**Special Called Meeting**

**Benton City Council**

**December 20, 2019**

A special called meeting of the Benton City Council was called to order on Friday, December20, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. by Mayor Rita Dotson followed by Pledge of Allegiance and prayer by Rob Mattingly.

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

Sherra Riley.

Absent was Kevin Farley.

Other Staff Present: Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.; Rob Mattingly, City Attorney

Mayor Dotson discussed Marshall County Fiscal Courts recent first reading of an ordinance to establish Marshall County as a Second Amendment Sanctuary County. She provided a copy of the ordinance, information regarding Red Flag Laws and a copy of KRS 65.870 for all to review. Per KRS 65.870, this ordinance is not legal. Mayor Dotson suggests, if this ordinance passes, that Benton separate from this ordinance to protect the City and our Police Officers.

City Attorney Mattingly discussed KRS 65.870, what it prohibits and fines that can be charged to elected officials. He strongly advises the Council and Mayor against this ordinance in the event it is passed by Marshall County Fiscal Court. There are too many concerns with it. At this time, he does not recommend that the Council do anything until a decision has been made by Marshall County Fiscal Court in January.

There being no further discussion, meeting adjourned at 9:40 A.M.

Rita Dotson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treasurer