

**Regular Month Meeting
Benton City Council
September 16, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Benton City Council was called to order on Monday, September 16, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. at Benton City Hall. Mayor Pro-tem Ann Riley presided and called the meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance was said and prayer was offered by Rob Mattingly.

Council members present were Laura Craynon, Lori Henson, Guy Henton, Butch Holland and Kevin Farley.

Other staff present were Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treasurer; Rob Mattingly, City Attorney and Todd Riley, Gas Manager.

Mary Foley, Director of Merryman House, and Jayna Burkey, Coordinator of Marshall County Resiliency Center, were present. They discussed the opening of Marshall County Resiliency Center after the school shooting and all the benefits it has brought to our community. This service is soon wrapping up but the space will remain as an outreach center. The name will change to Merryman House. Mary recognized Dave and Martha Puckett, Marshall County Extension Office and Marshall County Master Gardner's for all of their help for Marshall County Resiliency Center. In the absence of Mayor Dotson, City Clerk Cooper presented each group a key to the City.

Fall clean-up is set for September 30.

City Attorney Mattingly read an Interlocal Agreement between fire districts. The nine fire districts will join and be responsible for \$1,000 annual dues that will be used to update their communication system. A motion was made by Farley, seconded by Craynon to approve Mayor Dotson to sign the Interlocal Agreement. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly read the first reading of the revenue and taxation ordinance.

City Attorney Mattingly read the first reading of an ordinance to amend the budget for Benton Gas System.

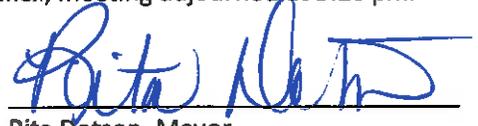
City Attorney Mattingly read the first reading amending an ordinance to add Nance Lane and Weatherwood Road to the water tap ordinance allowing them a discounted tap fee for 60 days for the Oak Level Waterline Project.

Mayor Pro-tem Riley reviewed the police report for August in the absence of the police department. There were 16 cases, 12 collisions, 59 citations and 764 calls to service.

Holland presented an update for Benton Electric System. Benton Electric's rates will increase 3% and TVA rates will increase 5% beginning October 1.

A motion was made by Henton, seconded by Craynon to approve the regular minutes of August 19, 2024. All agreed. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, meeting adjourned at 5:26 pm.



Rita Dotson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.