

**Special Called Meeting
Benton City Council
February 5, 2025**

A special meeting of the Benton City Council was held on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at 3:00 pm at Benton City Hall. Mayor Rita Dotson called the meeting to order followed by Pledge of Allegiance and opening prayer by Darryl Carr.

Council members present were Butch Holland, Darryl Carr, Guy Henton and Sylvia Jestes. Absent were Ann Riley and Kevin Farley.

The other staff present were Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treasurer, Brooke Chappell, Administrative Assistant and Rob Mattingly, City Attorney.

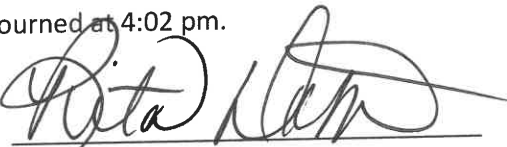
Mayor Dotson read a proclamation declaring February 10 – 14, 2025 as Family Resource and Youth Services Center appreciation week. Several members of Marshall County School System were present. A motion was made by Jestes, seconded by Carr to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mayor Dotson read a resolution opposing the centralized collection of payroll tax. This is also a legislative initiative highly opposed by Kentucky League of Cities. A motion was made by Holland, seconded by Carr to approve the resolution. All agreed. Motion carried.

The current business license ordinance was reviewed. There are several areas that need to be corrected, business categories that need to be added and price adjustments that need to be made. The council were asked to continue reviewing for further discussion at the regular monthly meeting in February.

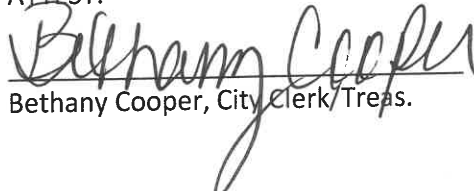
City Attorney Mattingly mentioned the letter he sent out to home-based businesses. They are required to apply with Planning & Zoning for a conditional use permit in the amount of \$150 and also their annual business license once approved by Planning & Zoning. He suggested giving these home-based businesses credit for their first business license since they are having to pay for the conditional use permit. No final decision was made.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 4:02 pm.



Rita Dotson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.