

**Regular Month Meeting
Benton City Council
December 16, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Benton City Council was called to order on Monday, December 16, 2024, 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 Bethany Cooper.

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

Other staff present were Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treasurer; Rob Mattingly, City Attorney; Stephen Sanderson, Police Chief and Todd Riley, Gas Manager.

Mayor Dotson read a resolution establishing a Section 3 Plan for the City of Benton for CDBG funding for Marshall County Caring Needline. A motion was made by Riley, seconded by Henton to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly read the second reading of an ordinance amending Section 52, Water and Sewer, of the City of Benton's code of ordinances to require a master water meter for any business with two (2) or more residential units located upon same premises. A motion was made by Farley and motion was approved by each member. Motion carried.

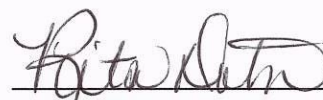
City Attorney Mattingly read the second reading of an ordinance to provide for a change in the zoning classification for property located at 701,705 and 707 Olive Street from R-3 to C-2. A motion was made by Henton and was approved by each member. Motion carried.

Mayor Dotson reviewed a municipal order allowing for a change in the personnel policy to include a Vacation Leave Cash-Out Program. A motion was made by Riley, seconded by Henton to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Henton, seconded by Holland to approve the regular minutes of November 18, 2024. All agreed. Motion carried.

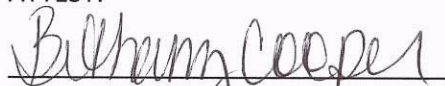
Chief Sanderson presented the police report for November. There were 17 cases, 15 collisions, 38 citation violations and 1273 calls to service.

There being no further business to come before the Council, meeting adjourned at 5:26 pm.



Rita Dotson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.