

**Special Called Meeting  
Benton City Council  
September 11, 2023**

A special called meeting of the Benton City Council was held on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 5:00 pm at Benton City Hall. Mayor Rita Dotson called the meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance was said and prayer by Henton.

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

Others present were Rob Mattingly, City Attorney; Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treasurer and Stephen Sanderson, Police Chief.

Mayor Dotson read the first reading of an ordinance amending sections 52.35 and 52.36 of City of Benton's Code of Ordinances to amend water adjustment rates and increase the water and sewer connection fees. A motion was made by Farley, seconded by Murray to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly read the first reading of an ordinance to set the dates that fireworks can be shot in city limits. The suggested dates are the Saturday prior to July 4, July 4 and the Saturday following July 4 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. If July 4 falls on Saturday, then suggested dates are the Friday before, Saturday and the Sunday after. Farley expressed his concerns on these suggested dates. Bethany suggested sending out a SurveyMonkey to get the communities opinion before a final reading is made.

City Attorney Mattingly read the first reading of an ordinance to include the remainder of Riverside Drive to the City's street list as it was recently annexed.

Mayor Dotson read a resolution to surplus the following items to GovDeals:

2010 Chevrolet Colorado  
2001 Ford F-150 4x4  
2012 SR200 Case Loader

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

Mayor Dotson discussed the funding options for the Symsonia Highway Waterline Project. We have received initial approve through KIA for a \$4,000,000 loan.

Fall clean-up date was set for the week of October 16. All acceptable items must be out by 7:00 am on this date.

Chief Sanderson presented the police report for August. There were 9 cases, 18 collisions, 35 citation violations and 795 calls to service.

A motion was made by Holland, seconded by Murray to approve the regular minutes of August 21, 2023. All agreed. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 5:29 pm.

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Rita Dotson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.