**Special Called Meeting**

**Benton City Council**

**August 1, 2023**

A special called meeting of the Benton City Council was held on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 3:00 pm at Benton City Hall. Mayor Dotson called the meeting to order.

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

 Others present was Brooke Chappell, Administrative Assistant.

 Mayor Dotson read a resolution to apply for $4,000,000 funding through Kentucky Infrastructure Authority for the Symsonia Highway Waterline Replacement project. Mayor Dotson explained that we are trying this route since USDA is taking so long to approve funding. A motion was made by Farley, seconded by Holland to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

 Ann Riley, on behalf of Marshall County Children’s Art Center, has asked City of Benton to purchase a digital sign for their location in the amount of $11,400. The Council was not in favor of the City of Benton bearing this full cost and it was discussed to split the cost of this sign four ways between City of Benton, Marshall County Arts Commission, Benton Partnership and Benton Gas System. A motion was made by Farley, seconded by Henton to approve paying ¼ of the sign up to $3,000 as long as the other entities pay ¼ as well, along with the stipulation that the City is able to use the sign at least ¼ of the time. Riley is going to get with Art’s Commission and if they do not want to pay ¼ of the sign or agree to the terms then the Council will meet again. All agreed. Motion carried.

 There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 4:52 pm.

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 Rita Dotson, Mayor

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Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.