

**Special Called Meeting
Benton City Council
September 8, 2026**

A special meeting of the Benton City Council was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 2:15 p.m. CST at Benton City Hall. Mayor Dotson called the meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance was said, and prayer was offered by Bethany Cooper.

Council members present were Guy Henton, Sylvia Jestes, Butch Holland and Brenda Edwards. Absent were Laura Craynon and Ann Riley.

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

The following TAP – Benton Sidewalk Project bids were received:

KMAC Contracting - \$1,207,253.22

Jim Smith Contracting - \$1,351,414.40

Youngblood Excavating - \$1,563,397.65

A motion was made by Jestes, seconded by Holland to approve the low bid of KMAC. All agreed. Motion carried.

There was a second reading of an ordinance setting the property tax rates of 20.8 cents for real estate, 41.00 cents for personal property and 24.00 cents for vehicles. A motion was made by Jestes, seconded by Edwards to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

There was a second reading of an ordinance amending Section 52.02, Water Meter Required, of the Benton Code of Ordinances to allow one water meter for multiple residences under extraordinary circumstances. A motion was made by Jestes, seconded by Henton to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m. CST.

Rita Dotson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.