

**Special Called Meeting
Benton City Council
December 19, 2023**

A special called meeting of the Benton City Council was held on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 5:00 pm at Benton City Hall. Mayor Rita Dotson called the meeting to order.

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

Others present were Rob Mattingly, City Attorney; Bethany Cooper, City and Stephen Sanderson, Police Chief.

City Attorney Mattingly read the second reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 91 of the City's Code of Ordinances related to the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks where commercial buildings are located and the enforcement of the chapter as either a criminal or civil penalty. A motion was made by Farley, seconded by Henton to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mayor Dotson read a Memorandum of Agreement between City of Benton and Benton Partnership to allow a farmers market pavilion to be constructed on City property located at 711 Poplar Street. The agreement covers insurance, maintenance, income and termination. A motion was made by Riley, seconded by Farley to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mayor Dotson read a resolution to support Murray State University's efforts to create and house a veterinary school. A motion was made by Holland, seconded by Henton to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

Police Chief Sanderson presented the police report for November. There were 17 cases, 16 collisions, 72 citation violations and 704 calls to service.

A motion was made by Farley, seconded by Holland to approve the regular minutes of November 20, 2023. All agreed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Farley, seconded by Riley to adjourn to executive session to discuss ongoing and potential litigations. All agreed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Holland, seconded by Farley to adjourn from executive session. All agreed. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Rita Dotson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.