

**Regular Month Meeting
Benton City Council
June 20, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Benton City Council was called to order on Monday, June 20, 2022 at 5:00 P.M. at Benton City Hall. Mayor Dotson presided via Zoom and called the meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance and prayer was offered by Rob Mattingly.

Council Members Present: Ann Riley, Sherra Riley, Charlie Edmonds, Butch Holland and Kevin Farley.

Absent was Rita Murray.

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

Matt Ross and Scott Nearing were present to request the city take in the undeveloped road/driveway that leads up to Scott's house. They would like the city to develop and turn into a city street. City Attorney Mattingly discussed that in order for the city to take over, it would have to serve in the city's best interest. At this time, it only serves one house. Mayor Dotson also informed them that they would be responsible for bringing the street up to standards before city would consider taking over. Mayor Dotson asked City Attorney Mattingly to do more research in order to see if any documents exist as to who owns that roadway or if it was dedicated. It has never been used as a street, only as a driveway.

Mayor Dotson reviewed the need for Valley Road Sewer Main Improvement to help alleviate some of the sewer issues in that area. RiverCrest has come up with cost estimates and plans. A motion was made by Farley, seconded by Holland to proceed with bidding this project. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mayor Dotson said the sidewalk on West 9th Street between Main Street and Olive Street needs to be replaced. Some funds have been allocated in the upcoming budget. A motion was made by A. Riley, seconded by S. Riley to accept bids on this replacement. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mayor Dotson asked the Council if they have decided on 1211 Poplar Street. A motion was made by A. Riley, seconded by Farley to seek bids to have the entire building torn down. All agreed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Farley, seconded by Edmonds to approve a resolution on the City Road System.

City Attorney Mattingly read the first reading of an ordinance amending section 51.08 to re-add the \$25.00 inaccessible meter fee that had previously been removed accidentally from and amended ordinance. Council agreed to change the fee to \$50.00 for both gas and water departments.

City Attorney Mattingly read the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 156 of subdivision regulations and street specifications.

City Attorney Mattingly read the first reading of an ordinance amending section 155.074 to allow for Childcare Facility Use in homes for less than 6 kids. The Board of Adjustments would have to approve this use in a home first.

City Attorney Mattingly read the second reading of an ordinance annexing property located in or adjacent to Country Club Fairways subdivision into the City limits. A motion was made by S. Riley, seconded by A. Riley to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly read the second reading of an ordinance repealing and replacing part of the water and sewer ordinance titled "Sewer Use Ordinance". A motion was made by Edmonds, seconded by Farley to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly read the second reading of an ordinance amending Section 52.35(A) increasing the water rates to reflect the cost of living adjustment rate for 2022 as set by Kentucky Department for Local Government. A motion was made by Edmonds, seconded by S. Riley to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly read the second reading of the 2022-2023 Benton Gas System budget ordinance. A motion was made by Farley, seconded by Holland to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly read the second reading of the 2022-2023 Benton Water & Sewer System budget ordinance. A motion was made by Edmonds, seconded by S. Riley to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly read the second reading of the 2022-2023 General Fund budget ordinance. A motion was made by Farley, seconded by S. Riley to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mayor Dotson asked the Council's opinion on revisiting two of the small business property incentive grant applications. There were two that reached out to her after their parking lot was denied claiming that if they knew it wouldn't be approved, they would have applied for something else. After much discussion, Mayor Dotson decided to decline the request as it was causing too many issues.

Chief Sanderson presented the police report for May. There were 22 cases, 17 collisions, 107 citation violations and 704 calls to service.

A motion was made by Holland, seconded by Edmonds to approve the special called meeting minutes of May 19, 2022 and June 2, 2022. All agreed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by A. Riley, seconded by S. Riley to move to executive session to discuss litigation and property acquisition. All agreed. Motion carried.

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

A motion was made by A. Riley, seconded by S. Riley to approve City Attorney Mattingly to send letters to all delinquent taxpayers and then proceed with mass foreclosure process. All agreed. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Rita Dotson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.