

LOCATION: City of Bentonville, City Hall, Council Chambers (305 SW A Street) with virtual option

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of April 7, 2021 Minutes

Agenda Items

1. Library Needs Assessment Study
 - a. Teen Advisory Board & Northwest Arkansas Genealogical Society support
 - b. Launched <http://bplexpansion.org> microsite to public during National Library Week
 - c. Expansion update: library, city and foundation are participating in positive meetings to decided how to move forward with fundraising for the full expansion; a decision will happen mid-May
2. General City Updates
 - a. Bond Extension Information
 - i. Bond passed! City is moving forward w first series to begin design work on many projects in coming weeks
 - ii. Anticipate Library design services and construction manager services will be part of the first series
 1. We will go through RFQ process with committee selection for both
 - b. FY2022 Budget Preparation
 - i. New timeline and revised processes
 1. Submitted a 3-year Capital Improvement list
 2. Preparing a 3-year personnel plan
 3. OM budget due 5/31/2021
 4. City Council Budget Review Workshop October 18
 5. Possible: early-November approval
3. General Library Updates
 - a. 2020 Library Annual Report available online at <https://tinyurl.com/BPL-Report-2020>
 - b. BPL's Backyard – Learning Gardens and Rain Garden project approved as Master Gardeners of Benton County projects
 - i. A sunflower house plus four raised beds with a canopy for growing vegetables with edible flowers (heirloom tomatoes, peas, squash and corn)
 - ii. Installation week of May 24
 - c. Summer Reading Club: Tails and Tales
 - i. June 7 – July 31
 - ii. Event Calendar: <https://attend.bentonvillelibrary.org/events?r=thismonth>
 - iii. Register and log hours: <http://bentonvillelibrary.readsquared.com> or READsquared app
 - iv. Considering best method for incorporating a reading invitation for adults that promotes a wide variety of interests, subjects and authors
 - v. Debut the Mayor's Book Club

- d. Summer Feeding Site on veranda for hot lunches; 11A-Noon, Mon-Fri (6/7-7/31)
 - e. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) stimulus funds 2021-04.19
 - i. Federal funds distributed to Arkansas State Library \$2.66M
 - ii. \$2.5M will be distributed directly to Arkansas' public libraries through non-competitive grants
 - iii. Benton County formula based on per capita with credits for poverty levels, unemployment levels, rurality and connectivity
 - iv. Appears BPL could receive \$37,000 - \$42,000
 - v. Specific timeframe for funds with guidelines for purchasing
 - f. COVID-19 protocol update
 - i. Reinstated limited seating, 1-hour on PCs and no time limit to use facility; genealogy department open for patron use
 - g. The Boards and Commissions Ethics training recording is available at <https://youtu.be/5DK3tHsMTb0>
 - i. Please email Hadi after attending session; city would like to track virtual attendance
- 4. Friends of the Bentonville Library Report
 - 5. Bentonville Library Foundation Report

Next Meeting (TBD)

Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 1PM – discussion to cancel, reschedule or librarians lead
July and August meetings (TBD)

Adjournment

LAB Zoom Meeting Info: February – July (recurring)

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

<https://bentonville.zoom.us/j/82555950771?pwd=N2oyU29wZWtsUkhHU2VvYjZCZ0VMUT09>

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