

**Regular Month Meeting
Benton City Council
June 16, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Benton City Council was called to order on Monday, June 16, 2025, 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, Ann Riley, Sylvia Jestes, Darryl Carr, Butch Holland, and Guy Henton.

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

Mayor Dotson reviewed the bids that were received for the demolition and disposal of 1202 Main Street.

Danny Cope Excavating	\$ 39,312.00
Siteworks, LLC	\$ 90,000.00
Supreme Enterprises LLC	\$ 63,952.56
Parker Excavating LLC	\$ 44,500.00
Gerald Chambers & Sons	\$ 94,500.00
Youngblood Excavating	\$ 285,000.00

A motion was made by Farley, seconded by Henton to approve the bid from Danny Cope Excavating. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mayor Dotson asked to re-appoint Darren Smith to the Marshall County Building Code Enforcement Board for another 3-year term. A motion was made by Carr, seconded by Riley to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mayor Dotson reviewed draw request 5 for the Marshall County Caring Needline CDBG in the amount of \$155,867.00. A motion was made by Henton, seconded by Jestes to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly read the 2nd reading of an ordinance adopting the 2025-2026 budget for City of Benton General Fund. All approved by voice vote.

City Attorney Mattingly read the 2nd reading of an ordinance adopting the 2025-2026 budget for City of Benton Gas System. All approved by voice vote.

City Attorney Mattingly read the 2nd reading of an ordinance adopting the 2025-2026 budget for City of Benton Water & Sewer System. All approved by voice vote.

City Attorney Mattingly read the 2nd reading of an ordinance authorizing the operation of street legal special purpose vehicles as defined by KRS Chapter 186 on highways and streets in the City of Benton and establishing restrictions for operation. Farley and Carr voted no, all others voted yes. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly read the 2nd reading an ordinance annexing unincorporated territory adjoining the corporate city limits of the City of Benton for property located on corner of Sailboat Drive and Karen Street. All approved by voice vote. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly read the 2nd reading of an ordinance amending Section 52 to address sewer repair connections and prohibited use. All approved by voice vote. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly read the 1st reading of an ordinance changing property located at Mayfield Highway and Highway 641 from R1 to C2 per recommendation from Planning and Zoning Commission.

Stephen Sanderson presented the police report for May. Todd Riley presented the gas report and Mayor Dotson presented the reports for water treatment plant, maintenance department and fire department.

A motion was made by Farley, seconded by Holland to approve the regular minutes of May 19, 2025. All agreed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Riley, seconded by Henton that any non-profit organization that is using the community building for profit, must pay a rental fee. All agreed. Motion carried.

Jestes asked the Mayor and Council to consider offering a lighted trail in the park at Christmas similar to Murray with sponsors.

A motion was made by Carr, seconded by Farley to move to executive session per KRS 61.810(c) for discussion on proposed litigation. All agreed. Motion carried.


A motion was made by Farley, seconded by Carr to adjourn from executive session. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mayor Dotson read a resolution authorizing the execution of the legal services agreement with Stag Liuzza, LLC and Sturgill, Turner, Barker & Moloney, PLLC related to the AFFF product liability litigation. A motion was made by Jestes, seconded by Farley to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

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


Rita Dotson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.