

**Special Called Meeting
Benton City Council
May 19, 2022**

A special called meeting of the Benton City Council was held on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 11:00 am at Benton City Hall. Mayor Dotson presided and called the meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance was said and opening prayer by Mattingly.

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

Absent was Kevin Farley.

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

Mayor Dotson reviewed the bids received for the Cell 3 Sludge Removal Project:

Gerald Chambers & Sons Inc.	\$491,953.00
Jim Smith Contracting	\$732,600.00

A motion was made by A. Riley, seconded by S. Riley to approve the low bid from Gerald Chambers & Sons Inc. All agreed. Motion carried.

The Small Business Property Incentive Grants were approved in the amount of \$92,968.91 upon motion of Murray and seconded by Holland. The City allocated \$50,000.00 from ARPA funds for this program and Benton Gas System agreed to fund the difference of \$42,968.91 so that all approved applicants could receive grant funding. The applicants that applied for drainage repair and sealing/paving were not approved. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly read a resolution declaring the following items to be surplus via GovDeals:

Vacuum trailer model #288
2004 Cadillac 4D Black (VIN 1GYDE63A840116962)

The following items were requested to be sold for scrap:

2000 Ford Focus (VIN 3FAFP3130YR252140)
1996 Chevy PK Silver (VIN 1GCDT19XOT8192461)
1991 Chevy Pk Mar (VIN 1GCDK14K8ME122983)

A motion was made by A. Riley, seconded by S. Riley to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mayor Dotson review the Municipal Road Aid agreement and resolution for 2022-2023 paving funds in the amount of \$96,423.88. A motion was made by Holland, seconded by S. Riley to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly read the first reading of an ordinance annexing property located in Country Club/Fairway Subdivision into city limits.

City Attorney Mattingly read the first reading of a sewer use amendment adding language for the new sewer pretreatment program.

City Attorney Mattingly read the first reading of an ordinance increase water rates per Department of Local Government's COLA increase of 7% for 2022. Rates to be effective July 1, 2022.

City Attorney Mattingly read the first reading of the Benton Gas System budget ordinance for 2022-2023.

City Attorney Mattingly read the first reading of the Benton Water & Sewer System budget ordinance for 2022-2023.

City Attorney Mattingly read the first reading of the General Fund budget ordinance for 2022-2023.

City Attorney Mattingly read the second reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 155.140 pertaining to planning and zoning fees. A motion was made by S. Riley, seconded by Holland to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly read the second reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 32 to add regular meeting times for Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustments. A motion was made by Edmonds, seconded by S. Riley to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by A. Riley, seconded by Murray to approve \$500.00 donation to Marshall County High School Project Graduation. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mayor Dotson, Chief Sanderson and City Attorney Mattingly discussed golf cart issues. The Mayor is receiving lots of complaints of children riding golf carts unsupervised. If an ordinance is adopted, the State Statutes have to be included, which includes golf cart inspections. Mattingly will get with incoming Sheriff Matt Hilbrecht and discuss this. Follow-up discussion will be at a later meeting.

Chief Sanderson presented the police report for April. There were 15 cases, 18 collisions, 150 citation violations and 794 calls to service.

A motion was made by Edmonds, seconded by Holland to approve the regular minutes of April 18, 2022; special called minutes of May 9, 2022 and special called minutes of May 10, 2022. All agreed. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Rita Dotson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.