

**Regular Month Meeting
Benton City Council
May 15, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Benton City Council was called to order on Monday, May 15, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. at Benton City Hall. Mayor Dotson presided and called the meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance was said and prayer was offered by Bethany Cooper.

Council Members Present: Ann Riley, Laura Craynon, Guy Henton, Butch Holland and Kevin Farley.

Absent was Rita Murray.

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

A motion was made by Riley, seconded by Farley to adjourn to executive session to discuss proposed litigation per KRS 61.810.

A motion was made by Holland, seconded by Henton to adjourn from executive session at 5:44 pm. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mayor Dotson read a letter from Department of Local Government on behalf of Marshall County Needline. Marshall County Needline is applying for a \$1,000,000 CDBG grant to renovate their existing building. A motion was made by Riley, seconded by Craynon to approve the Marshall County Needline to apply for CDBG through City of Benton. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mayor Dotson read a resolution adopting environmental mitigation measures as established by the United States Department of Agriculture-Rural Development (USDA-RD) which pertain to the Symsonia Highway Waterline Replacement Project. A motion was made by Holland, seconded by Henton to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly read the second reading of an ordinance amending Section 52 of the City of Benton's Code of Ordinances to establish guidelines regarding water meter connections and sewer clean out. A motion was made by Farley, seconded by Riley to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly read the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 98 of City of Benton's Code of Ordinances to allow for Sunday sales of alcohol. Ordinance is sponsored by Henton.

City Attorney Mattingly read the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 112: Peddlers, Street Amusements and Other Temporary Sales of the City of Benton's Code of Ordinances. Ordinance is sponsored by Holland.

City Attorney Mattingly read the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 156: Subdivision Regulations and Minimum Street Requirements. Ordinance is sponsored by Riley.

City Attorney Mattingly read the first reading of an ordinance annexing Riverside Drive into Benton City limits.

City Attorney Mattingly read the first reading of General Fund budget for 2023-2024.

City Attorney Mattingly read the first reading of Benton Water & Sewer System budget for 2023-2024.

City Attorney Mattingly read the first reading of Benton Gas System budget for 2023-2024.

Business license ordinance amendments discussion was postponed until a special called meeting to allow for more discussion time.

Police Chief Sanderson presented the police report for April. There were 12 cases opened, 11 collisions, 97 citation violations and 1098 calls to service.

A motion was made by Henton, seconded by Holland to approve the special called minutes of April 12, 2023; the regular minutes of April 17, 2023; the special called minutes of May 4, 2023 and the special called minutes of May 9, 2023. All agreed. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Rita Dotson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.