**Regular Month Meeting**

**Benton City Council**

**October 17, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Benton City Council was called to order on Monday, October 17, 2022 at 5:00 P.M. at Benton City Hall. Mayor Dotson presided and called the meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance and prayer was offered by Kevin Farley.

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

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

 Blake Anderson with Newcomb Oil Company was present to ask the Council to consider taking in the side road that is next to their 5 Star location on Mayfield Highway. This access road leads to Tractor Supply. Newcomb Oil owns the empty lot next to this access road and is looking to sell for future development. They have recently made over $12,000 of upgrades and repairs. The City’s Maintenance Supervisor, Jason Hoover, has inspected the repairs and has agreed they are up to standards. City Attorney Mattingly informed the Council that before the City can officially take in this access road, they have to find that it is beneficial to the public interest and suitable for immediate or future easement. He also mentioned that an agreement will have to be made with Tractor Supply since they currently have an access easement with Newcomb Oil Company. After much discussion, a motion was made by Edmonds, seconded by Farley to accept this access road as a City street. All agreed. Motion carried. City Attorney Mattingly will draw up the needed paperwork and contact Tractor Supply.

 Mayor Dotson reviewed the resolution adopting the Marshall County Area Solid Waste Management Plan 2023-2027 Update. A motion was made by Murray, seconded by S. Riley to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

 Mayor Dotson read a proclamation for National Long-Term Care Residents’ Rights Month 2022. A motion was made by A. Riley, seconded by Edmonds to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

 Halloween curfew was set at 10:00 pm.

 Chief Sanderson presented the police report for September. There were 5 cases, 18 collisions, 75 citation violations and 900 calls to service.

 A motion was made by Farley, seconded by Holland to approve the regular minutes of September 19, 2022. All agreed. Motion carried.

 City Attorney Mattingly announced that our former City Attorney, Martin Johnson, will be receiving the Judge Johnstone Award at a banquet on November 29 at Walker Hall in Paducah.

 Mayor Dotson invited everyone to our pickle ball court ribbon cutting on October 20 at 10:00 am.

There being no further business to come before the Council, meeting adjourned at 5:49 pm.

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 Rita Dotson, Mayor

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Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.