**Special Called Meeting**

**Benton City Council**

**March 3, 2023**

A special called meeting of the Benton City Council was held on Friday, March 3, 2023 at 3:30 pm at Benton City Hall. Mayor Dotson called the meeting to order. Pledge and prayer was led by Kevin Farley.

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

 Absent was Butch Holland.

 Others present was Bethany Cooper, City Clerk Treasurer and Rob Mattingly, City Attorney.

 Mayor Dotson reviewed the contract for Retail Strategies. Kentucky Lake CVB acquired a $25,000 grant to cover Phase 1 of the project. If City chooses to proceed with Phase 2, City will be responsible for covering $20,000. A motion was made by Farley, seconded by Riley to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

 Drew Williams was present to discuss Tater Day. He will not be doing a vendor market this year, however, Woodmen of the World is setting up spaces for non-profits. He still plans to have mule pulls, concert and dog show. Tater Day LLC fund doesn’t have enough money to cover insurance of approximately $2700. A motion was made by Henton, seconded by Murray to cover the insurance cost if this policy cannot be added under City’s umbrella policy. All agreed. Motion carried.

 Josh Kee and Samantha Mitchell were present on behalf of Marshall County Fair Board. They asked to amend the current contract to $500/year and allow them up to 10 events/year. A motion was made by Henton, seconded by Murray to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

 A motion was made by Craynon, seconded by Henton to appoint Bethany Cooper, Jessica Scillian and Ann Riley to the City/County IDA Board. All agreed. Motion carried.

 There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

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 Rita Dotson, Mayor

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Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.