**Regular Month Meeting**

**Benton City Council**

**November 18, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Benton City Council was called to order on Monday, November 18, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. by Mayor Pro-tem Ann Riley with the Pledge of Allegiance and opening prayer by Butch Holland.

Council Members Present:

Ann Riley (Mayor Pro-tem) Charles Edmonds

Sherra Riley Rita Murray

Butch Holland

Absent were Mayor Rita Dotson and Council Kevin Farley.

Other Staff Present:

Rob Mattingly, City Attorney Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treasurer

Stephen Sanderson, Chief Caleb Curtner, Sergeant

Some representatives, including teachers, principal, parents and kindergartners, from Benton Elementary School were present to ask for support in helping to get more picnic tables at H.H. Lovett Park playground area. These students are currently being bused to Mike Miller Park because we don’t have enough seating area for the kids. This is costly and they would like to be able to walk to Benton Park. The Kindergarten and 1st Grade students would like to help raise money by finding donors. They plan to also get with Marshall County High School shop class to see if they can help build some temporary tables until more permanent ones can be purchased. Bethany Cooper explained that she will also be applying for a couple of grants in the spring to hopefully purchase picnic tables.

Jeff Simms and Lana Alderdice were present on behalf of WCA Waste to introduce the company. They are interested in bidding out waste services when our current contract ends next spring. WCA Waste has hauling, transfer stations and landfill operations in Mayfield, Paducah, Princeton and Lewisport.

City Attorney Mattingly explained that there are some minor changes to the ABC ordinance that was on the agenda for 2nd reading. This ordinance will be tabled until December to make those changes.

Police Chief Sanderson presented the police report for October. There were 18 cases, 23 collisions, 27 citation violations and 582 calls to service. Sanderson also introduced Caleb Curtner as our newest Sergeant.

A motion was made by Murray, seconded by S. Riley to approve payroll and invoices. All agreed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Holland, seconded by Edmonds to approve the special called minutes of October 28, 2019. All agreed. Motion carried.

In Mayor/Council items, A. Riley asked Council to give special thanks to the road departments for clearing the snow from the streets so quickly. She also asked that each Council member help at Dickens Christmas Festival on December 14.

S. Riley reported a complaint that the entrance to Walnut Court is in rough shape.

There being no further business to come before the Council, meeting adjourned at 5:24 P.M.

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Ann Riley, Mayor Pro-tem

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Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.