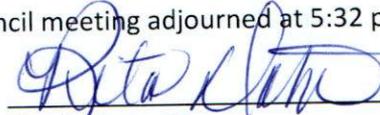


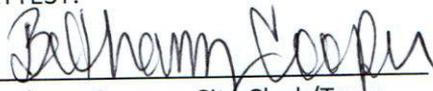
Street paving will begin on October 23, weather permitting.

Mayor Dotson explained our ongoing leaf issue throughout Benton. Our current ordinance does not allow for burning the leaves. Some residents cannot bag or haul off their leaves. She contacted City of Calvert City, and they run a leaf vacuum twice per week from November to January. The city is looking into options for buying or renting the proper equipment to do this.

There being no further business coming before the Council meeting adjourned at 5:32 pm.

  
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Rita Dotson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.

**Regular Month Meeting  
Benton City Council  
October 20, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Benton City Council was called to order on Monday, October 20, 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 Bethany Cooper.

Council members present were Kevin Farley, Sylvia Jestes, Butch Holland, and Guy Henton. Absent were Ann Riley and Darryl Carr.

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

Steve Jackson, owner of 604 Maple Street, was present regarding the abandoned house next door to his property. There are tree roots coming from that property that are clogging drains and causing flooding issues for him. Mayor Dotson will have Maintenance Department check on this issue.

Mayor Dotson read a resolution declaring a 2018 Ford Fusion and 1993 International fire truck as surplus property to auction by GovDeals. A motion was made by Holland, seconded by Jestes to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly read the second reading of an ordinance amending Section 52.02 of the City's Code of Ordinances to implement a time limit on water tap installations. 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 of the city's Code of Ordinances to implement a time limit on gas tap installations. A motion was made by Jestes, seconded by Holland to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

Chief Sanderson presented the police report for September. Mayor Dotson presented department reports for Fire Department, Maintenance Department and Gas Department.

A motion was made by Holland, seconded by Henton to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 15, 2025. All agreed. Motion carried.

In Mayor items, the arch at the entrance of HH Lovett Park will be sand blasted and re-painted in the next two weeks for \$1,575.00.

Mayor Dotson asked the Council to make their decision regarding the TRANE presentation from Anthony Wright on September 9. She mentioned that Benton Electric System has decided they would like to convert the streetlights to LED over the next two years because of liability concerns in hiring someone else to do it. The city has already purchased all the radio read water meters to install. She also received a recommendation from C & C Heating & Cooling that we do not need to change our units until they go out. After some discussion, Council opted for City do the upgrades as time allows instead of hiring out to TRANE.

Halloween curfew was set for 10:00 pm on October 31, 2025.