**Special Called Meeting**

**Benton City Council**

**December 2, 2021**

A special called meeting of the Benton City Council was held on Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 3:00 pm at Benton City Hall. Mayor Dotson presided and called the meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance was given and prayer led by Rob Mattingly.

Council Members Present: Butch Holland, Charles Edmonds, Ann Riley, Sherra Riley, Kevin Farley and Rita Murray

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

There was discussion on how to proceed with funding the Symsonia Highway Waterline Replacement Project. Examples were given for flat rate increase or rate per 1,000-gallon increase. A motion was made by S. Riley, seconded by Farley to apply a $20.00 per customer per month surcharge on each account in routes 11 and 12 to help offset the replacement cost. Once the loan on this project is fully paid, the surcharge will be removed from each customer’s monthly bill. All agree. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Murray, seconded by Edmonds to approve surplusing the following property on GovDeals:

* Ditch Witch XT8551 (Benton Gas System)
* 2009 Dodge Charger (Benton Police Department)
* 2006 Crown Vic (Benton Police Department)

There being no further business to come before the Council, meeting adjourned at 3:33 pm.

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Rita Dotson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.