

**Regular Month Meeting
Benton City Council
October 16, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Benton City Council was called to order on Monday, October 16, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. at Benton City Hall. Mayor Rita Dotson presided and called the meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance was said and prayer was offered by Bethany Cooper.

Council Members Present: Ann Riley, Laura Craynon, Guy Henton and Rita Murray.

Council Members Absent: Kevin Farley and Butch Holland.

Other Staff Present: Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treasurer; Rob Mattingly, City Attorney, Logan Hampton, Police Sergeant and Todd Riley, Gas Manager

City Attorney Mattingly read the second reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 93, Section 93.40(B)(7): Sales and Use of Fireworks of the City of Benton's Code of Ordinances. A motion was made by Murray, seconded by Riley to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly read the second reading of an ordinance accepting Riverside Drive as a city street. A motion was made by Henton, seconded by Craynon to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly read the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 91: Streets and Sidewalks of the City of Benton's Code of Ordinances. This ordinance was tabled for revisions. Another first reading will be read at a future meeting.

City Attorney Mattingly read the first reading of an ordinance awarding the franchise for the collection of residential solid waste.

Mayor Dotson read a municipal order to amend Municipal Order No. 18-09-01 establishing personnel polices to amend Vehicle Use section and add Defensive Driver Training. A motion was made by Henton, seconded by Craynon to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly read a municipal order to amend Municipal Order No. 18-09-01 to add a Return to Work section. Some sections need more clarification so order has been tabled until next meeting.

Mayor Dotson read a resolution accepting the grant, approving the grant assistance agreement, authorizing the amendment of the City of Benton's annual budget, and authorizing a representative to sign all related documents for Kentucky Infrastructure Authority's Cleaner Water Program for our Lift Station Rehabilitation Project (22CWS154). A motion was made by Riley, seconded by Henton to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

Benton Gas System received the following bids to purchase a 2023 skid steer:

Hutson Ag -	\$ 95,575.00
McKeel Equipment -	\$ 83,795.00
McCoy Construction & Forestry -	\$ 91,900.00
Wright Implements -	\$108,876.95
First Choice -	\$ 86,840.17

Todd Riley, Gas Manager, prefers the John Deere machine from McCoy Construction as he feels it is a better machine for they job they need it for. A motion was made by Riley, seconded by Dotson to approve the bid from McCoy Construction. All agreed. Motion carried.

Sergeant Hampton presented the police report for September. There were 12 cases, 15 collisions, 40 citation violations and 791 calls to service.

A motion was made by Henton, seconded by Craynon to approve the special called minutes of September 11, 2023; special called minutes of September 14, 2023 and special called minutes of September 15, 2023. All agreed. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Rita Dotson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.