

**Regular Month Meeting
Benton City Council
March 18, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Benton City Council was called to order on Monday, March 18, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. at Benton City Hall. Mayor Pre-tem Ann Riley presided in the absence of Mayor Dotson and called the meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance was said and prayer was offered by Kevin Farley.

Council members present were Laura Craynon, Ann Riley, Rita Murray, Guy Henton and Kevin Farley.

Other staff present were Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treasurer; Rob Mattingly, City Attorney, Stephen Sanderson, Police Chief and Logan Hampton, Police Sergeant.

Elena Blevins with Kentucky Lake Convention & Visitors Bureau was present to discuss restaurant tax with Council. She presented a PowerPoint and answered questions they had.

City Clerk Cooper discussed Buy Board National Purchasing Cooperative. Council is interested in this and asked Cooper to get with members of this Cooperative Program to bring more information back to April's meeting.

City Attorney Mattingly read the second reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 52 to establish a \$4.00 surcharge to Benton Water customers for the purpose of replacing the existing Symsonia Highway waterline. A motion was made by Farley, seconded by Henton to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly read the second reading of an ordinance amending Section 51.35(B)(1), Section 51.35(C) and Section 51.37 to amend tap on fees and deposits required for natural gas connections. A motion was made by Farley, seconded by Henton to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly read the second reading of an ordinance amending Sections 52.35 and 52.38 to clarify the city's policy with regard to repairs and maintenance of customer's service lines and the disconnection of service for non-payment. A motion was made by Farley, seconded by Craynon to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly asked the Council if they are interested in proceeding with a vacant property registration annual fee. This will be discussed further at April's regular meeting.

Spring clean-up date was set for April 15. Farley asked Cooper to look into information for contracting with someone to dispose of paint or tires.

City of Hardin has expressed interest in the two old playground structures that we will be replacing soon. A motion was made by Craynon, seconded by Henton to donate those two structures to City of Hardin at no charge and they are to come remove the structures. All agreed. Motion carried.

Chief Sanderson presented the police report for February. There were 15 cases, 16 collisions, 56 citation violations and 807 calls to service.

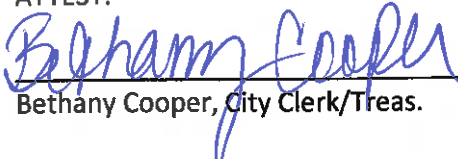
A motion was made by Farley, seconded by Henton to approve the regular minutes of February 19, 2024; special called minutes of March 1, 2024 and special called minutes of March 12, 2024. All agreed. Motion carried.

In Mayor/Council items, Riley has received a complaint about the intersection of Locust and Main Streets. When vehicles are parked at the business, currently a tire shop, the visibility to pull onto Main Street is difficult. City Attorney Mattingly mentioned that a new business just moved in and they were made aware of the previous issues in that area prior to moving.

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.