

**Special Called Meeting
Benton City Council
March 12, 2024**

A special called meeting of the Benton City Council was held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 3:00 pm at Benton City Hall. Mayor Rita Dotson called the meeting to order followed by Pledge of Allegiance and opening prayer by Bethany Cooper.

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

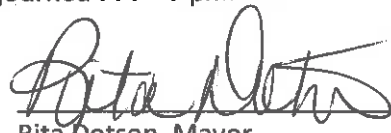
Other staff present was Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treasurer.

Mayor Dotson informed the Council that we have a remainder of \$166,527.55 in ARPA funds that have to be expensed before December 31, 2024. We discussed using them towards water line replacement, small business grants and/or street paving. A motion was made by Holland, seconded by Farley to let Mayor Dotson and Cooper decide the most needed use of the funds. All agreed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Henton, seconded by Riley to adjourn to executive session to discuss potential litigation. All agreed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Farley, seconded by Henton to adjourn from executive session. All agreed. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 3:23 pm.



Rita Dotson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.