

**Regular Month Meeting
Benton City Council
September 15, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Benton City Council was called to order on Monday, September 15, 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 Kevin Farley.

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; Chris Young, Gas Manager; William York, Planning & Zoning Administrator; Stephen Sanderson, Police Chief; and Tyler Coursey, Police Officer.

Gary Baxter, resident of West Oaks Subdivision, was present to express some concerns. He explained there are erosion and drainage issues coming into the subdivision on the right-hand side, the culverts are starting to decay and there are some pavement issues. Mayor Dotson explained that driveway culverts are the property owners' responsibility to take care of. She will have the other issues checked out.

A motion was made by Jestes, seconded by Henton to approve pay request 8 for CDBG for Marshall County Needline in the amount of \$107,408.00. All agreed. Motion carried.

Fall clean-up day is set for October 13, 2025.

Mayor Dotson read a municipal order amending vacation time policy and compensatory time policy. A motion was made by Carr, seconded by Holland to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mayor Dotson read a resolution declaring PVC water main that was left over from our Symsonia Highway Waterline project as surplus property to be sold on GovDeals. A motion was made by Henton, seconded by Jestes to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly read the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 52.02 of the City's Code of Ordinances regarding water taps.

City attorney Mattingly read the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 51.35 of the City's Code of Ordinances regarding gas taps.

City Attorney Mattingly read the second reading of a zone change ordinance for two lots on Elm Street from an I1 zone to R3 zone. A motion was made by Henton, seconded by Jestes to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly read the second reading of a zone change ordinance for property at 346 Old Symsonia Road from C2 zone to R3 zone. A motion was made by Farley, seconded by Holland to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

Chief Sanderson presented the police report for August. William York presented a report for Planning and Zoning and Code Enforcement. Chris Young presented a gas report. Mayor Dotson presented the monthly reports for water department, fire department and maintenance department.

A motion was made by Henton, seconded by Holland to approve the regular minutes of August 18, 2025; special called minutes of August 25, 2025; and special called minutes of September 9, 2025. All agreed. Motion carried.

In Mayor/Council items, Jestes said she has had several questions about legalizing golf carts on side roads now that side by sides are legal. After a brief discussion, no action was taken at this time.

Mayor Dotson announced that our sidewalk project on the west side of town is approaching the finally stage of obtaining easements and hope to see something tangible begin this fall.

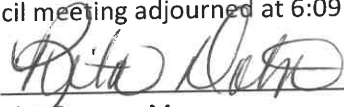
Mayor Dotson announced that the City received funding from Joe Tom Haltom Endowment Fund to build five bocce courts in our Kiddie Park.

Mayor Dotson briefly mentioned last Tuesday's meeting with Anthony Wright from TRANE for those that weren't present and would like to postpone discussion until the next regular meeting in order to obtain more pricing information. All were in agreement.

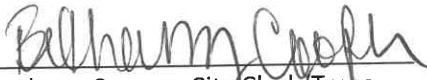
A motion was made by Farley, seconded by Henton to adjourn to executive session per KRS 61.810(1)(g) for discussion concerning a specific proposal. All agreed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jestes, seconded by Carr to adjourn from executive session. All agreed. Motion carried.

There being no further business coming before the Council meeting adjourned at 6:09 pm.


Rita Dotson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.