

**Regular Month Meeting  
Benton City Council  
August 19, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Benton City Council was called to order on Monday, August 19, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. at Benton City Hall. Mayor Rita Dotson presided and called the meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance was said and prayer was offered by Kevin Farley.

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

Other staff present were Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treasurer; Rob Mattingly, City Attorney, and Stephen Sanderson, Police Chief.

Donnie Keith was present to see who sets the regulations on the internet companies that can come into the City. He's tried getting service through Mediacom and they won't in the city limits. Mayor Dotson explained that Mediacom chose not to bid on the City franchise.

Mayor Dotson reviewed the bid recommendation from RiverCrest Engineering for the Lift Station Rehabilitation Electrical Contract. J. Brewer Electric was the only bid at \$214,253.90. A motion was made by Holland, seconded by Henton to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly read the second reading of an ordinance amending the General Fund budget. City Clerk Cooper explained the amendment to allow for funding for Marshall County Needline's CDBG. A motion was made by Henton, seconded by Craynon to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mayor Dotson read a resolution to surplus miscellaneous size water meter and registers and water plant automation equipment to run on GovDeals. A motion was made by Farley, seconded by Craynon to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mayor Dotson read a resolution recognizing September as City Government Month. A motion was made by Craynon, seconded by Riley to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

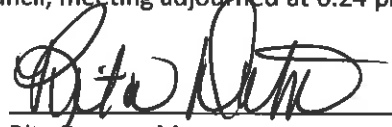
Mayor Dotson reviewed the proposed property tax rates. The compensating rate allowed is .213, the substitute rate allowed is .223 and the rate allowing a 4% increase is .231 for real property. Council agreed to accept the substitute rate for real property of .223. There will be a first reading at September's regular meeting.

Chief Sanderson presented the police report for July. There were 18 cases opened, 10 collisions, 39 citation violations and 842 calls to service.

A motion was made by Henton, seconded by Holland to approve the regular minutes of July 15, 2024, the special called minutes of July 29, 2024 and the special called minutes of August 5, 2024. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mayor Dotson recognized Chief Stephen Sanderson as being named Chief of the Year by Kentucky Association of Chief's of Police. Mayor Dotson also recognized our Police Department for receiving their 6<sup>th</sup> accreditation through KACP as well.

There being no further business to come before the Council, meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.

  
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Rita Dotson, Mayor

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Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.