

**Special Called Meeting
Benton City Council
March 28, 2025**

A special meeting of the Benton City Council was held on Friday, March 28, 2025, at 2:00 pm at Benton City Hall. Mayor Rita Dotson called the meeting to order followed by Pledge of Allegiance and opening prayer by Bethany Cooper.

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

The other staff present were Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treasurer, Harry Green, Fire Chief and Rob Mattingly, City Attorney.

City Attorney Mattingly read the second reading of the business license ordinance. Council decided that they would like to change the ordinance to allow those vendors that are set up at the farmer's market locations (Poplar Street through Benton Partnership and Mayfield Highway through Marshall County Extension Office) to be exempt from purchasing a license. Vendors that set up outside of these two farmer's market locations will be required to buy a \$30.00 annual license. The amended ordinance will be presented at the next meeting.

Mayor Dotson reviewed the preliminary construction estimate for First Responders Park that was provided by Bacon Farmer Workman Engineering. Bobby Dietz with BFW was present and mentioned that, so far, he isn't having any luck finding anyone that can install the proposed fountain. Kevin and Sylvia voiced their concerns with parking issues and would like more information before accepting the construction proposal.

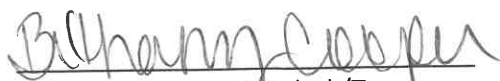
Mayor Dotson asked the Council if they would like to purchase the building beside the plaza at 1202 Main Street for \$50,000 from Frankie Treas. Lots of work needs to be done on this building and she proposed tearing it down. It could possibly be used for additional parking. Farley made a motion to purchase the building contingent upon asbestos' findings. Motion was seconded by Carr. All agreed. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned.



Rita Dotson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.