

**Regular Month Meeting
Benton City Council
December 20, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Benton City Council was called to order on Monday, December 20, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. by Mayor Rita Dotson at Benton City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance and opening prayer was given by Kevin Farley.

Council Members Present: Rita Murray, Ann Riley, Sherra Riley, Charlie Edmonds and Kevin Farley.

Absent was Butch Holland.

Other Staff Present: Rob Mattingly, City Attorney; Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treasurer; Todd Riley, Gas Mgr; and Stephen Sanderson, Police Chief

City Attorney Mattingly discussed the abandoned railroad property located behind 3A Composites located at 208 West 5th Street. They have requested a letter and quit claim deed from City of Benton confirming the City has no interest in the property. A motion was made by S. Riley, seconded by Murray to approve a quit claim deed to 3A Composites. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mayor Dotson read a resolution for ER Assist Disaster Funding Solutions to help with the required FEMA paperwork the City will have to submit due to the recent tornado. A motion was made by Murray, seconded by Edmonds to approve hiring this company to assist in our FEMA paperwork. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly read the 2nd reading of an ordinance to amend the Planning and Zoning regulations to prohibit storage container homes in all districts and to reference the R-4 zone. A motion was made by Farley, seconded by S. Riley to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly read the 2nd reading of an ordinance amending Section 32.47 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Benton to amend the ordinances as it relates to the publication and publishing of enacted ordinances into one official publication. A motion was made by Edmonds, seconded by A. Riley to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly read the 2nd reading of an ordinance to amend the Planning and Zoning regulations to prohibit storage and shipping containers from being used as accessory structures for storage. A motion was made by Farley, seconded by S. Riley to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly read the first reading of an ordinance changing the zoning classification for Marshall County Children's Art Center located at East 13th and Elm Streets from a R-3 to C-1.

City Attorney Mattingly read the first reading of an ordinance changing the zoning classification at 102 Ash Street from R-1 to R-3.

City Attorney Mattingly read the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 50 of Code of Ordinances regarding garbage pick-up. This service is contracted out and the old ordinance was never amended to remove from the publication.

Butch Holland's term on Benton Electric System Board expires on December 31, 2021. A motion was made by A. Riley, seconded by S. Riley to re-appoint him to this board for another 2-year term. All agreed. Motion carried.

The January regular scheduled meeting will be re-scheduled to Tuesday, January 18 due to City Hall being closed on Monday, January 17 for Martin Luther King Jr Day.

Chief Sanderson presented the police report for November. There were 911 calls to service, 70 citations, 13 collisions and 14 cases.

A motion was made by Murray, seconded by Farley to approve the regular minutes of November 15, 2021 and the special called minutes of December 2, 2021. All agreed. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, meeting adjourned at 5:41 PM.

Rita Dotson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.