



Bella Vista City Council Regular Meeting Agenda

Date/Time: September 22, 2025
6:00 PM

Location: Bella Vista District Court
2483 Forest Hills Blvd.

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Mayor:

John D. Flynn

City Clerk:

Wanda Lepillez Krug

Staff Attorney:

Jason Kelley

Council Members:

Ward 1, Position 1 - Travis Harp

Ward 1, Position 2 - Wendy Hughes

Ward 2, Position 1 - Shea Newport

Ward 2, Position 2 - Larry Wilms

Ward 3, Position 1 - Anna Isbell

Ward 3, Position 2 - Craig Honchell

I. Call to Order

This meeting has been given public notice in accordance with Section 25-19-106 of the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act in such form that will apprise the public and news media of subject matter presented for consideration and action.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

IV. Citizen Input

Per the rules, there is a 3 minute per person time limit to address the Council on any topic of that person's choosing. The total time allotted for citizen input is 30 minutes. Any time extension beyond the 30-minute total will be at the discretion of the City Council.

V. Council Member Reply

Any Council Members' reply to comments made during Citizen Input Session is limited to comments only and will not be a discussion period.

VI. Reports

- A. Monthly Financial Report: 7-month period ending July 31, 2025, presented by Mayor Flynn
- B. SepticSmart Week Proclamation: Mayor Flynn
- C. Childhood Cancer Awareness Proclamation: Mayor Flynn

(The Chair will entertain a motion to suspend the rules of order and procedure to allow all ordinances on the agenda to be read by title only.)

VII. Consent Agenda

- D. Approval of Minutes: August 25, 2025, City Council Regular Meeting

VIII. Unfinished Business

- E. **ORDINANCE:** ADOPTING A NEW ZONING ORDINANCE AND MAP FOR THE CITY OF BELLA VISTA (CHAPTER 109), REPEALING PRIOR ZONING ORDINANCES AND MAPS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES *Third Reading*

AMENDMENT: ADDING SMALL CELL PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS TO THE PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION

AMENDMENT: REMOVING SEPTIC TREE PRESERVATION REQUIREMENTS AS REQUESTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HARP

AMENDMENT: CLARIFYING THE FRONT YARD RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTRIC PANELS AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF

AMENDMENT: CLARIFYING SEWER UTILITY INSTALLATION DESIGN REQUIREMENTS AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF

AMENDMENT: REVISING THE PROPOSED ZONING MAP FOR BOUNDARY CLARIFICATION, FUTURE LAND USE POLICY, AND OTHER PURPOSES AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF

- F. **ORDINANCE:** ADOPTING A NEW SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF BELLA VISTA (CHAPTER 107), REPEALING THE PRIOR SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES *Third Reading*

- G. **ORDINANCE:** ESTABLISHING A BUSINESS LICENSE REQUIREMENT FOR QUALIFYING BUSINESSES OPERATING WITHIN THE CITY, PROVIDING FOR CLASSES AND EXEMPTIONS, REQUIRING ANNUAL RENEWAL, ESTABLISHING FEES, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES *Second Reading*

IX. New Business

See meeting packet for complete ordinances and resolutions.

- H. **ORDINANCE:** AMENDING ARTICLE III PARADES OF CHAPTER 24 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLA VISTA TO PROVIDE FOR BETTER REGULATION OF SPECIAL EVENTS, TO RENAME THE ARTICLE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES
- I. **ORDINANCE:** REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2017-15, WHICH LEVIED A TAX ON HOTEL, MOTEL, AND PREPARED FOOD SALES, CREATED THE BELLA VISTA ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION COMMISSION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES
- J. **RESOLUTION:** ACCEPTING THE FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT PRESENTED BY FORVIS MAZARS, LLP FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024
- K. **RESOLUTION:** ESTABLISHING RESPECTIVE COST SHARING OF HEALTH BENEFITS BETWEEN THE CITY OF BELLA VISTA AND CERTAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FIRE DEPARTMENT RETIREES AND THEIR DEPENDENTS
- L. **RESOLUTION:** AUTHORIZING AND LEVYING THE MILLAGE RATE OF AD VALOREM REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX FOR THE CITY OF BELLA VISTA, ARKANSAS FOR THE YEAR 2025 TO BE COLLECTED IN 2026

X. Announcements

- Next City Council Work Session: 5:30 pm Monday, October 20, at Bella Vista District Court
- Next City Council Regular Meeting: 6:00 pm Monday, October 27, at Bella Vista District Court
- Planning Commission Work Session: 4:30 pm Thursday, October 2, at Bella Vista District Court
- Planning Commission Regular Meeting: 4:30 pm, or immediately following BZA, Monday, October 13, at Bella Vista District Court
- Board of Construction Appeals: 3:00 pm Tuesday, October 14, if necessary, at Fire Station #4 Conference Rm, 1639 Forest Hills Blvd.

XI. Adjournment

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