

**Regular Month Meeting
Benton City Council
May 19, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Benton City Council was called to order on Monday, May 19, 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 Rob Mattingly.

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; Dustin Bevil, Police Officer; and Logan Hampton, Police Sergeant.

Mayor Dotson asked for approval for payment request number 4 for Marshall County Caring Needline CDBG in the amount of \$206,576.00. A motion was made by Carr, seconded by Holland to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mayor Dotson read a proclamation for National Treatment Court Month. A motion was made by Farley, seconded by Henton to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

The following bids were received by Benton Gas System for a new truck to haul their boring machine:

Benton Ford – Ford F-450 - \$60,500.00

A motion was made by Jestes, seconded by Henton to approve the purchase. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mayor Dotson read the first reading of the General Fund budget ordinance for 2025-2026.

Mayor Dotson read the first reading of the Benton Water & Sewer budget ordinance for 2025-2026.

Mayor Dotson read the first reading of the Benton Gas System budget ordinance for 2025-2026.

City Attorney Mattingly read the first reading of an ordinance for street legal special purpose vehicles. Mayor Dotson reviewed the types of vehicles covered and the requirements for those vehicles. Each Council member discussed their opinions and concerns. Logan Hampton discussed his opinions on behalf of Benton Police Department. Henton asked that the addition of always requiring headlights be added to the ordinance before second reading.

City Attorney Mattingly read the first reading of an ordinance annexing property located on Sailboat Drive owned by Caycee Griffith.

City Attorney Mattingly read the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 52 regarding sewer amendments and fines.

Todd Riley gave the Benton Gas report for April. Mayor Dotson gave the reports for Benton Fire Department, Benton Water & Sewer Department and Benton Maintenance Department for April. Sergeant Hampton gave the police report for April.

A motion was made by Henton, seconded by Holland to approve the regular minutes of April 21, 2025. All agreed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Farley, seconded by Henton to move to executive session per KRS 61.810(b) for deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property and per KRS 61.810(c) for discussions on proposed or pending litigation. All agreed. Motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Carr, seconded by Henton to authorize City Attorney Mattingly to include the City in the class action lawsuit to be part of PFAS Remediation Funding to test water systems. All agreed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Henton, seconded by Holland to authorize City to seek bids on the demolition and haul off of 1202 Main Street. There will be no asbestos abatement required. All agreed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jestes, seconded by Henton to authorize the application to Planning & Zoning Commission for a zone change from residential to commercial for City-owned property located on A and B Streets. All agreed. Motion carried.

There being no further business coming before the Council meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.


Rita Dotson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.