

**Regular Month Meeting
Benton City Council
April 17, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Benton City Council was called to order on Monday, April 17, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. at Benton City Hall. Mayor Dotson presided and called the meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance was said and prayer was offered by Bethany Cooper.

Council Members Present: Ann Riley, Laura Craynon, Guy Henton, Rita Murray, Butch Holland and Kevin Farley.

Other Staff Present: Rob Mattingly, City Attorney; Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treasurer; Todd Riley, Gas Manager; Stephen Sanderson, Police Chief and Caleb Curtner, Police Captain.

John Clark with Kentucky League of Cities was present to present Benton Police Department with a plaque for obtaining a 100% Safety and Liability Review.

Mayor Dotson read the resolution adopting and approving the execution of the Municipal Aid Co-op Program Contract. The City is estimated to receive \$94,355.23 for road improvements this coming up fiscal year. A motion was made by Murray, seconded by Holland to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Clerk Cooper read the resolution accepting the grant and approving the grant assistance agreement through Kentucky Infrastructure Authority's Cleaner Water Program for Lift Station Rehabilitation. A motion was made by Farley, seconded by Henton to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly reviewed the franchise agreement with Spectrum Mid-America, LLC. They were the only company interested in this franchise. A motion was made by Holland, seconded by Murray to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly read the first reading of an ordinance sponsored by Farley to amend Chapter 52 of the City's Code of Ordinances regarding water meter connections and sewer clean-outs.

Mayor Dotson offered suggestions to improve the temporary business permits regarding Tater Day. The following suggestions were made and agreed upon by Council and will be presented for a first reading at May's regular meeting:

- No vendor can set up prior to the Thursday morning before Tater Day and must be moved out by the evening of Tater Day on Monday.
- Non-profit and churches within Marshall County are exempt from paying a vendor fee.
- Non-food truck permits for those that set up a table and sell pre-packaged food are \$50.00.

Chief Sanderson presented the police report for March. There were 15 cases opened, 21 collisions, 81 citation violations and 1258 calls for service.

A motion was made by Holland, seconded by Henton to approve the regular minutes of March 20, 2023. All agreed. Motion carried.

In Mayor/Council items, Henton asked the Council's opinion on allowing Sunday alcohol sales. Other cities in our area offer Sunday sales and our residents are going elsewhere to purchase. Mayor Dotson asked each Council and all agreed except Farley. City Attorney Mattingly will amend the ABC ordinance to allow for this change.

There being no further business to come before the Council, meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Rita Dotson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.