

**Regular Month Meeting
Benton City Council
December 18, 2017**

The regular monthly meeting of the Benton City Council was called to order on Monday, December 18, 2017 at 5:00 P.M. by Mayor Rita Dotson.

Council Members Present:

Chris Smithmier	Charles Edmonds
Sherra Riley	Justin Lamb
Rita Murray	

Absent was Butch Holland.

Other Staff Present:

Zach Brien, City Atty	Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas
Kelly Collins, Gas Mgr.	

Mayor Dotson gave an update on the pool house project. The pool house is going to run approximately \$16,000 over budget. Mayor Dotson gave Pinnacle approval to move forward up to \$250,000 which is the amount the City had appropriated for this building.

City Attorney Brien read the first reading of an ordinance amending the application process for temporary businesses during Tater Day.

City Attorney Brien read the first reading of an ordinance correcting the required information for a sexually oriented business license.

City Attorney Brien read the second reading of an ordinance amending the City of Benton's investment policy to state that all cash and investments maintained in any financial institution shall be insured by the FDIC or collateralized to the extend uninsured. A motion was made by Edmonds, seconded by Murray to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Brien asked that the 2nd reading of the subdivision regulation amendment ordinance be tabled until he receives further information on the requested changes. A motion was made by Lamb, seconded by Riley to approve tabling. All agreed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Edmonds, seconded by Lamb to approve a general fund budget amendment to move \$34,968.12 from reserve contingency account (5905) to property account (5983) in order to cover the cost of purchasing the two recent properties located near Benton Fire Department. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mayor Dotson updated the Council on the Kentucky Retirement System rate increase for fiscal year 2018-2019. Non-hazardous rates are increasing from 19.18% to 28.05% and hazardous rates are increasing from 31.55% to 47.86%. This increase will cost the City of Benton approximately \$206,000 in additional retirement expenses.

January's regularly scheduled meeting will be moved to Tuesday, January 16, 2018 since Monday is Martin Luther King Jr. Day and City Hall is closed.

Mayor Dotson presented the police report for November in their absence. There were 23 cases, 22 collisions, 25 citations, 619 calls to service and 0 written warnings.

A motion was made by Edmonds, seconded by Riley to approve payroll and invoices. All agreed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Murray, seconded by Lamb to approve the regular minutes of November 20, 2017 and the special called minutes of December 12, 2017. All agreed. Motion carried.

In Council items, Smithmier voiced that he doesn't feel that the City should pay for any Council member to be a member of an organization on behalf of the City. This was discussed by Murray at November's regular meeting.

Keith Travis was present and asked if the City residents should be paying the Marshall County Refuse tax since residents have local garbage pick-up. Mayor Dotson stated that all Marshall County residents have this line item on their county tax bills.

There being no further business to come before the Council, meeting adjourned at 5:25 P.M.

Rita Dotson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.