

**Special Called Meeting
Benton City Council
October 6, 2020**

A special called meeting of the Benton City Council was held via Zoom video conferencing on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 3:00 P.M. Mayor Dotson called the meeting to order. Pledge and prayer was offered by Charles Edmonds.

Council Members Present were Butch Holland, Charles Edmonds, Ann Riley, Rita Murray and Sherra Riley (3:13 PM).

Absent was Kevin Farley.

Other Staff Present was Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treasurer and Harry Green, Fire Chief.

Mayor Dotson reviewed the quotes that Harry obtained from local car dealerships for him a new pick-up truck for fire department and code enforcement use.

- Country Chevrolet – \$31,400 for 2021 Silverado 1500, 4WD – offered \$6,000 trade in on the 2014 Jeep Patriot = \$25,400.00
- Leon Riley Ford - \$34,600 for 2021 F-150, 4WD – offered \$8,000 trade in on the 2014 Jeep Patriot = \$26,600.00
- David Taylor - \$29,905 for 2021 Dodge 1500, 4WD – offered \$8,000 trade in on the 2014 Jeep Patriot = \$21,905.00

It is an additional \$875.00 to add a bed cover on each vehicle.

A motion was made by Murray, seconded by A. Riley to approve the purchase of the 2021 Dodge 1500 from David Taylor and trade in the Jeep Patriot. The motion also included adding the bed cover. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Clerk Cooper explained that with the above motion, a General Fund budget amendment is required to cover the cost. An additional \$7,530.00 needs to be added to the Fire Truck account and removed from Reserve Contingency. A motion was made by Holland, seconded by Edmonds to approve the budget amendment. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mayor Dotson discussed Dickens Christmas festival. With COVID-19, many changes would have to be made. The alley could not be utilized and we could not hold a parade. All of the CDC's social distancing guidelines would have to be followed which would make hosting the event very difficult. All Council agreed that it wasn't a good idea to hold the event this year.

There being no further discussion, meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Rita Dotson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treasurer