

**Regular Month Meeting  
Benton City Council  
November 16, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Benton City Council was called to order on Monday, November 16, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. by Mayor Rita Dotson with the Pledge of Allegiance and opening prayer by Charles Edmonds. This meeting was held via Zoom video conference.

Council Members Present: Butch Holland, Charles Edmonds, Ann Riley, Sherra Riley and Kevin Farley. Rita Murray joined at 5:28 PM.

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

Guests were Areia Hathcock, Marshall County Tribune Courier; Lloyd Ford, Lake News and Kevin Spraggs.

Kevin Spraggs was present to ask the Council to re-visit the parking signs around the court square that restrict dual wheel vehicles or those longer than 19' in length. He voiced that it restricts a lot of people from doing business around the court square. Mayor Dotson mentioned that the ordinance was enacted for safety concerns. Mayor Dotson asked the Council to decide what they would like to do and this will be brought up at the next regular meeting. Bethany will send a copy of the ordinance that was enacted in 2007 to each of them to review.

City Attorney Mattingly read the first reading of an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 14-10-01 on non-partisan elections.

Kentucky League of Cities provided each official with a Comprehensive Land Use Plan update via email. There were no questions or concerns.

Police Chief Sanderson presented the police report for October.

A motion was made by Holland, seconded by Edmonds to approve the regular minutes of October 19, 2020 and the special called minutes of October 29, 2020. All agreed. Motion carried.

In Mayor/Council items, Farley followed up with his concern regarding parallel parking on Main Street past 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Mayor Dotson did talk to the State but has not heard anything back. She feels they will leave it as is.

Mayor Dotson updated everyone on the progress of Main and Poplar Streets paving.

There being no further business to come before the Council, meeting adjourned at 5:31 P.M.

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Rita Dotson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.