technology Solutions, subject to review as to form by the City Attorney and confirmation by the Chief Financial Officer that funds are available and properly appropriated. The Chief Financial Officer (or designee) is authorized to process payment(s) due under the contract only upon receipt of proper invoice documentation and in accordance with the executed contract terms.

**SECTION 3. FY2026 Court Automation Fund Budget Amendment; Appropriation.**

Pursuant to the authority granted in Ark. Code Ann. §§ 14-58-202 and 14-58-203, the City Council hereby amends the FY2026 City of Benton Budget adopted by Resolution No. 99 of 2025 by increasing Court Automation Fund expenditure appropriations in the amount of \$22,120, funded by available cash on hand within the Court Automation Fund, as set forth in Exhibit “2,” which is incorporated herein by reference. Adoption of this

Resolution constitutes an appropriation of funds in the amended amounts shown in Exhibit “2.”

**SECTION 4. Effective Date.**

This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of February 2026.

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Tom Farmer, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cindy Stracener, City Clerk

**CHRIS WALTON**



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**Office of the Prosecuting Attorney**  
Twenty-Second Judicial District  
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To: The Honorable Clay Ford

From: Mary Grace Daughtrey, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Date: January 13, 2026

**Subject: Request for Funding to Implement Spartan Prosecutor Case Management Software**

Dear Judge Ford,

I respectfully submit this memorandum requesting the court's approval of funding for the procurement and implementation of Spartan Prosecutor, a specialized prosecutor case management system offered by Spartan Technology Solutions. Spartan Prosecutor is a comprehensive electronic case management platform designed specifically for prosecutorial offices and is integral to advancing efficiency, collaboration, and service quality throughout the criminal justice process. Our office is seeking \$22,120 out of the District Court Automation Fund in order to implement this software. The software will help us achieve the following objectives:

### **1. Strengthening Misdemeanor Prosecutions**

Prosecuting misdemeanor cases efficiently and accurately remains a significant workload for our office. Spartan Prosecutor will allow our attorneys and staff to:

- Manage case intake through resolution in a unified digital environment, reducing backlog and minimizing delays. Spartan's case tracking and automated activity reminders ensure deadlines and obligations are met consistently.
- Generate, store, and retrieve case documents instantly, including charging instruments, discovery materials, and court filings, thereby reducing administrative bottlenecks and manual file handling.
- Improve accuracy and reduce data duplication with standardized, table-driven data entry protocols and customizable fields tailored to our jurisdiction's practices.

These capabilities will particularly benefit the rapid resolution of misdemeanors, enabling prosecutors to devote more time to legal analysis and courtroom preparation rather than clerical tasks.

## **2. Enhanced Coordination with Law Enforcement**

Effective prosecution begins with collaboration with law enforcement partners. Spartan Prosecutor includes tools and portals that allow secure inquiries by law enforcement officers, providing:

- Remote access to case status and upcoming events, enabling officers to stay informed and coordinate investigative actions efficiently.
- Streamlined exchange of case information and evidence, reducing repeated data entry and minimizing the risk of lost or outdated information.

Real-time access to accurate case information will improve field decision-making and strengthen our partnership with local and state law enforcement agencies. Furthermore, it will reduce continuances based on discovery issues and delayed case information from law enforcement.

## **3. Improved Communication with Victims and Witnesses**

Modern case management systems support enhanced victim services and communications. Spartan Prosecutor includes a **Victim/Witness module** that enables:

- Detailed tracking and communication regarding case developments and scheduled events.
- Secure documentation of victim interactions, helping us ensure compliance with statutory rights to information and timely notification.

Accurate, accessible case status information ensures victims and their advocates have confidence in the justice process and builds trust in our office's responsiveness and professionalism. It also streamlines subpoena notifications and will reduce continuances based on lack of victim notification.

## **4. Streamlining Court and Administrative Efficiency**

Spartan Prosecutor's features will improve court operations by:

- Automating scheduling and reminders for hearings, conferences, and deadlines, which reduces missed dates and supports smoother docket management.
- Providing comprehensive reporting tools that assist prosecutors, court staff, and judges in monitoring caseloads, performance metrics, and compliance with statutory timelines.
- Supporting eDiscovery and secure document portals for defense counsel and court stakeholders, reducing paper handling and facilitating faster information exchange.

These efficiencies directly align with the court's goals of timely, fair, and transparent justice administration.

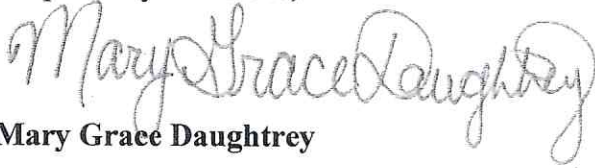
## **Conclusion**

The Spartan Prosecutor Case Management System represents a critical investment in our criminal justice infrastructure. By automating routine tasks, improving coordination with law enforcement, enhancing victim support, and increasing overall operational efficiency, the system will allow our office to better serve the community, expedite misdemeanor prosecutions, and support the court's mission.

I respectfully request that the court approve funding in the amount of \$22,120 for the procurement and implementation of Spartan Prosecutor. The benefits to our office, to law enforcement partners, to victims, and to overall court efficiency justify this investment.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Grace Daughtrey". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

**Mary Grace Daughtrey**

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

# City of Benton, Arkansas

Special Revenue Fund  
Budget Amendment  
FY 2026



The Finance Committee of the City of Benton does hereby submit for approval a budget amendment for the Fiscal Year 2026. This submittal includes a revision for the Special Revenue

Section 1 defines the dollar amount of the amendments contained in this exhibit.

Section 2 is a detailed explanation of the amended Funding and Disbursements.

## Section 1: Amended Appropriations – Fiscal Year 2026

### Special Revenue Fund

	Beginning Approved Budget	Budget Amendment	Revised Budget
Receipts	\$48,000	\$0	\$48,000
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0
O&M, Other, etc	\$120	\$22,120	\$22,240
Capital Items & Transfers	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Budget	\$47,880		\$25,760

## Section 2: Funding & Disbursements – Fiscal Year 2026

### Special Revenue Fund

#### Expenditures

This budget amendment approves the increase in line item 7003.00 Computer Services for the purchase of the software system Spartan Prosecutor for the Prosecutor's office. Cash on hand will be used out of the Court Automation fund.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15 OF 2026**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN CITY PERSONAL PROPERTY AS SURPLUS; AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE SURPLUS PROPERTY BY PUBLIC AUCTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, the Benton Police Department possesses three (3) police vehicles that are beyond their safe and reliable service capabilities and are no longer needed for municipal purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City of Benton, Arkansas to declare the vehicles described below as surplus personal property and to authorize their disposition by public auction.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENTON, ARKANSAS:**

**SECTION 1. Declaration of Surplus Property.**

The following vehicles are hereby declared surplus personal property of the City and are authorized for sale by public auction, in accordance with applicable state and federal law and City purchasing/disposition procedures:

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	UNIT VIN	MILEAGE
2015	Dodge	Charger	2209 2C3CDXAG4FH732209	106,775
2015	Dodge	Charger	2211 2C3CDXAG2FH732211	109,344
2016	Dodge	Charger	5138 2C3CDXAG8GH325138	101,013

**SECTION 2. Authorization to Conduct Auction; Terms.**

The Police Chief, in coordination with the Chief Financial Officer (or their designee), is authorized to arrange and conduct the public auction and to establish commercially reasonable terms and conditions of sale, including:

1. The auction date, time, and location (or online platform, if applicable);
2. Minimum deposit requirements (if any);
3. Payment requirements and deadlines;
4. Buyer's premium (if any, and if allowed by the auctioneer/platform);
5. Transfer of title, risk of loss, and delivery/pickup deadlines; and
6. Execution of any documents reasonably necessary to complete the sale and transfer title.

**SECTION 3. Sale Conditions; “As-Is” and No Warranty.**

All vehicles shall be sold “AS IS, WHERE IS,” with no warranties of any kind, express or implied, and the City makes no representation regarding condition, fitness, merchantability, or title other than its authority to sell.

**SECTION 4. Effective Date.**

This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tom Farmer, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cindy Stracener, City Clerk

**ORDINANCE NO. 3 OF 2026**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN ACTUARIAL VALUATION OF THE LOCAL FIRE PENSION PLAN CONSOLIDATED INTO LOPFI; AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR SAID VALUATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, the Local Fire Pension and Relief Fund for the City of Benton, Arkansas, was consolidated into the Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement System (LOPFI); and

**WHEREAS**, the retired firefighters who participate in the Local Fire Pension and Relief Fund have requested that the city explore a proposed benefit increase of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) per month for paid service participants and Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per month for volunteer participants under the consolidated plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Arkansas law requires an actuarial valuation and compliance with applicable approval and filing procedures before any pension benefit increase may be implemented; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the City's interest to obtain an actuarial valuation to assess the feasibility and cost of any such proposed benefit increase before further action is considered.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENTON, ARKANSAS:**

**SECTION 1. Authorization of Actuarial Valuation.**

The City Council hereby authorizes the procurement of an actuarial valuation (the "Valuation") to evaluate the feasibility and cost of a proposed increase in firefighter retirement benefits administered through LOPFI.

This Ordinance authorizes only the Valuation. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to approve, adopt, implement, or obligate the City to any pension benefit increase. Any benefit increase may be pursued only after receipt of the Valuation and only in accordance with all applicable state law requirements, including any required approvals, filings, and effective-date limitations.

**SECTION 2. Authorization of Payment; Funding Source; Not-to-Exceed Amount.**

The City Council hereby authorizes payment of the actual cost of the Valuation, as invoiced by LOPFI and/or the Arkansas Fire and Police Pension Review Board ("PRB") (or their authorized actuarial service provider through an invoice issued by LOPFI/PRB), in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00.

Payment shall be made from the local account into which the City deposits fire pension millage and other revenues collected for firefighter retirement purposes only to the extent such payment constitutes a permissible payment to the System for employee coverage administered under the System. If for any reason payment from that account is not legally permissible, payment is authorized from the City's general fund or other lawful municipal source as determined by the City.

**SECTION 3.** The Mayor, City Clerk, or their authorized designee are hereby authorized to execute any documents reasonably necessary to request, obtain, and pay for the Valuation, and to take administrative actions consistent with this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4. Repealer.**

All ordinances, resolutions, and parts thereof in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 5. Severability.**

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 6. Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 23rd day of February 2026.

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Tom Farmer, Mayor

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Cindy Stracener, City Clerk

## ORDINANCE NO. 4 OF 2026

### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF BENTON ZONING ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE NO. 14 OF 2017, AS AMENDED) TO AMEND SECTION 7.022 (S-SCHOOL ZONING DISTRICT); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

**WHEREAS**, the City of Benton, Arkansas (the “City”), has adopted and periodically amended Ordinance No. 14 of 2017 (the “Zoning Ordinance”) pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-56-401 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, City Community Development staff has requested an amendment to Section 7.022 (S—School Zoning District) to clarify the intent of the district and the process for review of improvements on property zoned S—School; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on February 5, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., after publication of notice in a newspaper having bona fide circulation in Saline County, Arkansas, and made its recommendation to the City Council regarding the proposed amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that the amendment set forth below promotes the public health, safety, and welfare and is consistent with the City’s adopted plans and the purposes of the Zoning Ordinance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENTON, ARKANSAS:**

**SECTION 1: Amendment.** Section 7.022 of Ordinance No. 14 of 2017, as amended, is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows (new language integrated):

Section 7.022 - S – School

A. Intent and Purpose

The school zoning district is reserved for lands owned by **public** school systems and which are used for school related activities. The school zoning district is intended to provide a zone with the flexibility to allow for the variety of activities associated with school properties, including but not limited to rooms for class room instruction, offices for administration, student assembly facilities, cafeterias, sporting facilities, and maintenance facilities. The layout of school properties should attempt to optimize the learning experience and safety of students, while also maximizing compatibility with surrounding neighborhoods and local traffic patterns. The S-School zoning district shall not be applied to school district owned properties which do not contain educational facilities for students.

**B. Site plan approval process**

~~Site plan approval by the Planning Commission will be required for all improvements having significant impacts on districts abutting the S-School district. The determination of which improvements require site plan approval by the Planning Commission will be made by the~~

~~Director of Community Development. The Planning Commission shall make a recommendation to the City Council to either approve, approve with modification, defer, or deny a S-School site plan.~~

**SECTION 2. Repealer.** All ordinances, resolutions, or parts thereof in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions that can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared severable.

**SECTION 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after its passage and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February 2026.

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Tom Farmer, Mayor

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Cindy Stracener, City Clerk

## **Section 7.021 - OS – Open Space**

### **A. Intent and Purpose**

The open space district protects areas which are inappropriate for development due to physical constraints, as well as areas which are to be protected as parkland.

### **B. The Open Space district is to apply to:**

1. Public and private parks which comprise a significant component of the cities open space network.
2. Greenways identified on the comprehensive plan.
3. Buffer zones between incompatible uses.
4. Areas which are inappropriate for urban development due to physical constraints, such as areas with steep slopes or wetland areas.

C. Accessory buildings used for recreation or maintenance of open spaces in non-city owned open spaces may cover no more than 10% of the area of the open space.

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JASON STATES MORE LEGISLATIVE ITEMS COMING FORWARD.

02.05.2026				
School Zone Changes				
		Voter	YES	NO
1	Member	Carl West	X	
2	Member	Brett Chumley	X	
3	Member	Lois Burks	X	
4	Member	Darrell Wood	absent	
5	Member	John Clements	X	
6	Member	Pamela Gibson	X	
7	Chairman	Jim Stilwell	chairman	
8	Member	Mark Chilton	X	
9	Member	Andy Warford	absent	

BAXTER DRENNON CLARIFIES  
 - make everything equal to follow law.

Nomination
Motion <b>CARL WEST</b>
Second <b>LOIS BURKS</b>

Nomination
Motion
Second

**ORDINANCE NO. 5 OF 2026**

**AN ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY AT 707 COLUMBIA ROAD IN THE CITY OF BENTON, SALINE COUNTY, ARKANSAS, FROM C2-GENERAL COMMERCIAL TO R5-MULTI FAMILY DISTRICT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, Shawn Hipskind (the “Applicant”) filed an application with the Planning Commission of the City of Benton, Arkansas (the “Planning Commission”) requesting that the property described in Exhibit A and located at 707 Columbia Ave in the City of Benton be rezoned from C2 to R5; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the City’s zoning ordinance and applicable Arkansas law, the Planning Commission set the application for public hearing on February 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.; notice of the public hearing was published in a newspaper of general circulation in Saline County, Arkansas, and notice was provided to property owners or lessees within 300 feet of the Property, as required; and

**WHEREAS**, following the public hearing, the Planning Commission recommended that the City Council approve the requested rezoning; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that the requested rezoning is consistent with the City’s planning objectives and zoning regulations, and that the public notice and hearing requirements have been satisfied.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENTON, ARKANSAS:**

**SECTION 1: Rezoning; Amendment of Zoning Map.**

The Property described in Exhibit A is hereby rezoned from C2-General Commercial to R5-Multi-Family District. The Official Zoning Map of the City is amended accordingly.

**SECTION 2. Repealer.**

All ordinances, resolutions, and parts thereof in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 3. Severability.**

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4. Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days from and after its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 23rd day of February 2026.

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Tom Farmer, Mayor

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Cindy Stracener, City Clerk

**Exhibit A**

**Address: 707 Columbia Ave Benton, AR 72015**

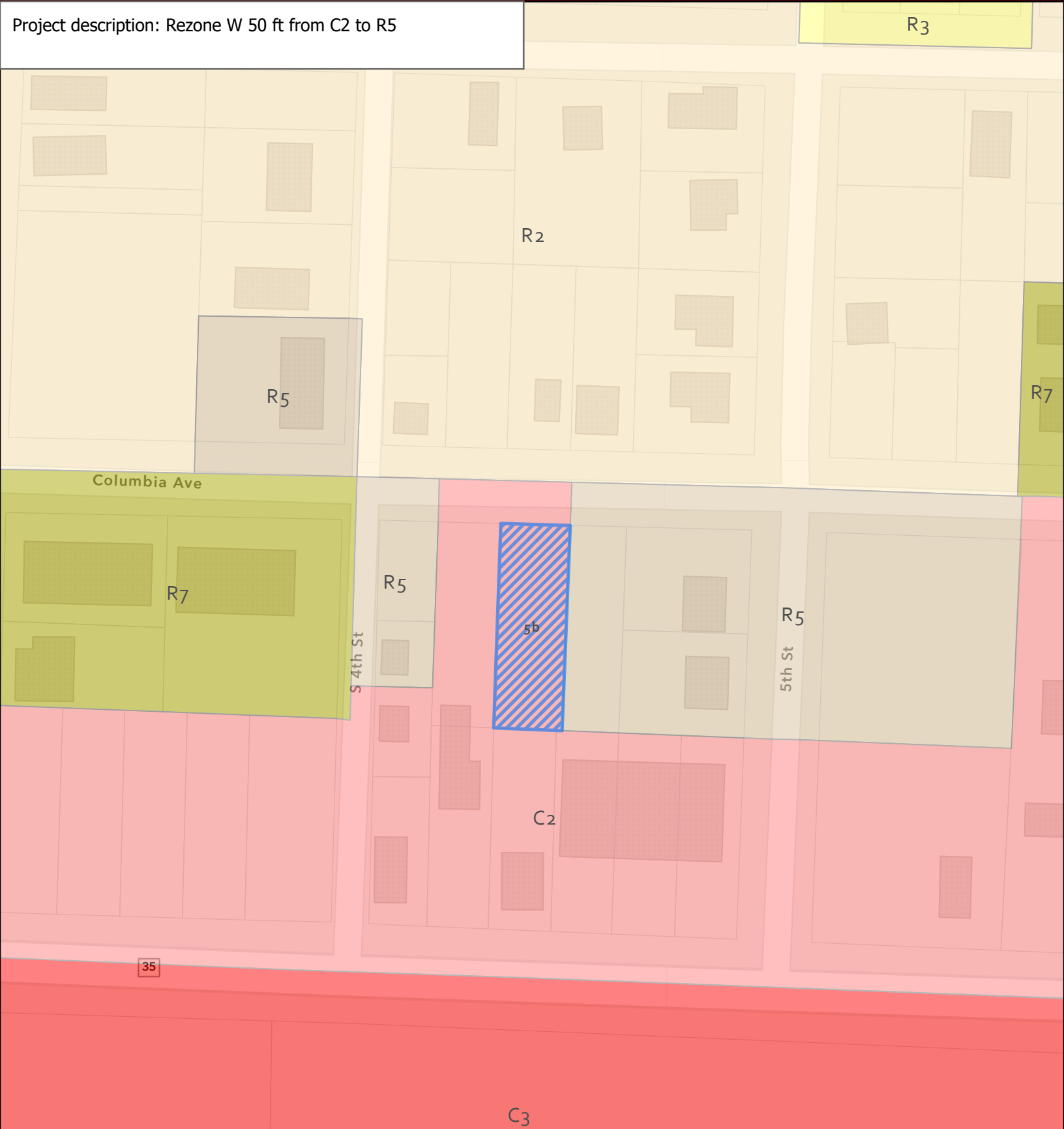
**Lots 3 Neely Sub**

**Parcel Numbers: #800-48926-000 (East Half); .19 acres +/-**



Applicant: James Brown  
Location: 707 Columbia Ave; City Ward: 2  
Parcel #: 800-48926-000  
707 Columbia Rezoning  
Agenda Item: 5b

Project description: Rezone W 50 ft from C2 to R5



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MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Chelsea Matthews  
City Planner

DATE: February 2026

RE: 707 Columbia Ave [Rezone from C2 to R5]

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City of Benton Planning Commission met in regular session to discuss the above referenced application. This application proposed a rezone of a property from C2 [General Commercial] to R5 [Multi Family] zone.

**Planning Commission Recommendation:**

- Approval

**Reason for Recommendation:**

- R5 zone is abutting this property to the East.
- C2 zone is not viewed as appropriate along residential streets.

**Other Information:**

- This property was previously used as a business to store vehicles in conjunction with the business located on Edison Ave. The properties beside 707 Columbia are currently being used as residential [R5] properties. I recommend approval so that the properties are consecutively zoned and the property can be cleaned up and a residential dwelling can be built.

02.03.2026				
707 Columbia Rd [Rezone from C2 to R5]				
	Voter		YES	NO
1	Member	Carl West	X	
2	Member	Brett Chumley	X	
3	Member	Lois Burks	X	
4	Member	Darrell Wood		
5	Member	John Clements	X	
6	Member	Pamela Gibson	X	
7	Chairman	Jim Stilwell		
8	Member	Mark Chilton	X	
9	Member	Andy Warford	X	

A. WARFORD REJOINING

T. PHILLIPS IN FAVOR

Nomination
Motion P.O.
Second C.W

Nomination
Motion
Second

**ORDINANCE NO. 6 OF 2026**

**AN ORDINANCE REZONING 30.26 ACRES ALONG SLEEPY VILLAGE ROAD IN THE CITY OF BENTON, SALINE COUNTY, ARKANSAS, FROM LI-LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO R3-SINGLE FAMILY DISTRICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, Jonathan Hope, Hope Consulting (the “Applicant”) filed an application with the Planning Commission of the City of Benton, Arkansas (the “Planning Commission”) requesting that the property described in Exhibit A and located at parcel #805-06081-000 in the City of Benton, Arkansas, be rezoned from LI-Light Industrial to R3-Single Family District; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the City’s zoning ordinance and applicable Arkansas law, the Planning Commission set the application for public hearing on February 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.; notice of the public hearing was published in a newspaper of general circulation in Saline County, Arkansas, and notice was provided to property owners or lessees within 300 feet of the Property, as required; and

**WHEREAS**, following the public hearing, the Planning Commission recommended that the City Council approve the requested rezoning; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that the requested rezoning is consistent with the City’s planning objectives and zoning regulations, and that the public notice and hearing requirements have been satisfied.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENTON, ARKANSAS:**

**SECTION 1: Rezoning; Amendment of Zoning Map.**

The Property described in Exhibit A is hereby rezoned from LI-Light Industrial to R3-Single Family District. The Official Zoning Map of the City is amended accordingly.

**SECTION 2. Repealer.**

All ordinances, resolutions, and parts thereof in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 3. Severability.**

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4. Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days from and after its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 23rd day of February 2026.

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Tom Farmer, Mayor

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Cindy Stracener, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

Address: Northside Sleepy Village Rd

**Legal Description:** A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (NW1/4, SE1/4) AND THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (NE1/4, SE1/4) OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP

1 SOUTH, RANGE 14 WEST, CITY OF BENTON, SALINE COUNTY, ARKANSAS, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A RAILROAD SPIKE AND THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NW1/4, SE1/4 OF SECTION 32; THENCE NORTH 03°03'50" EAST A DISTANCE OF 1,320.49 FEET TO A FND. 5/8" REBAR & CAP (PS

1506) AND THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NW1/4, SE1/4; THENCE SOUTH 88°24'29" EAST A DISTANCE OF 1,310.51 FEET TO A SET 1/2" REBAR & CAP (PS 1664) AND THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID NW1/4, SE1/4;

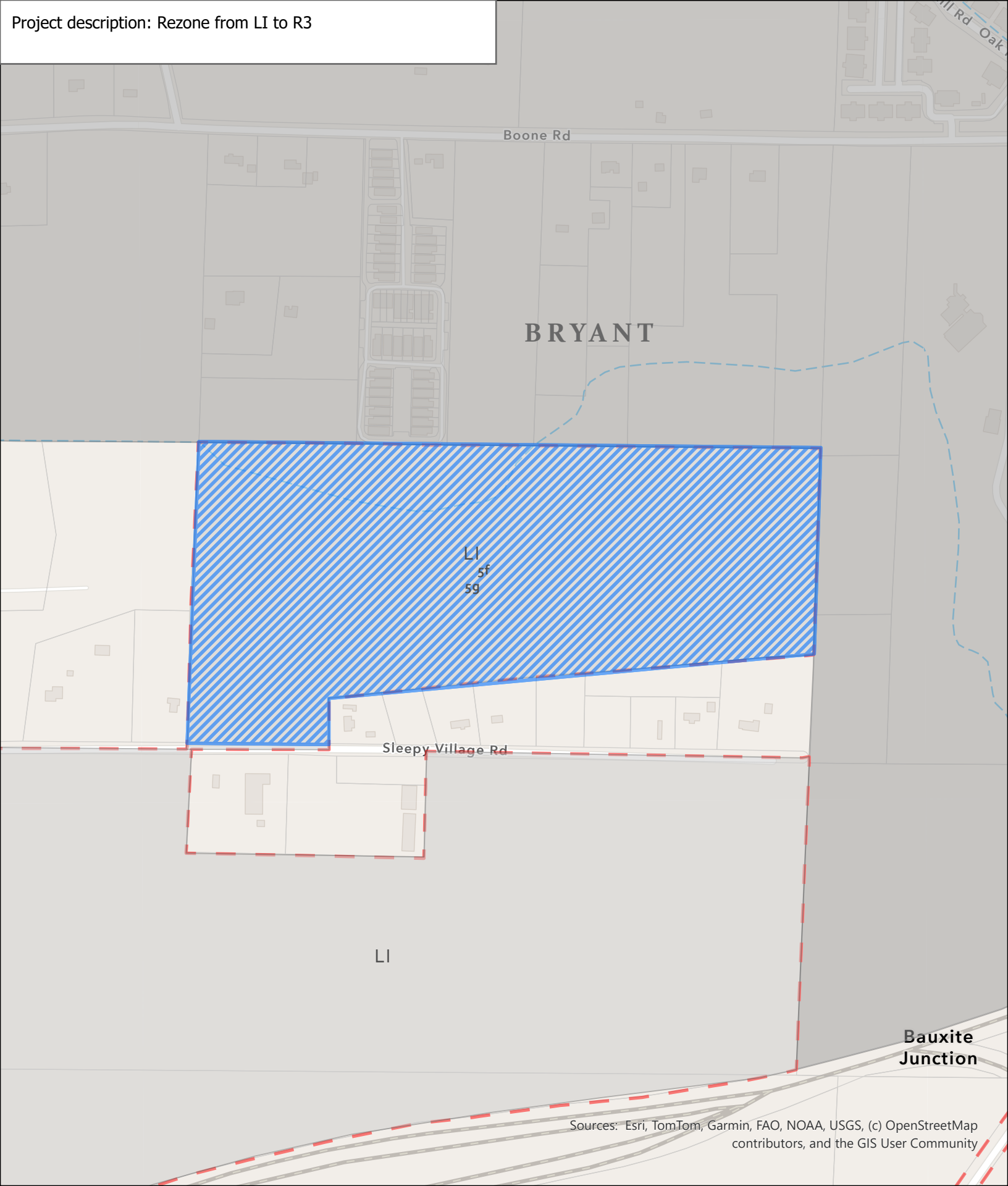
THENCE SOUTH 88°24'29" EAST A DISTANCE OF 1,310.51 FEET TO A SET 1/2" REBAR & CAP (PS 1664) AND THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID NE1/4, SE1/4; THENCE SOUTH 02°46'13" WEST, ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE THEREOF, A DISTANCE OF 866.76 FEET TO A SET 1/2" REBAR & CAP (PS 1664); THENCE SOUTH 86°09'35" WEST A DISTANCE OF 996.44 FEET TO A FND. 1" PINCHED PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 85°55'10" WEST A DISTANCE OF 201.65 FEET TO A FND. 3/4" PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 85°54'37" WEST A DISTANCE OF 656.30 FEET TO A FND. 1" PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 85°36'16" WEST A DISTANCE OF 179.52 FEET TO A SET 1/2" REBAR & CAP (PS 1664);

THENCE SOUTH 01°44'05" WEST A DISTANCE OF 250.00 FEET TO A SET 1/2" REBAR & CAP (PS 1664); THENCE NORTH 88°55'28" WEST A DISTANCE OF 612.27 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; CONTAINING 2,743,985.49 SQUARE FEET, OR 62.99 ACRES, MORE



Applicant: HK Holdings LLC  
Location: 5400 Sleepy Village Rd; City Ward: 1  
Parcel #: 805-06081-000  
Gails Ridge Rezoning  
Agenda Item: 5f

Project description: Rezone from LI to R3



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MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Chelsea Matthews  
City Planner

DATE: February 2026

RE: **Gail's Ridge [Parcel #805-06081-000; Rezone from LI to R3]**

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City of Benton Planning Commission met in regular session to discuss the above referenced application. This application proposed a rezone of a property from LI [Light Industrial] to R3 [Single Family District]. This property is located across the street from the other requested rezone along Sleepy Village Road.

**Planning Commission Recommendation:**

- Approval

**Reason for Recommendation:**

- Surrounding zones are residential.

**Other Information:**

- This property is currently a vacant piece of land abutting the City of Bryant [Bishop Park] and County properties [VFW]. In order to protect the integrity of the surrounding residential properties, I recommend approval so that single family dwellings can be built on this property instead of warehousing space allowed in LI zones. While R3 allows for smaller lot sizes [3,500 square foot minimum] compared to our normal R2 single family zone [7,000 square foot minimum], the preliminary plat that was submitted shows an average lot size of over 7,000 square feet. The purpose for the R3 zone request is due to some of the lots being under 7,000 square feet [6,000+ square feet in interior and side lots].

02.03.2026				
Gail's Ridge [Rezone from LI to R3]				
	Voter		YES	NO
1	Member	Carl West	X	
2	Member	Brett Chumley	X	
3	Member	Lois Burks	X	
4	Member	Darrell Wood		
5	Member	John Clements	X	
6	Member	Pamela Gibson	X	
7	Chairman	Jim Stilwell		
8	Member	Mark Chilton	X	
9	Member	Andy Warford	X	

J. HOPE in favor  
20 years ago, tried  
to pass, the council  
decided not to.

will include over  
3,000 F of improved  
streets.

Nomination
Motion A.W
Second C.W.

MANY MINASKON  
SPEAKS AGAINST.  
WANTS TO KEEP SMALL  
COMMUNITY.  
DOES NOT WANT additional  
TRAFFIC.

Nomination
Motion
Second

J. MINASKON  
owns a lot on rocky village  
wants quiet land.  
traffic increases will  
cause problems.  
inherited land through  
granddad to dad.  
wants to oppose

**ORDINANCE NO. 7 OF 2026**

**AN ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY ALONG LONGVIEW STREET IN THE CITY OF BENTON, SALINE COUNTY, ARKANSAS, FROM R2-SINGLE FAMILY DISTRICT DETACHED HOUSING TO R5-MULTI FAMILY DISTRICT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, Tyler Billson (the “Applicant”) filed an application with the Planning Commission of the City of Benton, Arkansas (the “Planning Commission”) requesting that the property described in Exhibit A and located at 1508 Longview Street in the City of Benton, Arkansas, be rezoned from R2 – Single Family District Detached Housing to R5 – Multi-Family Residential; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the City’s zoning ordinance and applicable Arkansas law, the Planning Commission set the application for public hearing on February 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.; notice of the public hearing was published in a newspaper of general circulation in Saline County, Arkansas, and notice was provided to property owners or lessees within 300 feet of the Property, as required; and

**WHEREAS**, following the public hearing, the Planning Commission recommended that the City Council approve the requested rezoning; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that the requested rezoning is consistent with the City’s planning objectives and zoning regulations, and that the public notice and hearing requirements have been satisfied.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENTON, ARKANSAS:**

**SECTION 1: Rezoning; Amendment of Zoning Map.**

The Property described in Exhibit A is hereby rezoned from R2-Single Family District Detached Housing to R5-Multi-Family District. The Official Zoning Map of the City is amended accordingly.

**SECTION 2. Repealer.**

All ordinances, resolutions, and parts thereof in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 3. Severability.**

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4. Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days from and after its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 23rd day of February 2026.

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Tom Farmer, Mayor

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Cindy Stracener, City Clerk

**Exhibit A**

**Address: Assigned 1508 Longview**

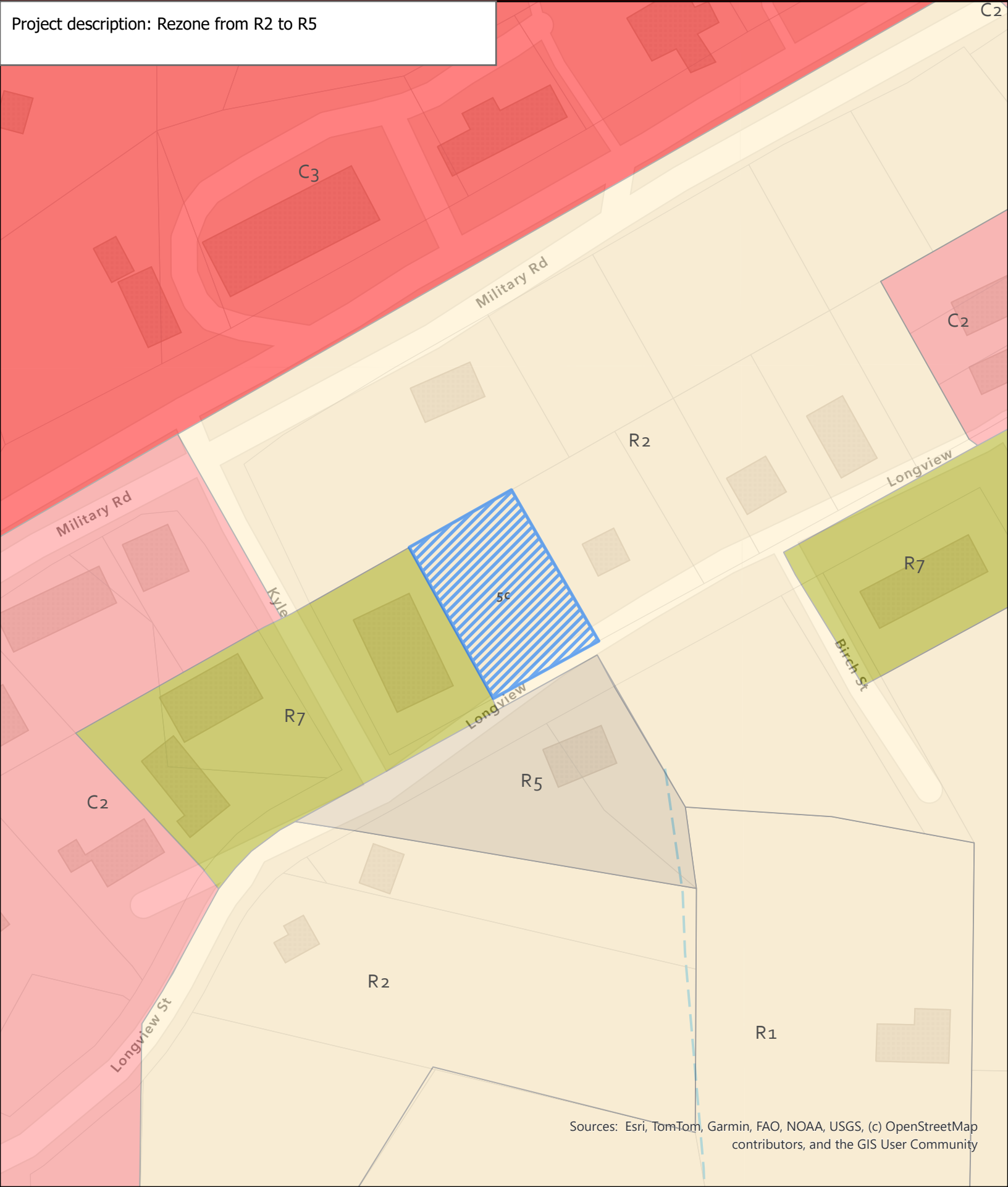
**Lots: 19 and 20 Benton Heights; Parcel #: 800-06227-000**

**Acreage: .34 acres +/-**



**Applicant: Tyler Billson**  
**Location: 1508 Longview St; City Ward: 1**  
**Parcel #: 800-06227-000**  
**1508 Longview Rezoning**  
**Agenda Item: 5c**

Project description: Rezone from R2 to R5



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MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Chelsea Matthews  
City Planner

DATE: February 2026

RE: **Longview [Rezone from R2 to R5]**

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City of Benton Planning Commission met in regular session to discuss the above referenced application. This application proposed a rezone of a property from R2 [Single Family District Detached Housing] to R5 [Multi Family] zone.

**Planning Commission Recommendation:**

- Approval

**Reason for Recommendation:**

- Multi-Family zones are abutting this property on the West side and across the street.

**Other Information:**

- This property is currently a vacant piece of land with a R7 [Multi Family] apartment complex to the West of it and a R5 [Multi Family] duplex across the street. I recommend approving this rezone so that there is a smaller residential density buffer of R5 between the apartment complex and the single-family property to the East. R5 zones allow up to 4 residential units.

T. BILLSON in FAVOR

QUADRIX

~~QUADRIX~~

02.03.2026				
Longview Street [Rezone from R2 to R5]				
	Voter		YES	NO
1	Member	Carl West	X	
2	Member	Brett Chumley	X	
3	Member	Lois Burks	X	
4	Member	Darrell Wood	.	
5	Member	John Clements	X	
6	Member	Pamela Gibson	X	
7	Chairman	Jim Stilwell		
8	Member	Mark Chilton	X	
9	Member	Andy Warford	X	

Nomination
Motion C.W
Second <del>QUADRIX</del> . M.C

Nomination
Motion
Second

**ORDINANCE NO. 8 OF 2026**

**AN ORDINANCE REZONING APPROXIMATELY 62.99 ACRES LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF SLEEPY VILLAGE ROAD IN THE CITY OF BENTON, SALINE COUNTY, ARKANSAS, FROM LI LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO R-3 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT; AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, Jonathan Hope, Hope Consulting (the “Applicant”) filed an application with the Planning Commission of the City of Benton, Arkansas (the “Planning Commission”) requesting that the property described in Exhibit A and generally located on the north side of Sleepy Village Road (the “Property”) be rezoned from LI Light Industrial District to R-3 Single-Family Residential District; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the City’s zoning ordinance and applicable Arkansas law, the Planning Commission set the application for public hearing on February 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.; notice of the public hearing was published in a newspaper of general circulation in Saline County, Arkansas, and notice was provided to property owners or lessees within 300 feet of the Property, as required; and

**WHEREAS**, following the public hearing, the Planning Commission recommended that the City Council approve the requested rezoning; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that the requested rezoning is consistent with the City’s planning objectives and zoning regulations, and that the public notice and hearing requirements have been satisfied.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENTON, ARKANSAS:**

**SECTION 1. Rezoning; Amendment of Zoning Map.**

The Property described in Exhibit A is hereby rezoned from LI Light Industrial District to R-3 Single-Family Residential District. The Official Zoning Map of the City is amended accordingly.

**SECTION 2. Repealer.**

All ordinances, resolutions, and parts thereof in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 3. Severability.**

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4. Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days from and after its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of February, 2026.

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Tom Farmer, Mayor

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Cindy Stracener, City Clerk

Exhibit A

Address: Southside of Sleepy Village Rd

**Legal Description:** A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW1/4, SW1/4), AND THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SE1/4, SW1/4) OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 14 WEST, CITY OF BENTON, SALINE COUNTY, ARKANSAS, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

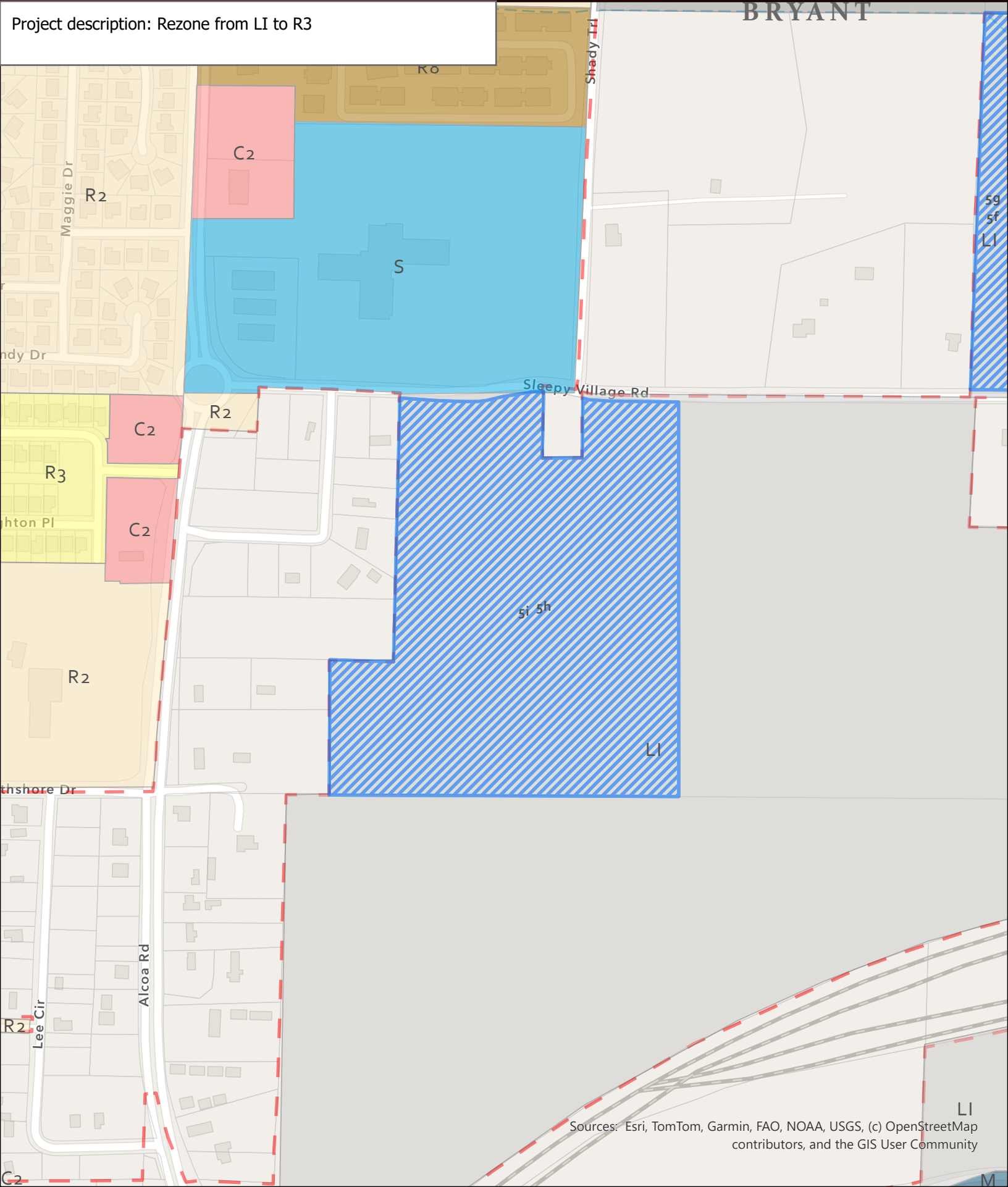
BEGINNING AT A 1/2" REBAR & CAP (PS 1664) AND THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SW1/4, SW1/4 OF SECTION 32; THENCE NORTH 89°29'07" WEST ALONG THE SOUTHERLY LINE THEREOF A DISTANCE OF 791.98 FEET TO A 3" PIPE; THENCE NORTH 00°33'19" EAST LEAVING SAID SOUTHERLY LINE A DISTANCE OF 247.45 FEET TO A 2" PIPE;

THENCE NORTH 00°33'19" EAST A DISTANCE OF 168.38 FEET TO A SET 1/2" REBAR & CAP (PS 1664); THENCE SOUTH 89°52'25" EAST A DISTANCE OF 206.21 FEET TO A 2" PIPE; THENCE NORTH 02°47'55" EAST A DISTANCE OF 297.79 FEET TO A 5/8" REBAR; THENCE NORTH 01°19'24" EAST A DISTANCE OF 303.03 FEET TO A 5/8" REBAR; THENCE NORTH 04°13'00" EAST A DISTANCE OF 310.80 FEET TO A 1" PIPE ON THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID SW1/4, SW1/4; THENCE SOUTH 89°13'26" EAST ALONG SAID NORTHERLY LINE A DISTANCE OF 496.01 FEET TO A SET 1/2" REBAR & CAP (PS 1664); THENCE SOUTH 03°04'30" WEST LEAVING SAID NORTHERLY LINE A DISTANCE OF 207.19 FEET TO A 3/4" PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 89°08'57" EAST A DISTANCE OF 104.51 FEET TO A 1" PIPE ON THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID SW1/4, SW1/4; THENCE NORTH 03°12'31" EAST A DISTANCE OF 207.35 FEET TO A 2" PIPE AND THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SW1/4, SW1/4; THENCE SOUTH 88°57'32" EAST ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID SE1/4, SW1/4 A DISTANCE OF 325.01 FEET TO A SET 1/2" REBAR & CAP (PS 1664); THENCE SOUTH 00°59'41" WEST LEAVING SAID NORTHERLY LINE A DISTANCE OF 1,322.25 FEET TO A SET 1/2" REBAR & CAP (PS 1664) ON THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID SE1/4, SW1/4; THENCE NORTH 89°29'07" WEST ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY LINE A DISTANCE OF 365.65 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; CONTAINING 1,318,341.21 SQUARE FEET, OR 30.26 ACRES +/-



Applicant: HK Holdings LLC  
Location: 4755 Sleepy Village Rd; City Ward: 1  
Parcel #: 805-06079-000  
Madeleine Grove Rezoning  
Agenda Item: 5h

Project description: Rezone from LI to R3



Sources: Esri, TomTom, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community

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MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Chelsea Matthews  
City Planner

DATE: February 2026

RE: **Madeleine Grove [Parcel #805-06079-000; Rezone from LI to R3]**

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City of Benton Planning Commission met in regular session to discuss the above referenced application. This application proposed a rezone of a property from LI [Light Industrial] to R3 [Single Family District]. This property is located across the street from the other requested rezone along Sleepy Village Road.

**Planning Commission Recommendation:**

- Approval

**Reason for Recommendation:**

- Surrounding zones are residential.

**Other Information:**

- This property is currently a vacant piece of land abutting the City of Bryant [Bishop Park] and County properties [VFW]. In order to protect the integrity of the surrounding residential properties, I recommend approval so that single family dwellings can be built on this property instead of warehousing space allowed in LI zones. While R3 allows for smaller lot sizes [3,500 square foot minimum] compared to our normal R2 single family zone [7,000 square foot minimum], the preliminary plat that was submitted shows an average lot size of over 7,000 square feet. The purpose for the R3 zone request is due to some of the lots being under 7,000 square feet [6,000+ square feet in interior and side lots].

J. HOPE in  
FAVOR

02.03.2026				
Madeleine Grove [Rezone from LI to R3]				
	Voter		YES	NO
1	Member	Carl West	X	
2	Member	Brett Chumley	X	
3	Member	Lois Burks	X	
4	Member	Darrell Wood		
5	Member	John Clements	X	
6	Member	Pamela Gibson	X	
7	Chairman	Jim Stilwell		
8	Member	Mark Chilton	X	
9	Member	Andy Warford	X	

Nomination
Motion C.W
Second M.C

Nomination
Motion
Second

**ORDINANCE NO. 9 OF 2026**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AN APPEAL TO THE BENTON CITY COUNCIL FROM A DECISION OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT DENYING A SIGN VARIANCE (OR PERMIT/DECISION) UNDER THE BENTON SIGN REGULATIONS (ORDINANCE NO. 42 OF 2020); SETTING THE APPEAL FOR CITY COUNCIL HEARING ON FEBRUARY 23, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Benton has adopted sign regulations by Ordinance No. 42 of 2020 (“Sign Regulations”);

**WHEREAS**, the Sign Regulations provide that if the Board of Adjustment refuses a variance or decision, the applicant may appeal that decision to the City Council, subject to the deadlines and submission requirements stated in Section 6.08, and further provide that the City Council shall grant only the minimum variance required to make possible the request, consistent with the ordinance’s purpose and intent and the public welfare;

**WHEREAS**, on February 3rd, 2026, the Board of Adjustment issued a decision in Case No. VAR-26-2 (the “Board Decision”) denying (or refusing) the requested sign variance (or denying a permit/decision) for property located at 1709 Military Rd (the “Property”); and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant, Gene Morris (DHR Group-Sonic) (“Appellant”), submitted a written appeal of the Board Decision to the Community Development Department on February 6th, 2026, and City staff has determined that the appeal was submitted in compliance with the applicable timing and submission requirements stated in Section 6.08 of the Sign Regulations (including submission within the stated period from the Board’s decision and in time for City Council agenda consideration);

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENTON, ARKANSAS:**

**SECTION 1. INCORPORATION OF RECITALS.**

The recitals above are incorporated as findings of the City Council as if fully set forth herein.

**SECTION 2. APPEAL GRANTED; MATTER DOCKETED FOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW.**

Pursuant to Section 6.08 of the Benton Sign Regulations (Ordinance No. 42 of 2020), the City Council hereby GRANTS the Appellant’s request to take an appeal from the Board Decision, and the appeal is accepted/docketed for City Council consideration under the Sign Regulations.

**SECTION 3. HEARING / CONSIDERATION DATE; NOTICE; RECORD.**

(A) The City Council heard and considered the appeal at a public meeting of the City Council on FEBRUARY 23, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., at 410 River St, Benton, Arkansas.

(B) The City Clerk and/or Community Development Department has to provided notice of the City Council hearing/consideration to the Appellant and any other persons entitled to notice under City policy and applicable law, and assembled for the City Council the Board of Adjustment record and materials relevant to the appeal.

**SECTION 4. SCOPE OF CITY COUNCIL ACTION; MINIMUM RELIEF.**

Consistent with Ordinance No. 42 of 2020, when the City Council grants relief on the appeal, the City Council must grant only the minimum variance or relief required to make possible the variance request, provided that any relief granted is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Sign Regulations and is not injurious to the neighborhood or otherwise detrimental to the public welfare.

**SECTION 5. RELIEF GRANTED.**

In accordance with the Appellant’s request, the City Council has granted the appeal, approving the variance requested.

**SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.**

If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions which can be given effect without the invalid provision.

**SECTION 7. REPEALER.**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days from and after its passage and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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Tom Farmer, Mayor

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Cindy Stracener, City Clerk

**ORDINANCE NO. 10 OF 2026**

**AN ORDINANCE WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZING BENTON UTILITIES TO PURCHASE TWO REPLACEMENT HORIZONTAL CENTRIFUGAL SKID-MOUNTED PUMPS WITH 150 HP HORIZONTAL ELECTRIC MOTORS FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, Benton Utilities operates and maintains the City’s Water Treatment Plant, which is essential to the provision of safe and reliable potable water to the citizens of Benton, Arkansas; and

**WHEREAS**, Benton Utilities has an immediate need to purchase two (2) replacement horizontal centrifugal skid-mounted pumps with 150 horsepower horizontal electric motors to maintain continued and uninterrupted operation of the Water Treatment Plant; and

**WHEREAS**, Ideal Pump & Services has been determined to be the sole source provider capable of supplying the specific replacement pumps and associated services required for compatibility with the existing system; and

**WHEREAS**, because of the sole-source nature of the equipment and the operational necessity of timely replacement, competitive bidding is not feasible or practical under the circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Benton, Arkansas, finds that waiving competitive bidding and authorizing this purchase is in the best interest of the City and its residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENTON, ARKANSAS:**

**SECTION 1. Authorization of Purchase.**

Benton Utilities is hereby authorized to purchase two (2) replacement horizontal centrifugal skid-mounted pumps with 150 horsepower horizontal electric motors for the Water Treatment Plant from Ideal Pump & Services, 3102 S. Main Street, Stuttgart, Arkansas 72160, at a total purchase price not to exceed Ninety-Six Thousand Dollars (\$96,000.00).

**SECTION 2. Waiver of Competitive Bidding.**

Pursuant to applicable Arkansas law, the City Council hereby finds that competitive bidding for this purchase is not feasible or practical due to the sole-source nature of the equipment and the immediate operational need, and the requirement for competitive bidding is therefore waived.

**SECTION 3. Ratification.**

All actions taken by Benton Utilities and City staff prior to the adoption of this ordinance that are consistent with the authority granted herein are hereby approved, ratified, and confirmed.

**SECTION 4. Severability.**

If any provision of this ordinance is declared invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this ordinance.

**SECTION 5. Effective Date.**

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of February, 2026.

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Tom Farmer, Mayor

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Cindy Stracener, City Clerk



## IDEAL PUMP & SERVICES

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DATE: September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

PREPARED FOR: Benton Water

### SCOPE:

-Replacement of Horizontal Centrifugal skid mounted pump w/ 150HP Horizontal Electric Motor

### Equipment Provided:

-Xylem/Goulds eXC4x6x10-150H5D?NTN-WA1XCFG4BFB - T  
(See attached Specification/Drawing)

\$48,000/ea

12-16 Weeks

Total Equipment - \$96,000

\*\*This includes delivery to your plant.\*\*

~~Estimated Cost to install and fit pipe with...~~

Respectfully,

**Randy Bednar**

[randy.bednar@theidealpump.com](mailto:randy.bednar@theidealpump.com)

**ORDINANCE NO. 11 OF 2026**

**AN ORDINANCE WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZING BENTON UTILITIES TO PURCHASE AN ULTRAVIOLET (UV) SYSTEM UPGRADE, INCLUDING INSTALLATION, AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, Benton Utilities owns, operates, and maintains the City of Benton Wastewater Treatment Plant, which is critical to protecting public health, safety, and the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, Benton Utilities has an immediate need to purchase and install an ultraviolet (UV) system upgrade at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in order to maintain compliance with operational and regulatory requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, Trojan Technologies has been determined to be the sole-source provider capable of supplying the required UV system upgrade and installation services compatible with the existing treatment system; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the sole-source nature of the equipment and services and the need for timely completion of the upgrade, competitive bidding is not feasible or practical; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Benton, Arkansas, finds that approval of this purchase and the waiver of competitive bidding is in the best interest of the City and its residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENTON, ARKANSAS:**

**SECTION 1. Authorization of Purchase.**

Benton Utilities is hereby authorized to purchase a ultraviolet (UV) system upgrade, including installation, for the Wastewater Treatment Plant from Trojan Technologies, 4310 44th Street SE, Kentwood, Michigan 49512, at a total purchase price not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars and Sixteen Cents (\$100,354.16).

**SECTION 2. Waiver of Competitive Bidding.**

The City Council hereby finds that competitive bidding for the purchase authorized herein is not feasible or practical due to the sole-source nature of the equipment and services, and therefore the requirement of competitive bidding is waived pursuant to applicable Arkansas law.

**SECTION 3. Ratification.**

All actions taken by Benton Utilities and City staff prior to the adoption of this ordinance that are consistent with the authority granted herein are hereby approved, ratified, and confirmed.

**SECTION 4. Severability.**

If any provision of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions.

**SECTION 5. Effective Date.**

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of February 2026.

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Tom Farmer, Mayor

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Cindy Stracener, City Clerk



**QUOTATION**  
**QM0004311**

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 Carrier/LSP :

Internal Sales Rep : Michael Williams  
 Customer No. : 100004221  
 Reference :  
 Quote Date : 11-11-2025  
 Quote Expiry Date : 02-15-2026

**ATT: Gregory Becker**  
**479-459-8560**  
**gbecker@bentonutilities.com**

Line	Project Item Description	Quantity	Price Discount %	Unit Net Price Net Amount	Tax Rate Tax Amount	Amount	
10	NON-INVENTORY NON-INVENTORY 3 Left Sided 2022 Modules (non-sensor)	3.00	14,485.00/ 10.00 % EA	13,036.50 39,109.50	0.00% 0.00	39,109.50	
20	NON-INVENTORY NON-INVENTORY 3 right sided 2022 modules (non-sensor)	3.00	14,485.00/ 10.00 % EA	13,036.50 39,109.50	0.00% 0.00	39,109.50	
30	NON-INVENTORY NON-INVENTORY left sided 2022 module (with uv sensor)	1.00	17,119.00/ 10.00 % EA	15,407.10 15,407.10	0.00% 0.00	15,407.10	
40	316702-004 LAMP P, UV3+ 22 4-PKG	1.00	2,046.75/ EA	2,046.75 2,046.75	0.00% 0.00	2,046.75	
50	SURCHARGE-M SURCHARGE-M	1.00	4,681.31/ EA	4,681.31 4,681.31	0.00% 0.00	4,681.31	
		Goods Costs	2,046.75 98,307.41	Discount Subtotal	10,402.90 100,354.16	Tax Amount 0.00	Total USD 100,354.16



**QUOTATION**  
**QM0004311**

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