

**Regular Month Meeting  
Benton City Council  
May 20, 2024**

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

Council members present were Laura Craynon, Ann Riley, Rita Murray, Guy Henton, Kevin Farley and Butch Holland.

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

Ed Jones was present to discuss an idea of a basketball and hall of fame museum for Western KY. He explained the he and several others from surrounding counties have met multiple times on the idea. The old Benton Middle School gym has been offered as a site but can only be donated to City of Benton and City of Benton would have to donate to the board once it is set up with bylaws and 501(c)3 status. He was reaching out for ideas on how to sustain this and finding grants.

The following bids were received for the generators on the Lift Station Rehab Project:

Evapor - \$209,830.00  
Warden Electric - \$244,277.96

Rivercrest Engineering suggested that both bids be rejected as neither bidder bid the project as specified. A motion was by Farley, seconded by Riley to reject both bids. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mayor Dotson read an agreement and resolution awarding a non-exclusive franchise to Windstream for a term of 10 years. A motion was made by Riley, seconded by Craynon to accept. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mayor Dotson read the agreement and resolution for Municipal Road Aid funding in the amount of \$103,837.35. All agreed to approve.

Mayor Dotson read a municipal order to amend meal allowances in the personnel policy. Breakfast changed from \$10.00 to \$15.00; lunch changed from \$15.00 to \$20.00 and supper changed from \$20.00 to \$25.00. A motion was made by Holland, seconded by Henton to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mayor Dotson read a municipal order to amend longevity awards in the personnel policy as follows:

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| Less than 1 year | \$150.00 |
| 1-5 years        | \$250.00 |
| 6-10 years       | \$300.00 |
| 11-15 years      | \$400.00 |
| 16-20 years      | \$500.00 |

More than 20 years      \$700.00

A motion was made by Craynon, seconded by Riley to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly read municipal orders pertaining to City of Benton drug policy and Benton Gas drug policy. Farley asked to table these to review.

Mayor Dotson read a resolution to declare the following property as surplus:

Stratus Camper Trailer (VIN #4EZT33025N8091717)

Puma Camper Trailer (VIN# 5ZT2PUPB2N4013737)

5 X 8 utility trailer

A motion was made by Farley, seconded by Craynon to approve as surplus. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney read a first reading of an ordinance for vacant property registration for commercial buildings.

A motion was made by Riley, seconded by Holland to re-appoint Danny Newton to Marshall County Refuse Board for another 4-year term. All agreed. Motion carried.

Chief Sanderson presented the police report for April. There were 17 cases, 18 collisions, 77 citation violations and 1644 calls for service.

A motion was made by Holland, seconded by Henton to approve the regular minutes of April 15, 2024. All agreed. Motion carried.

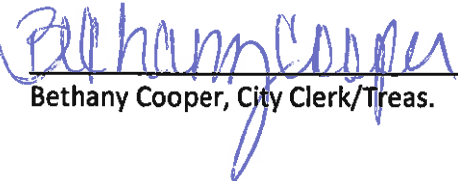
Mayor Dotson announced that the City received a \$75,000 crumb rubber grant to install poured in place surfacing at our playground area.

Mayor Dotson asked the Council to consider allowing a one-time sewer adjustment per year on filling swimming pools. Customer would be required to contact city hall for us to get a beginning and ending meter reading in order to calculate usage. All Council agreed.

There being no further business to come before the Council, meeting adjourned.

  
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Rita Dotson, Mayor

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Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.