

**Regular Month Meeting  
Benton City Council  
June 19, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Benton City Council was called to order on Monday, June 19, 2023 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 Kevin Farley.

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

Absent was Rita Murray.

Other Staff Present: Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treasurer; and Stephen Sanderson, Police Chief

Loretta Vergacko of 201 Allen Heights was present to discuss her recent sewer issues. Bethany Cooper informed the council that City Attorney Mattingly and our insurance are currently looking into the situation.

City Clerk Cooper reviewed a municipal order amending Section 7: Health, Retirement & Other Benefits to amend the eligibility start time of health, dental, vision and life through KEHP. A motion was made by Holland, seconded by Farley to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

There was a second reading of an ordinance adopting the General Fund budget for 2023-2024. A motion was made by Henton, seconded by Farley to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

There was a second reading of an ordinance adopting the Benton Water and Sewer System budget for 2023-2024. A motion was made by Craynon, seconded by Farley to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

There was a second reading of an ordinance adopting the Benton Gas System budget for 2023-2024. A motion was made by Holland, seconded by Henton to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

There was a second reading of an ordinance amending Section 31.02 to reflect the cost of living adjustment for Benton elected officials to allow for the 6.5% increase set by Department for Local Government. A motion was made by Farley, seconded by Henton to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

Chief Sanderson presented the police report for May. There were 12 cases, 21 collisions, 76 citation violations and 984 calls for service.

A motion was made by Holland, seconded by Henton to approve the regular minutes of May 15, 2023 and the special called minutes of May 23, 2023. All agreed. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, meeting adjourned.

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Rita Dotson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.