



Bella Vista City Council Regular Meeting Agenda

Date/Time: September 28, 2026
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 through July 31, 2026: Mayor Flynn
- B. Fly Tyers 50th Anniversary Proclamation: Mayor Flynn
- C. Bella Vista Men's Chorus 50th Anniversary Proclamation: Mayor Flynn
- D. Bella Vista Animal Shelter Certificate of Recognition to Nancy Cullins: 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

- E. Approval of Minutes: August 24, 2026, City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
- F. **RESOLUTION:** AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH P&K EQUIPMENT, INC., PURSUANT TO A SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT, FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) NEW JOHN DEERE 5075M UTILITY TRACTOR WITH ROTARY CUTTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,860.36 FOR USE BY THE STREET DEPARTMENT.

VIII. Unfinished Business

- G. **ORDINANCE:** AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2017-15 TO REDUCE THE PREPARED FOOD AND BEVERAGE TAX RATE FROM ONE PERCENT (1%) TO ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT (0.5%), AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES *Second Reading*

IX. New Business

See meeting packet for complete ordinances and resolutions.

- H. **ORDINANCE:** PROHIBITING THE CITY OF BELLA VISTA FROM ACQUIRING OR ACTIVATING AN AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READER SYSTEM OR FACIAL RECOGNITION AND IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES
- I. **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 2026 TO BE COLLECTED IN 2027
- J. **RESOLUTION:** APPROVING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JULIE DRIVER GRAU TO THE BELLA VISTA LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD TO COMPLETE AN UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2030, DUE TO A VACANCY FROM THE RESIGNATION OF KIM HONCHELL

- K. **RESOLUTION:** APPROVING THE BELLA VISTA ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION COMMISSION'S APPOINTMENT OF GUADALUPE SICAIROS-MEZA AS A TOURISM INDUSTRY POSITION COMMISSIONER REPLACING MELISSA WELLS

X. Announcements

- Next City Council Work Session: 6:00 pm Monday, October 19, at Bella Vista District Court
- Next City Council Regular Meeting: 6:00 pm Monday, October 26, at Bella Vista District Court
- Planning Commission Work Session: 4:30 pm Thursday, October 1, at Bella Vista District Court
- Planning Commission Regular Meeting: 4:30 pm, or immediately following BZA, Monday, October 12, at Bella Vista District Court
- Board of Construction Appeals: 3:00 pm Tuesday, October 13, if necessary, at Fire Station #1 Conference Rm, 103 Town Center.

XI. Adjournment

SPECIAL NOTICES TO THE PUBLIC: Upon reasonable notice, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals through appropriate aids and services. To request this service, contact City Clerk prior to each meeting at 479-876-1255.



Financial Reports for the seven - month
period ending July 31, 2026



	General Fund		Street Fund	
	As of July 2026	As of July 2025	As of July 2026	As of July 2025
ASSETS				
Cash and Cash Equivalents				
General Fund Available	2,913,134			
Cash Reserve Requirement	6,861,125			
Cash Impact Fee Restricted	1,071,285			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 10,845,545	\$ 12,301,414	\$ 1,842,757	\$ 1,620,705
Accounts Receivable	2,321,109	2,059,677	17,564	14,230
Other Assets	984,800	76,047		
Interfund Receivables	458,408			
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 14,609,862	\$ 14,437,138	\$ 1,860,321	\$ 1,634,935
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	191,731	406,751	408,505	14,149
Other Payables	731,193	548,116		
Interfund Payables	108,355	106,460	33,164	31,122
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 1,031,279	\$ 1,061,328	\$ 441,669	\$ 45,270
Fund Balances				
Restricted	\$ 514,319	\$ 852,473	\$ 1,418,651	\$ 1,589,665
Assigned	\$ 341,167	\$ 351,928		
Reserved	\$ 6,861,125			
Unassigned	\$ 5,861,973	\$ 12,171,411		
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$ 13,578,583	\$ 13,375,811	\$ 1,418,651	\$ 1,589,665
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 14,609,862	\$ 14,437,139	\$ 1,860,321	\$ 1,634,935



	GENERAL FUND				STREET FUND			
	Year-To-Date Actual Jan 2026- July 2026	Prior Year-To- Date Actual Jan 2025-July 2025	Year-To-Date Adopted Budget Jan 2026-July 2026	Budget Surplus (Deficit)	Year-To-Date Actual Jan 2026- July 2026	Prior Year-To- Date Actual Jan 2025-July 2025	Year-To-Date Adopted Budget Jan 2026-July 2026	Budget Surplus (Deficit)
REVENUES - Unrestricted/Unassigned								
State Aid	299,134	317,979	254,333	44,801				
Property Tax Revenue	2,779,410	2,501,600	2,461,320	318,090				
Franchise Fees	1,375,391	1,326,164	1,344,583	30,808				
City Sales Tax	2,977,248	2,717,303	2,770,831	206,417				
County Sales Tax - General	5,850,481	5,666,555	5,775,000	75,481				
Total Sales Tax Revenue	\$ 8,827,729	\$ 8,383,857	\$ 8,545,831	\$ 281,898				
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	119,770	118,986	113,750	6,020				
Interest Income	136,657	184,814	140,000	(3,343)				
Local permits and fees	983,491	879,752	714,234	269,257				
Solid Waste Pick Up Fees	162,082	180,639	171,500	(9,418)				
Ambulance Fees	825,928	779,736	816,665	9,263				
Other Income	110,751	76,429	28,000	82,751				
TOTAL REVENUES - OPERATING	\$ 15,620,343	\$ 14,749,957	\$ 14,590,217	\$ 1,030,126				
REVENUES - Restricted/Assigned								
County Turnback Revenues - Street					453,915	395,772	455,000	(1,085)
State Aid	71,166	70,753		71,166	1,466,214	1,484,361	1,458,333	7,880
Federal Aid (Grants, etc.)								
Impact Fees								
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	10,703	55,554		10,703				
Interest Income - Street Fund								
Other Income	19,092	24,643		19,092				
TOTAL REVENUES - RESTRICTED/ASSIGNED	\$ 100,961	\$ 150,950	\$ -	\$ 100,961	\$ 1,920,128	\$ 1,880,133	\$ 1,913,333	\$ 6,795
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 15,721,304	\$ 14,900,907	\$ 14,590,217	\$ 1,131,088	\$ 1,920,128	\$ 1,880,133	\$ 1,913,333	\$ 6,795



EXPENDITURES
OPERATING AND CAPITAL
General Government:

	GENERAL FUND				STREET FUND			
	Year-To-Date Actual Jan 2026- July 2026	Prior Year-To- Date Actual Jan 2025-July 2025	Year-To-Date Adopted Budget Jan 2026-July 2026	Budget Surplus (Deficit)	Year-To-Date Actual Jan 2026- July 2026	Prior Year-To- Date Actual Jan 2025-July 2025	Year-To-Date Adopted Budget Jan 2026-July 2026	Budget Surplus (Deficit)
Admin	628,565	600,065	650,867	22,302				
HR	241,685	231,543	284,634	42,949				
IT	673,968	644,834	615,668	(58,300)				
Admin (Admin, HR, and IT)	\$ 1,544,218	\$ 1,476,442	\$ 1,551,169	\$ 6,951				
Legal	138,907	133,953	154,390	15,483				
Court	129,742	113,895	133,511	3,769				
Legal (Legal and Court)	\$ 268,648	\$ 247,848	287,900	\$ 19,252				
Planning & Development	780,302	641,414	882,610	102,308				
Total General Government	\$ 2,593,168	\$ 2,365,705	\$ 2,721,680	\$ 128,511				
Law Enforcement (Police)	4,503,543	3,995,734	4,778,545	275,003				
Streets					1,929,316	1,850,838	2,627,416	698,100
Public Safety (Fire and Ambulance)	5,680,894	5,358,863	5,948,270	267,376				
Recreation and Culture (Library)	505,560	516,869	590,454	84,894				
Total Other Government	\$ 10,689,996	\$ 9,871,465	\$ 11,317,269	\$ 627,273	\$ 1,929,316	\$ 1,850,838	\$ 2,627,416	\$ 698,100
TOTAL OPERATING Expenditures	\$ 13,283,165	\$ 12,237,170	\$ 14,038,949	\$ 755,785	\$ 1,929,316	\$ 1,850,838	\$ 2,627,416	\$ 698,100
REVENUES OVER/ (UNDER) OPERATING EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,438,139	\$ 2,663,737	\$ 551,268	\$ 1,886,872	\$ (9,188)	\$ 29,296	\$ (714,083)	\$ 704,895
Capital Projects								
Impact Fees								
Capital Projects	1,317,123	1,135,924	1,739,536	422,414				
Total Capital Projects	\$ 1,317,123	\$ 1,135,924	\$ 1,739,536	\$ 422,414				
DEBT SERVICE:								
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$ 187,318	\$ 541,402	\$ 282,000	\$ 94,682				
TOTAL OPERATING, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT, AND DEBT SERVICE EXPENDITURES	\$ 14,787,606	\$ 13,914,496	\$ 16,060,485	\$ 1,272,879	\$ 1,929,316	\$ 1,850,838	\$ 2,627,416	\$ 698,100
REVENUES OVER/ (UNDER) EXPENDITURES BEFORE OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	\$ 933,699	\$ 986,410	\$ (1,470,268)	\$ 2,403,967	\$ (9,188)	\$ 29,296	\$ (714,083)	\$ 704,895
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Transfers In (Out) to Street Fund	(625,000)	(979,171)	(714,581)	89,581	625,000	979,171	714,583	(89,583)
Other Transfers	1,517,920							
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	\$ 892,920	\$ (979,171)	\$ (714,581)	\$ 89,581	\$ 625,000	\$ 979,171	\$ 714,583	\$ (89,583)
NET REVENUES (EXPENDITURES)	\$ 1,826,618	\$ 7,239	\$ (2,184,849)	\$ 2,493,548	\$ 615,812	\$ 1,008,467	\$ 501	\$ 615,312

Sales Tax Detail July 2026

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City Sales Tax

FS Month	CY Actual	PY Actual	Increase (Decrease) from Prior Yr	Increase (Decrease) as % from prior yr	2026 Budget	Budget Surplus (Deficit)
Jan	\$ 454,962	\$ 418,126	\$ 36,836	9%	395,833	\$ 59,129
Feb	367,193	349,541	17,652	5%	395,833	(28,641)
March	384,826	336,896	47,931	14%	395,833	(11,007)
Apr	458,865	416,371	\$ 42,494	10%	395,833	\$ 63,032
May	425,325	391,338	\$ 33,987	9%	395,833	\$ 29,492
June	431,149	405,250	\$ 25,899	6%	395,833	\$ 35,315
July	454,928	399,781	\$ 55,147	14%	395,833	\$ 59,095
YTD	\$ 2,977,248	\$ 2,717,303	\$ 259,945	10%	\$ 4,750,000	\$ (1,772,752) -37.3%

County Sales Tax

	CY Actual	PY Actual	Increase (Decrease) from Prior Yr	Increase (Decrease) as % from prior yr	2026 Budget	Budget Surplus (Deficit)
Jan	\$ 917,792	\$ 929,722	\$ (11,930)	-1%	\$ 825,000	\$ 92,792
Feb	764,743	894,123	(129,380)	-17%	825,000	(60,257)
March	760,135	668,211	91,924	12%	825,000	(64,865)
Apr	900,260	686,870	\$ 213,390	24%	\$ 825,000	75,260
May	760,469	837,814	\$ (77,345)	-10%	\$ 825,000	(64,531)
June	884,872	813,091	\$ 71,781	8%	\$ 825,000	59,872
July	862,210	836,725	\$ 25,486	3%	\$ 825,000	37,210
YTD	\$ 5,850,480	\$ 5,666,555	\$ 183,926	3%	\$ 9,900,000	\$ (4,049,520) -40.9%

Total	\$ 8,827,729	\$ 8,383,857	\$ 443,871	5%	\$ 14,650,000	\$ (5,822,271)
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Misc Additional Information

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2026 Non-budgeted Requests

Estimated Unassigned Funds Available after Capital Requests -

Date Approved	Dept	Description	Type	Inflows	Expenses	Resolution
4.26	Fire	Equipment Repair	capital		37,386	R2026-36
5.26	Planning	Street Signs	capital		72,400	R2026-40

Total Non-Budgeted	\$ 109,786
Net Non-Budgeted Requests	<u>\$ (109,786)</u>

Adjusted Estimated Unassigned Funds Available after Capital Requests (109,786.13)

Impact Fee Revenue

	Current Year 44610 - SF Res	Prior Year 44610 - SF Res	Change	Other Impact Fees*
Interest				
PY Years		2,039,397		
1-Jan	65,151	71,485	(6,334)	
2-Feb	88,011	72,009	16,002	
3-Mar	67,437	73,152	(5,715)	7,139
4-Apr	75,345	96,012	(20,667)	35,452
5-May	90,634	96,012	(5,378)	
6-Jun	98,356	88,011	10,345	
7-Jul	128,659	81,153	47,506	
Total YTD	\$ 613,593	\$ 577,834	\$ 35,759	\$ 42,591
2025 Total Revenue		880,793		65,830
Total Impact fees		<u>3,533,783</u>		<u>108,421</u>

*commercial

Impact Fee Use

	Source	Police	Fire	Library	Total	Resolution #
	SFR	932,919	2,434,776	166,088	3,533,783	
	Other	9,662	97,009	1,751	108,421	
Prior Expenditures		(276,400)	(1,953,689)	(36,176)	(2,266,265)	
2026 approvals						
Funds Available	\$ 666,181	\$ 578,096	\$ 131,663	\$ 1,375,940		

Mayoral Proclamation

City of Bella Vista, Arkansas

Whereas, the members of the Bella Vista Fly Tyers Club have shown exceptional dedication to the well-being of our city through their generosity, service, and community spirit; and

Whereas, their efforts have strengthened local waterways, supported civic events, promoted environmental stewardship, and brought neighbors together in the spirit of friendship and shared purpose; and

Whereas, their commitment to helping the city reflects the highest ideals of volunteerism, responsibility, and pride in community;

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that the City of Bella Vista extends its sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Bella Vista Fly Tyers for their outstanding contributions and lasting positive impact.

We honor their service, commend their dedication, and recognize them as an example of what it means to make a difference in the life of our city.

Congratulations and thank you for your 50 years of service to Bella Vista.



Signed this 24th day of September 2026,

Mayor John D. Flynn
City of Bella Vista

Bella Vista Men's Chorus 50th Anniversary Proclamation

WHEREAS, music is a vital and unifying force in our community, enriching the cultural fabric of our city, bringing people together across generations, and lifting the human spirit; and

WHEREAS, the **Bella Vista Men's Chorus** was founded in **1976** as a small, informal gathering of men who shared a simple love for singing and fellowship; and

WHEREAS, over the past five decades, this ensemble has grown from those humble beginnings into a **beloved community institution**, entertaining hundreds of audience members each year with a diverse and spirited repertoire; and

WHEREAS, the chorus serves our community year-round by providing music programs three times a year for local civic events, including a benefit concert for Bella Vista charities, a fall concert fundraiser, and their traditional Christmas concert; and

WHEREAS, this **50th Anniversary milestone** is a testament to the enduring vision of its founders, the exceptional leadership of its directors, the dedication of its members, and the generous support of its patrons;

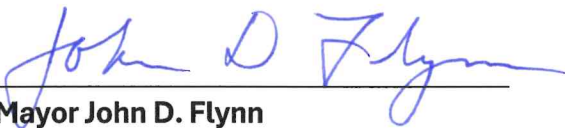
NOW, THEREFORE, I, **John D. Flynn**, Mayor of the City of Bella Vista, Arkansas, do hereby officially proclaim **September 28, 2026**, as:

BELLA VISTA MEN'S CHORUS DAY

in the City of Bella Vista, and I urge all citizens to join me in congratulating the chorus on **50 years of harmony**, thanking them for their outstanding contributions to our community, and wishing them continued success for many years to come.



Dated this 28th day of September, 2026


Mayor John D. Flynn

CITY OF BELLA VISTA, ARKANSAS

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Presented to:

Nancy Cullins

Presented to you on behalf of the Bella Vista Animal Shelter, which has been in operation since 1985. As the director of the shelter since 2022, we recognize your efforts to continue the organization's mission of compassionate care and rehabilitation to animals, both abandoned and lost. Through fundraising efforts, awareness campaigns, adoption services, microchipping and more, the shelter has reunited lost pets with their loving families and place others into new forever homes. The dedication of shelter staff and volunteers to the wellbeing of these animals provides a necessary service to our community and the region.

Presented this 28th day of September, 2026



John D. Flynn
Mayor of Bella Vista



BELLA VISTA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

August 24, 2026 6:00 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order by Mayor Flynn at 6:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Roll Call called by Clerk Krug. Council Members Isbell, Honchell, Harp, Hughes, Newport, and Wilms present. Mayor Flynn was present.

Citizen Input Mayor Flynn explained the 3-minute per-person rule for Citizen Input. He proceeded to call each person on the list, in turn.

Ginny Vance, 5 Glencoe Ln. Ginny came to speak about the "Grow Native" initiative to grow a Monarch-Friendly Bella Vista by starting a Pollinator Pocket Program. They are asking for a City liaison to help them identify the first locations throughout Bella Vista for their pollinator pocket planters.

Patti Foss, Carroll Drive. Patti came to speak about the need she sees for more comprehensive city planning. She believes we need to ask the larger questions of "What are the goals for Bella Vista and what kind of community are we trying to become?" before we can answer the question of lowering the A&P tax, which was a proposed ordinance on the Agenda. She was disappointed that the Agenda Packet didn't provide a fiscal impact or explain the larger policy objective behind the reduction. She proposed a forum bringing together residents, City staff, POA, A&P, developers and other relevant stakeholders to participate in providing input on major decisions. She thinks the question is how to create engagement before an issue reaches the point of controversy.

Council Member Reply None.

Reports

Monthly Financial Report through June 30, 2026: Mayor Flynn stated the total operating revenues were up 5.9% from last year, and they were \$833,000 more than budget. City sales tax was up 8.8% over last year to date. County sales tax was up 3.3% over last year. On the expense side, total operating expenses were well controlled, in fact \$611,000 under budget. After half a year, we were \$1.4 million dollars ahead of budget between the revenues and the expenses.

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation: Mayor Flynn read the

proclamation designated for the month of September 2026, and called up Bella Vista residents Dory and MacKenzie Maddry and Heather and Dustin High for the presentation and picture. Both families have been impacted by childhood cancer. MacKenzie is a survivor and Elijah High lost his battle with cancer last year at age 15.

Septic Smart Week Proclamation: Mayor Flynn read the proclamation, proclaiming September 14–18 as Septic Smart Week in the City of Bella Vista.

(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.)

*Motion approved by Council Member Wilms and seconded by Council Member Harp. **Roll Call Vote: (Ayes: 6/Nays: 0) Passed: 6-0.***

Consent Agenda *Mayor Flynn introduced the items on the Consent Agenda. Council Member Hughes made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Harp. **Roll Call Vote: (Ayes: 6/Nays: 0) Passed: 6-0.***

Approval of Minutes: July 27, 2026, City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TOOLE DESIGN GROUP IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$101,486.00 FOR A GRANT-FUNDED ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION EDUCATION PROJECT

RESOLUTION: AMENDING THE 2026 CITY BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE \$31,653.00 IN DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE REVENUE FOR LIBRARY GROWTH-RELATED QUALIFYING EXPENDITURES

Unfinished Business

ORDINANCE: REQUIRING ORIENTATION AND CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF BELLA VISTA, ARKANSAS; ESTABLISHING MINIMUM TRAINING REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR REPORTING OF COMPLIANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. *Third Reading Mayor Flynn read the ordinance for the third reading. Council Members Hughes, Harp, and Isbell discussed the firefighters' training, budget, and how it may or may not affect this ordinance. Council Member Harp stated he cannot support this ordinance. Mayor Flynn reflected more on the firefighter comments, adding that firefighters have been added regularly, the fire budget has increased, and another fire training staff member has been added. Council Member Wilms said the city needs to work under the same restraints as the private sector concerning continuing education and training. Council Member Hughes made a motion to amend the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Wilms. **Roll Call Vote: (Ayes: 6/Nays: 0) Passed: 6-0. Motion to approve made by Council Member Isbell, seconded by Council Member***

Hughes. (Roll Call Vote: (Ayes: 5/Nays: 1, Harp) Passed: 5-1.

New Business

ORDINANCE: AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2017-15 TO REDUCE THE PREPARED FOOD AND BEVERAGE TAX RATE FROM ONE PERCENT (1%) TO ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT (0.5%), AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES Mayor Flynn read the ordinance for the first time. Council Member Harp said he thinks residents are ready to reduce the amount spent on advertising. He wants to save money by reducing taxes and limiting government. Council Member Hughes asked if he would be agreeable to increasing the lodging tax by 3% and reducing the food & beverage tax by 1/2%, plus taking away some city expenses for tourism and putting them onto the A&P Commission. Then take this to the residents to vote on. Council Member Harp said he thinks it is good to allow residents to vote on issues, but he is not ready to change this ordinance. Council Member Newport mentioned that this measure would mean a 25% reduction in the operating budget of the A&P Commission, which is hefty and should be considered carefully. Mayor Flynn said he researched NWA and couldn't find any city under 1% for food and beverage tax. He also said the state created A & P Commissions for very specific purposes, and it would be important for us to understand what we would be giving up in this ordinance. Mayor Flynn suggested this is a good opportunity to understand more about A&P Commissions and moved this to the second reading next month. Council Member Wilms stated that he could not support this ordinance, because he believes that Bella Vista benefits greatly from the efforts of the A&P Commission.

ORDINANCE: ESTABLISHING AN ADVISORY GREEN COMMITTEE, PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP, PROVIDING FOR ITS ORGANIZATION AND DUTIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES Mayor Flynn read the ordinance for the first reading. Council Member Hughes explained her reasons for proposing this ordinance. It would be another way for community people to get involved in sustainability and environmental issues. The Committee would consist of seven members. Council Member Harp asked about the desired outcome, and Council Member Hughes said it was mainly educational. Council Member Newport made a motion to suspend the rules and waive three readings, seconded by Council Member Isbell. **Roll Call Vote: (Ayes: 5/Nays:1, Wilms) Passed: 5-1.** Council Member Wilms voiced concern over rushing to pass this, and preferred to wait for at least a second reading. Council Member Hughes made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Newport. **Roll Call Vote: (Ayes: 4/Nays: 3, Honchell, Harp, Wilms) Passed: 4-3. Mayor Flynn voted to break the tie.**

RESOLUTION: EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF BELLA VISTA TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID MONIES FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE BROWNING CREEK

BRIDGE ON CULLEN HILLS DRIVE Mayor Flynn read the resolution and called Street Superintendent Karen Hunt forward to speak. She gave a brief history of the Browning Creek Bridge, stating that it was built in 1984 and it is the city's responsibility to maintain. In 2017, when it was inspected by ARDOT (Arkansas Department of Transportation), it was rated "Routine D." In 2023, after inspection, it was moved up one level to a rating of "Important C." Also, in April 2023, Supt. Hunt became street superintendent along with Assistant Dan Downing. At that time, they felt it was important to begin a bridge maintenance plan, so they started seeking funding opportunities to address the aging infrastructure. They discovered the ARDOT local bridge program, covering 90% federal funding and 10% city funding for bridge maintenance. The city applied for funding and found out their project met the eligibility requirements. None-the-less, the city was not selected as a project in 2024. Later in 2025, City Council decided to create a fund with a \$500,000 "start" toward bridge maintenance and street repairs. In 2026, ARDOT inspected the bridge and the rating changed to a pressing "B rating" or needing a plan for repair. The Street Department reapplied to be accepted as a project, and this time in 2026, the project was accepted. This resolution is a commitment to spend \$5,000 on a feasibility study, which is required by ARDOT. When that study is completed, Streets will return to the Council with the estimate for repair or replacement, and then the 90%-10% funding will apply. Council Member Honchell thanked Supt. Hunt for her proactive work and said he fully supports this resolution. Council Member Wilms also commended Supt. Hunt for her work on this bridge project, and said the study cost was a bargain considering the 90% federal funding of upcoming bridge repair/replacement. **Council Member Newport made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Harp. Roll Call Vote: (Ayes: 6/Nays: 0) Passed: 6-0.**

RESOLUTION: AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R2026-45 AMENDING THE 2026 CITY BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE \$155,000.00 IN DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE REVENUE RELATED TO PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING ADDITIONS Mayor Flynn read the resolution and called Chief Graves forward to explain it. He said the Council approved \$120,000 in Resolution 2026-45 on June 22, 2026, to build a sidewalk outside the Public Safety Building running along the property. That sidewalk was required by ordinance and was not built at the proper time when the building was constructed. In order to come into compliance, the sidewalk is now being addressed. In June, Chief Graves was working off an estimate from their engineering firm. Shortly after the resolution passed, he received another updated estimate from the engineering firm suggesting it would require closer to between \$150,000 and \$160,000. Two bids then came in, which both exceeded the approved amount of \$120,000, and they chose the lowest bid of just over \$150,000. Therefore, he is asking for Resolution 2026-45 to be amended to \$155,000, to ensure he

does not need to return for more. Council Member Wilms asked for the timeline, and Chief Graves said the contractors are ready to begin, and the project should be completed by the end of the year. Council Member Newport made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Wilms.

Roll Call Vote: (Ayes: 6/Nays: 0) Passed: 6-0.

RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH CLINARD CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, INC., IN THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$3,471,293.38 FOR PURPOSES OF RENOVATION AND REMODELING OF FIRE STATION NO. 1 AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES (PHASES 4A & 4B) Mayor Flynn read the resolution and mentioned this was Phase 4A and B, included in the Bond passed last November by the voters. Chief Sims answered questions from Council Member Wilms regarding bond coverage/capital funds. He said the project timeline is on track. Newport made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Isbell. **Roll Call Vote: (Ayes: 6/Nays: 0) Passed: 6-0.**

RESOLUTION: REFERRING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND RECOMMENDATION A ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT CODE CHANGE REGARDING CHANGES TO MINOR PLAT APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS AND TO REMOVE DEVELOPMENT WAIVERS FROM CHAPTER 107 Mayor Flynn read the resolution. Council Member Wilms explained why he proposed this resolution. Planning Director Robertson answered Council member's questions, saying that Bella Vista's topography is unique and development waivers in the new code are more stringent and require more criteria to be met. Attorney Kelley asked if she was aware of any city in Arkansas that does not allow waivers and she said she does not. Council Member Wilms made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Harp. **Roll Call Vote: (Ayes: 2, Newport, Wilms/Nays: 4) Failed: 2-4.**

Announcements

- Next City Council Work Session: 6:00 pm Monday, September 21, at Bella Vista District Court
- Next City Council Regular Meeting: 6:00 pm Monday, September 28, at Bella Vista District Court
- Planning Commission Work Session: 4:30 pm Thursday, September 3, at Bella Vista District Court
- Planning Commission Regular Meeting: 4:30 pm, or immediately following BZA, Monday, September 14, at Bella Vista District Court
- Board of Construction Appeals: 3:00 pm Tuesday, September 8, if necessary, at Fire Station #1 Conference Rm, 103 Town Center

Adjournment by Mayor Flynn at 7:26 pm.

City Clerk Wanda Lepillez Krug

Mayor John D. Flynn

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MEETING DATE	PREPARED BY	LEGISLATIVE TITLE
September 28, 2026	Karen Hunt, Street Superintendent	RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH P&K EQUIPMENT, INC., PURSUANT TO A SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT, FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) NEW JOHN DEERE 5075M UTILITY TRACTOR WITH ROTARY CUTTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,860.36 FOR USE BY THE STREET DEPARTMENT.

AGENDA ITEM # VII.F

RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH P&K EQUIPMENT, INC., PURSUANT TO A SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT, FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) NEW JOHN DEERE 5075M UTILITY TRACTOR WITH ROTARY CUTTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,860.36 FOR USE BY THE STREET DEPARTMENT.

BACKGROUND

The City performs seasonal street right-of-way mowing from approximately April through October across the East, Central, and West sections of the community. Each section is equipped with two mowing tractors, a brush hog and a batwing tractor to maintain roadside vegetation. Due to the city's varied terrain, slopes, and roadside conditions, mowing crews are intentionally staffed in pairs to enhance employee safety, provide immediate assistance in the event of equipment failure or emergency, and maintain safe work practices.

When a mower requires routine maintenance or experiences a mechanical breakdown, mowing operations within that section must be paused — impacting efficiency. The purchase of a new mowing tractor, will replace an aging unit currently in service in the field. Retaining the older unit to use as a backup will reduce downtime, allow continuous paired operations, and support timely and safe maintenance of the city's street rights-of-way throughout the mowing season.

RECOMMENDATION

The Bella Vista Street Department recommends City Council authorize the purchase of one (1) new John Deere Tractor with Rotary Cutter from P&K Equipment Inc., being an awarded vendor to SourceWell Purchasing Cooperative, with an estimated delivery date of early 2027.

FISCAL IMPACT

The funds for this purchase were approved in the Bella Vista 2026 Sales Tax Bond.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Tractor and Cutter Quote
2. Sourcewell Membership
3. No sales tax on vehicles
4. Resolution Tractor Cutter P&K Sourcewell

Customer:

Quotes are valid for 30 days from the creation date or upon contract expiration, whichever occurs first.

A Purchase Order (PO) or Letter of Intent (LOI) including the below information is required to proceed with this sale. The PO or LOI will be returned if information is missing.

- ☐ Vendor: Deere & Company
2000 John Deere Run
Cary, NC 27513-2789 US
FED ID: 36-2382580
UEID: FNSWEDARMK53
- ☐ Signature on all LOIs and POs with a signature line
- ☐ Contract name or number; or JD Quote ID
- ☐ Sold to street address
- ☐ Ship to street address (no PO box)
- ☐ Bill to contact name and phone number
- ☐ Bill to address
- ☐ Bill to email address (required to send the invoice and/or to obtain the tax exemption certificate)
- ☐ Membership number if required by the contract
- ☐ Also include a current valid tax-exempt certificate (if applicable)

Quotes of equipment offered through contracts between Deere & Company, its divisions and subsidiaries (collectively "Deere") and government agencies are subject to audit and access by Deere's Strategic Accounts Business Division to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the contracts.

For any questions, please contact:

Tyler Whorton
P & K Equipment, Inc.
907 West Henri De Tonti Blvd
Springdale, AR 72762
Cell Phone: 479-306-4020
Email: twhorton@pkequipment.com

Selling Equipment

Quote # 2585374
Customer CITY OF BELLA VISTA

5075M Utility Tractor

QTY In Group : 1

Hours	---	Suggested List
Serial Number	---	\$70,164.00
Stock Number	---	Selling Price
Contract	AR Ag Tractors Sourcewell PA 4600053973 (PG 0C CG 22)	\$55,376.92
Price Effective Date	26-Aug-2026	Discount Amount
PUK Parent Serial #	---	(\$14,787.08)

Equipment Summary

Code	Description	Qty	List Price	Discount %	Discount \$	Adjusted Selling Price
251GPY	5075M Utility Tractor	1	\$73,747.00	22.0%	(\$16,224.34)	\$57,522.66

Base / Options

Code	Description	Qty	List Price	Discount %	Discount \$	Adjusted Selling Price
0202	United States	1	\$0.00	22.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
0409	English Operators Manual	1	\$0.00	22.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
0500	Less Package	1	\$0.00	22.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
182A	Less AutoTrac™ /Less ISOBUS	1	\$0.00	22.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
1900	Less Display	1	\$0.00	22.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
1950	Less Application	1	\$0.00	22.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
1880	Less Receiver	1	\$0.00	22.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
183N	JDLink™ Modem	1	\$0.00	22.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
2010	Standard Isolated Open Operator Station	1	\$0.00	22.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
2500	Less Rear View Mirrors	1	\$0.00	22.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
2100	Mechanical Suspension seat	1	\$0.00	22.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
2400	Less Instructional Seat	1	\$0.00	22.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
1380	PowrReverser™ 16F/16R 40 km/h	1	\$0.00	22.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00

3820	Two Speed PTO - 540/540E	1	\$0.00	22.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
4310	Basic Drawbar	1	\$0.00	22.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
4010	Mechanical Rear Hitch Control	1	\$0.00	22.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
4110	Telescoping Draft Links with Ball End - Category 2	1	\$0.00	22.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
4210	Mechanical Center Link with Ball Ends - Category 2	1	\$0.00	22.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
4420	LH & RH Stabilizer Bar	1	\$0.00	22.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
4160	LH Only Adjustment Lift Link	1	\$0.00	22.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
4000	Less Front Attachment	1	\$0.00	22.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
3325	2 Mechanical Stackable Rear SCV	1	\$0.00	22.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
3400	Less Mid SCVs	1	(\$1,253.00)	22.0%	\$275.66	(\$977.34)
6040	MFWD Front Axle	1	\$0.00	22.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
5010	Flange Axle	1	\$0.00	22.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
5090	Steel Rear Wheels	1	\$0.00	22.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
5192	19.5L-24 In. 10PR R4 Bias	1	(\$2,977.00)	22.0%	\$654.94	(\$2,322.06)
6133	12.5/80-18 In. 12PR R4 Bias	1	(\$2,303.00)	22.0%	\$506.66	(\$1,796.34)
5999	No Tire Brand Preference	1	\$0.00	22.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
1799	Less Loader Prep Package	1	\$0.00	22.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
3020	Vertical Exhaust	1	\$0.00	22.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Base / Options			\$67,214.00		(\$14,787.08)	\$52,426.92

Other Charges

Description	List Price
FREIGHT	\$1,450.00
set up	\$1,500.00
Total Adjustments	\$2,950.00
Selling Price Subtotal	\$55,376.92
Total Selling Price	\$55,376.92

RC6R Lift Type Rotary Cutter - 540 RPM PTO

QTY In Group : 1

Hours	---	Suggested List
Serial Number	---	\$10,804.00
Stock Number	---	Selling Price
Contract	AR Ag Tractors Sourcewell PA 4600053973 (PG 0C CG 22)	\$8,483.44
Price Effective Date	26-Aug-2026	Discount Amount
PUK Parent Serial #	---	(\$2,320.56)

Equipment Summary

Code	Description	Qty	List Price	Discount %	Discount \$	Adjusted Selling Price
22PHP	RC6R Lift Type Rotary Cutter - 540 RPM PTO	1	\$9,669.00	24.0%	(\$2,320.56)	\$7,348.44

Base / Options

Code	Description	Qty	List Price	Discount %	Discount \$	Adjusted Selling Price
0202	United States	1	\$0.00	24.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Base / Options			\$9,669.00		(\$2,320.56)	\$7,348.44

Other Charges

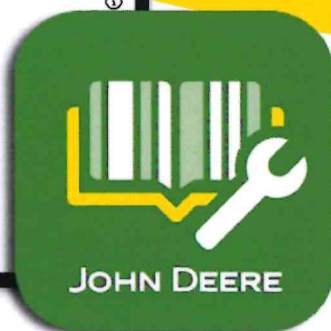
Description	List Price
FREIGHT	\$435.00
set up	\$700.00
Total Adjustments	\$1,135.00
Selling Price Subtotal	\$8,483.44
Total Selling Price	\$8,483.44

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A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chad Coquette", positioned above a horizontal line.

Dr. Chad Coquette, PhD, Executive Director/CEO

No sales tax should be collected on the gross receipts derived from the sale of motor vehicles to municipalities. The City of Bella Vista is a municipality, and therefore Ark. Code Ann. § 26-52-410(a) applies. The term “motor vehicle” is defined as every vehicle that is self-propelled or that is propelled by electric power obtained by overhead trolley wires, but not operated upon rails. Ark. Code Ann. §27-14-207(5). The definition of the term “motor vehicle” includes, but is not limited to, cars, trucks, semi-trucks, buses, ambulances, fire trucks, hearses, motor homes, farm tractors, road construction and maintenance equipment, ditch digging and well-boring equipment, riding lawn mowers, golf carts, motorized bicycles, and ATVs. See Ark. Code Ann. §§27-14-211 to 212 and 27-21-102. All other equipment purchased by municipalities would be subject to state and local sales or use taxes. Therefore, the sales tax exemption will apply to any motor vehicles purchases by the City for municipal use.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

CITY OF BELLA VISTA, ARKANSAS

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH P&K EQUIPMENT, INC., PURSUANT TO A SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT, FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) NEW JOHN DEERE 5075M UTILITY TRACTOR WITH ROTARY CUTTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,860.36 FOR USE BY THE STREET DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLA VISTA, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: The City Council of the City of Bella Vista, Arkansas hereby authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a contract with P&K Equipment, Inc., pursuant to a Sourcewell Cooperative purchasing agreement, for the purchase of one (1) new John Deere 5075M utility tractor with rotary cutter in the amount of \$63,860.36 for use by the Street Department

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

APPROVED:

Mayor John D. Flynn

Attest:

City Clerk Wanda Krug

Requested by Mayor



MEETING DATE PREPARED BY LEGISLATIVE TITLE

September
28, 2026

ORDINANCE: AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2017-15 TO REDUCE THE PREPARED FOOD AND BEVERAGE TAX RATE FROM ONE PERCENT (1%) TO ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT (0.5%), AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES *Second Reading*

AGENDA ITEM # VIII.G

ORDINANCE: AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2017-15 TO REDUCE THE PREPARED FOOD AND BEVERAGE TAX RATE FROM ONE PERCENT (1%) TO ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT (0.5%), AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES *Second Reading*

BACKGROUND

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

1. Ordinance AP Tax Reduction-FOOD ONLY OPTION

ORDINANCE NO. _____

CITY OF BELLA VISTA, ARKANSAS

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2017-15 TO REDUCE THE PREPARED FOOD AND BEVERAGE TAX RATE FROM ONE PERCENT (1%) TO ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT (0.5%), AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bella Vista previously adopted Ordinance No. 2017-15, creating the Bella Vista Advertising and Promotion Commission and levying a tax in the amount of one percent (1%) upon the gross receipts or gross proceeds from prepared food and beverages; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend the tax rate levied in Section 3 of Ordinance No. 2017-15 to reduce the rate by one-half of one percent (0.5%);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLA VISTA, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: Section 3 of Ordinance No. 2017-15 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 3: LEVY OF PREPARED FOOD AND BEVERAGE TAX. Pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 26-75-602(c)(2), there is hereby levied a tax in the amount of one-half of one percent (0.5%) on the portion of the gross receipts or gross proceeds received by restaurants, cafes, cafeterias, delicatessens, drive-in restaurants, carry-out restaurants, concession stands, convenience stores, grocery store-restaurants, or similar businesses from the sale of prepared food and beverages for on-premises or off-premises consumption, but such tax shall not apply to such gross receipts or gross proceeds of organizations qualified under 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3)."

SECTION 3: Severability. If any section, clause, sentence, or part of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION 4: Effective Date. The tax rate reduction set forth herein shall become effective on the first day of the first monthly reporting period beginning after the effective date of this Ordinance.

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 20__.

APPROVED:

JOHN D. FLYNN
MAYOR

ATTEST:

WANDA KRUG
CITY CLERK

Requested by Council Member Travis Harp



MEETING DATE	PREPARED BY	LEGISLATIVE TITLE
September 28, 2026	Wanda Krug, City Clerk	ORDINANCE: PROHIBITING THE CITY OF BELLA VISTA FROM ACQUIRING OR ACTIVATING AN AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READER SYSTEM OR FACIAL RECOGNITION AND IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

AGENDA ITEM # IX.H

ORDINANCE: PROHIBITING THE CITY OF BELLA VISTA FROM ACQUIRING OR ACTIVATING AN AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READER SYSTEM OR FACIAL RECOGNITION AND IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

BACKGROUND

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

1. Ordinance ALPR Purchases

ORDINANCE NO. _____

CITY OF BELLA VISTA, ARKANSAS

**PROHIBITING THE CITY OF BELLA VISTA FROM ACQUIRING OR
ACTIVATING AN AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READER SYSTEM
OR FACIAL RECOGNITION AND IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM
WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bella Vista has the management and control of the finances and property of the City pursuant to Arkansas Code § 14-43-502; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to require its prior approval before the City acquires an automatic license plate reader system or facial recognition and identification system;

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

**SECTION 1: PROHIBITION ON ACQUISITION OR ACTIVATION WITHOUT
COUNCIL APPROVAL**

- (a) The City of Bella Vista shall not acquire or activate an “automatic license plate reader system,” as that term is defined in Arkansas Code § 12-12-1802, without the prior approval of the City Council.
- (b) The City of Bella Vista shall not acquire or activate a “facial recognition and identification system,” as defined in this Ordinance, without the prior approval of the City Council.
- (c) For purposes of this Ordinance, “acquire” or “acquisition” includes, but is not limited to, purchasing, leasing, renting, accepting as a gift, donation, or grant, or otherwise obtaining an automatic license plate reader system or facial recognition and identification system.
- (d) For purposes of this Ordinance, a “facial recognition and identification system” means one (1) or more mobile or fixed automated cameras used in combination with computer algorithms to convert images of human faces into computer-readable biometric data for the purpose of identifying or attempting to identify an individual.

SECTION 2: EXISTING CAMERA EQUIPMENT

- (a) Nothing in this Ordinance shall prohibit the City from continuing to use or operate camera equipment lawfully possessed by the City before the effective date of this Ordinance, including camera equipment that is technically capable of being used with an automatic license plate reader system or facial recognition and identification system, provided that the City shall not activate or enable such capability without the prior approval of the City Council as required by this Ordinance.
- (b) The ordinary use of such camera equipment to capture, record, or transmit images shall not, by itself, constitute the activation or use of an automatic license plate reader system or facial recognition and identification system.

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

APPROVED:

Mayor John D. Flynn

Attest:

City Clerk Wanda Krug

Requested by Council Member Shea Newport



MEETING DATE	PREPARED BY	LEGISLATIVE TITLE
September 28, 2026	Wendi Hardina, HR Administrator	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 2026 TO BE COLLECTED IN 2027

AGENDA ITEM # IX.I

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 2026 TO BE COLLECTED IN 2027

BACKGROUND

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution Millage Levy 2026
2. BV Property Tax; 2026.09.24

RESOLUTION NO. _____

CITY OF BELLA VISTA, ARKANSAS

AUTHORIZING AND LEVYING THE MILLAGE RATE OF AD VALOREM REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX FOR THE CITY OF BELLA VISTA, ARKANSAS FOR THE YEAR 2026 TO BE COLLECTED IN 2027

WHEREAS, Ark. Code Ann. § 26-73-202 requires the governing body of a municipal corporation to make out and certify to the county clerk the rate of taxation levied by the city on all real and personal property within the city; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bella Vista, Arkansas has determined that it is in the best interests of the City and its citizens to levy the rate of taxation on the real and personal property located in the city as set forth herein, to certify the same to the Benton County Clerk, and to authorize the Quorum Court of Benton County to levy said tax for the year 2026 to be collected in 2027;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLA VISTA, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That a tax is hereby levied on the real and personal property within the City of Bella Vista, Arkansas, for the year 2026 to be collected in 2027 for the following purposes at the following rates:

AD VALOREM REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY RATES

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Levy</u>
General Fund-Operations	3.81 mills
Policemen's Pension Fund	1.00 mills
Firemen's Pension Fund	<u>1.00 mills</u>
TOTAL	5.81 mills

SECTION 2: That the real and personal property tax so levied and the rates provided herein are hereby certified to the County Clerk of Benton County, Arkansas, to be placed in the tax book and collected in the same manner that the county and school district taxes are collected.

SECTION 3: The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution in the office of the County Clerk of Benton County, Arkansas so that formal levy by the Quorum Court of Benton County, Arkansas may be enacted by ordinance, as required by law.

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

APPROVED:

JOHN D. FLYNN
MAYOR

ATTEST:

WANDA KRUG
CITY CLERK

Requested by: Mayor

As of 09/24/2026

Bella Vista Property Tax:

1 mill = Approx. \$800,000

.19 mill = \$152,000

Cost to Average Homeowner:

1 mill = \$47.01/year

.19 mill = \$ 9.40/year



MEETING DATE	PREPARED BY	LEGISLATIVE TITLE
September 28, 2026	Wendi Hardina, HR Administrator	RESOLUTION: APPROVING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JULIE DRIVER GRAU TO THE BELLA VISTA LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD TO COMPLETE AN UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2030, DUE TO A VACANCY FROM THE RESIGNATION OF KIM HONCHELL

AGENDA ITEM # IX.J

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**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLA VISTA,
ARKANSAS:**

SECTION 1: The Mayor’s appointment of Julie Driver Grau to the Bella Vista Library Advisory Board to complete an unexpired term ending December 31, 2030, due to a vacancy from the resignation of Kim Honchell, is hereby approved.

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

APPROVED:

Mayor John D. Flynn

Attest:

City Clerk Wanda Krug

Requested by Mayor



MEETING DATE	PREPARED BY	LEGISLATIVE TITLE
September 28, 2026	Wanda Krug, City Clerk	RESOLUTION: APPROVING THE BELLA VISTA ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION COMMISSION'S APPOINTMENT OF GUADALUPE SICAIROS-MEZA AS A TOURISM INDUSTRY POSITION COMMISSIONER REPLACING MELISSA WELLS

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MELISSA WELLS**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLA VISTA,
ARKANSAS:**

SECTION 1: The Bella Vista Advertising and Promotion Commission's appointment of Guadalupe Sicairos-Meza as a Tourism Industry Position Commissioner replacing Melissa Wells is hereby approved.

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

APPROVED:

Mayor John D. Flynn

Attest:

City Clerk Wanda Krug

Requested by Mayor