

**Regular Month Meeting
Benton City Council
July 15, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Benton City Council was called to order on Monday, July 15, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. at Benton City Hall. Mayor Rita Dotson presided and called the meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance was said and prayer was offered by Kevin Farley.

Council members present were Ann Riley, Lori Henson, Guy Henton, Kevin Farley and Butch Holland. Absent was Laura Craynon.

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

Laura McHugh was present regarding a gas leak she had recently. She asked about getting an adjustment on her bill. Benton Gas System does not have an adjustment policy. Mayor Dotson explained to her that she and Benton Gas employees have contacted several gas companies, as well as, Kentucky Gas Association and ATMOS Energy. They have not found any energy company that has adjustment policies. Benton Gas office has offered to set up her on a payment plan and turn off the penalties off of the leak amount.

Ed Jones, Sam Miller, Bill Chumbler and Gerald Ellington were present on behalf of a history basketball museum. Ed attended a meeting a few months back with the idea and would like to know if they City will move forward with accepting the old Benton Middle School gym if Marshall County Board of Education donated the building to the City. Mayor Dotson and members of Council would like them to present a funding plan.

No street paving bids were received.

City Attorney Mattingly read the first reading of an ordinance to allow unpaid liens be added to property tax bills.

City Attorney Mattingly read the first reading of an ordinance amending Planning and Zoning regulations to allow for medical cannabis.

Mayor Dotson read a Municipal Order adding Juneteenth (June 19) to the City's holiday list. A motion was made by Riley, seconded by Holland to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mayor Dotson read a resolution naming the following items as surplus to be advertised on GovDeals.:

2003 Ford Ranger – 1FTYR10U03PB44628
2003 Dodge 1500 – 1D7HA18D63S322346
2010 Dodge Charger – 2B3AA4CT8AH113515
2012 Dodge Charger – 2C3CDXAT9CH282372
1991 F-800 – 1FDYK84AXMVA10201
5/8" x 3/4" Sensus SR2 water meters

A motion was made by Henton, seconded by Farley to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

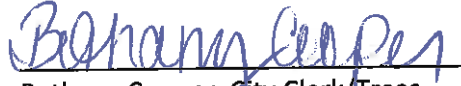
Chief Sanderson presented the police report for June. There were 13 cases opened, 18 collisions, 68 citation violations and 1090 calls for service.

A motion was made by Farley, seconded by Henton to approve the regular minutes of June 17, 2024. All agreed. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.


Rita Dotson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.