Public Hearing & Regular Month Meeting
Benton City Council
September 21, 2026

A public hearing was held on Monday, September 21, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. to discuss the addition of a splash pad to HH Lovett Park. Those in attendance were Sylvia Jestes, Ann Riley, Bethany Cooper, Rita Dotson, Guy Henton, Laura Craynon, Lauren Mindos, Stephen Flatt, Chris Kerrick, Kayce Downing, David Maddox and Jessica Scillian.

Lauren Mindos was the only citizen that spoke regarding the proposed splash pad and asked that Council consider interaction and engagement.

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The regular meeting of the Benton City Council was called to order on Monday, September 21, 2026, 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 David Maddox.

Council members present were Sylvia Jestes, Ann Riley, Guy Henton, and Laura Craynon. Absent were Brenda Edwards and Butch Holland.

Other staff present was Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treasurer.

Mayor Dotson reviewed the bids received for the demolition of the old church building at 103 West 11th Street.

Siteworks, LLC (Almo, KY	$ 52,000.00
Diamond S Fencing (Scott City, KS)	$315,257.08
Danny Cope Excavating, LLC (Benton, KY)	$ 94,500.00
Supreme Enterprises LLC (Benton, KY)	$182,636.80
Complete Demolition Services (Louisville, KY)	$152,856.77
Complete Demolition Services (Carrollton, GA)	$331,000.00
United Excavating (Benton, KY)	$130,000.00

A motion was made by Jestes, seconded by Henton to approve the bid from Siteworks, LLC. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mayor Dotson read a resolution and agreement with Commonwealth of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Department of Rural and Municipal Aid granting up to $45,900.00 for sidewalk repair project on Olive Street. All Council voted aye.

A motion was made by Jestes, seconded by Henton to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 17, 2026; special called minutes of September 8, 2026; and special called minutes of September 16, 2026. All agreed. Motion carried.

(Jestes left at 5:10 p.m.)

Mayor Dotson read the first reading on an ordinance changing Planning and Zoning and Board of Adjustment meeting dates from first Monday of each month to the first Tuesday of each month.

Fall clean-up is scheduled for October 19.

Mayor Dotson reviewed department reports for August.

There being no further business coming before the Council, meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Rita Dotson

Rita Dotson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bethany Cooper

Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.