

**Regular Month Meeting
Benton City Council
April 20, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Benton City Council was called to order on Monday, April 20, 2026, at 5:00 P.M. at Benton City Hall. Mayor Rita Dotson presided and called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, and prayer was offered by Kevin Farley.

Council members present were Kevin Farley, Guy Henton, Sylvia Jestes, and Butch Holland. Absent were Ann Riley and Laura Craynon.

Other staff present were Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treasurer; Stephen Sanderson, Police Chief; and Tyler Coursey, Police Officer.

Stephen Luther, new CEO of Marshall County Hospital, was present to introduce himself.

Drew Williams was present to give a Tater Day overview.

Mayor Dotson read the following bids for First Responder Park:

C & C Contracting	\$892,750.00
A & K Construction	\$962,000.00
Evrard – KY Div Inc.	\$998,500.00

Kevin Perry was present to discuss the bids. He spoke with a few references for C & C Contracting and their concrete sub-contractor. There were no major issues found with either company. A motion was made by Farley, seconded by Henton to approve the bid from C & C Contracting. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Clerk Cooper read the second reading summary of an ordinance amending the zoning map for the City of Benton to provide for a change in the zoning classification for property located on Main Street owned by Seaford Holdings LLC from a R-1 to R-3. All present voted aye.

Mayor Dotson has had another request to allow golf carts on city streets. Police Chief Sanderson reviewed a portion of KRS 189.286 that regulates the use of golf carts. After much discussion, Council agreed to hold a public hearing for community comment on the topic.

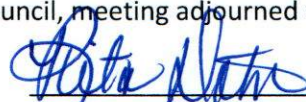
A motion was made by Jestes, seconded by Farley to approve the regular minutes of March 16, 2026. All agreed. Motion carried.

Chief Sanderson presented the police report for March. Mayor Dotson presented the Gas Department report, Fire Department report, and Maintenance Department report for March.

In Mayor/Council items, Jestes asked the status on the splash pad. Mayor Dotson responded that the only possible funding she currently knows of is through LWCF grant funding. City Clerk Cooper commented that this grant opens in August.


Jestes also asked the status if the Police Department was able to check the traffic situation at West 13th Street and Joe Creason Drive. Captain Hampton checked on the location and does not feel that it needs a stop sign.

There being no further business coming before the Council, meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.



Rita Dotson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.