

**Regular Month Meeting  
Benton City Council  
January 21, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Benton City Council was called to order on Tuesday, January 21, 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 Kevin Farley.

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

Other staff present were Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treasurer; Stephen Sanderson, Police Chief; Dustin Bevil, Police Officer and Todd Riley, Gas Manager.

Drew Williams was present regarding Tater Day. He is looking for a location to have his vendor market. No decisions were made at this time.

Mayor Dotson read a municipal order pertaining to inclement weather. A motion was made by Henton, seconded by Carr to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mayor Dotson mentioned that she has had calls regarding individuals doing business out of their homes and not paying business license. All the council agreed to pursue these locations when the city is made aware.

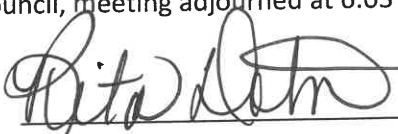
Mayor Dotson reviewed the current animal ordinance pertaining to poultry. Farley said he has had a few people asking to have chickens in city limits. Jestes, Henton and Carr all voiced they are not for amending the current ordinance to allow this.

Mayor Dotson has been approached by an individual who would like to have a beer tent and bands at Tater Day on Friday and Saturday. This individual has a current catering license which would allow if Council agreed. The council discussed and has agreed contingent on the location of the event and if it will be properly governed with checking IDs and having security.

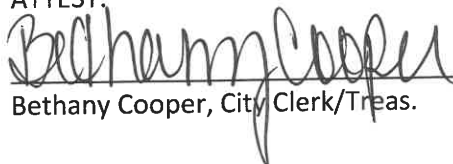
Chief Sanderson presented the police report for December and introduced our new police officer, Dustin Bevil.

A motion was made by Henton, seconded by Jestes to approve the regular minutes of December 16, 2024. All agreed. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, meeting adjourned at 6:03 pm.

  
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Rita Dotson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.