

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

The regular meeting of the Benton City Council was called to order on Monday, November 18, 2024, 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 Bethany Cooper.

Council members present were Ann Riley, Laura Craynon, Guy Henton, and Butch Holland.

Absent were Lori Henson and Kevin Farley.

Other staff present were Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treasurer; Rob Mattingly, City Attorney; Stephen Sanderson, Police Chief and Todd Riley, Gas Manager.

Chief Sanderson presented the police report for October. There were 18 cases, 16 collisions, 57 citation violations and 679 calls to service.

City Attorney Mattingly read the 2nd reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 158 regarding the registration of vacant commercial property. A motion was made by Craynon, seconded by Henton to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly read the 2nd reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 157 of the property maintenance code regarding outdoor signs. A motion was made by Holland, seconded by Craynon to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly read the 1st reading of an ordinance requiring 2 or more housing units to have a master water meter. Ordinance is sponsored by Riley.

City Attorney Mattingly read the 1st reading of an ordinance approving a zone change that was approved by City Council in 2018 but was never followed through with ordinance. This zone change is for property located at 701, 705 and 707 Olive to change from R-3 to C-2 zone. Ordinance is sponsored by Henton.

Mayor Dotson said that a local beauty salon would like to serve wine and champagne to their customers on occasion. Marshall County and all Marshall County cities prohibited liquor by the drink sales in 2018 because it would allow for stand-alone bars. Henton, Holland and Riley are not for amending the ordinance to allow this change and they do not want the chance of stand-alone bars to come to Benton. Craynon was for the option. After some discussion, it was decided not to allow this amendment. The salon has the option currently to hire a licensed caterer to serve.

Mayor Dotson read a resolution approving the grant assistance agreement with the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority. This is for additional funding on the current Lift Station Rehabilitation Project. A motion was made by Riley, seconded by Henton to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mayor Dotson read a resolution determining the 2008 Dodge 1500 from Wastewater Treatment Plant and the vinyl fencing/posts from HH Lovett Kiddie Park as surplus property to be sold through GovDeals. A motion was made by Riley, seconded by Craynon to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mayor Dotson reviewed the department reports for Benton Water Department and Benton Maintenance Department.


A motion was made by Henton, seconded by Holland to approve the special called minutes of October 14, 2024. All agreed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Riley, seconded by Henton to adjourn to executive session to discuss acquisition of property and potential litigation. All agreed. Motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Craynon, seconded by Henton to allow City Attorney Mattingly to begin the foreclosure process for 1407 Walnut Street and 109 A Street. All agreed. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm.



Rita Dotson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.