

**Special Called Meeting  
Benton City Council  
October 14, 2024**

A special meeting of the Benton City Council was held on Monday, October 14, 2024, at 5:00 pm at Benton City Hall. Mayor Rita Dotson called the meeting to order followed by Pledge of Allegiance and opening prayer by Rob Mattingly.

Council members present were Kevin Farley, Laura Craynon, Ann Riley, Butch Holland, Guy Henton and Lori Henson.

Other staff present were Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treasurer and Rob Mattingly, City Attorney.

City Attorney Mattingly read the second reading of an ordinance amending the annual budget for Benton Gas System. A motion was made by Henton, seconded by Craynon to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly read the second reading of an ordinance amending Section 52.36 to allow special water tap connection rates for customers on Nance Lane and Weatherwood Road. A motion was made by Riley, seconded by Craynon to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly read the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 157 to amend language regarding outdoor signs. Ordinance is sponsored by Craynon.

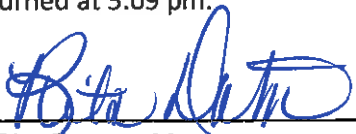
City Attorney Mattingly read the first reading of an ordinance amending vacant property registration to allow the Board of Adjustments authority to exemplify properties that are not suitable for commercial use.

Mayor Dotson read the September police report. There were 17 cases, 10 collisions, 94 citation violations and 853 calls to service.

Mayor Dotson read the report for Benton Water & Sewer and Benton Maintenance Department.

A motion was made by Craynon, seconded by Holland to approve the regular minutes of September 16, 2024, and the special called minutes of September 23, 2024. All agreed. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 5:09 pm.

  
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Rita-Dotson, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.