**Special Called Meeting**

**Benton City Council**

**November 4, 2021**

A special called meeting of the Benton City Council was held on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 3:00 pm at Benton City Hall. Mayor Dotson presided and called the meeting to order.

Council Members Present: Butch Holland, Charles Edmonds, Ann Riley, Sherra Riley, Kevin Farley and Rita Murray (arrived 3:28 pm)

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

There was more discussion on utility incentives for new developments. After much discussion, it was decided to give a 25% discount on water and sewer taps to a developer who is building four (4) or more new residential developments that will require four (4) or more meters. City Attorney Mattingly will draft a policy for later review.

Mayor Dotson read a resolution to approve the purchase of 1211 Poplar Street for $30,000 and to approve Mayor to sign all required documents for the purchase. A motion was made by Murray, seconded by A. Riley to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Clerk Cooper discussed the following General Fund budget amendments and explained the line items:

**Revenues:**

Increase Other Revenues from $2,808,762.00 to $2,987,049.00. This is adding $45,000.00 to Park Miscellaneous Income for Pickle Ball Court, adding $100,000.00 that was allocated from Benton Gas to be used where needed and to account for the additional CARES funding received in the amount of $33,287.00.

**Expenses:**

Increase General Expenses from $3,048,992.32 to $3,172,279.32 and increase Parks Department from $183,503.00 to $238,503.00. These changes occur from adding $7500.00 to Legal; $30,000.00 to Property and $50,000.00 to Pickle Ball Courts. These revenue and expense changes increased Reserve Contingency from $1,693,121.00 to $1,778,908.00.

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

There being no further business to come before the Council, meeting adjourned at 3:56 pm.

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Rita Dotson, Mayor

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Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.