

**Special Called Meeting
Budget Workshop
Benton City Council
May 9, 2022**

A special called meeting of the Benton City Council was called to order on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 4:00 P.M. by Mayor Rita Dotson.

Council Members Present:

Sherra Riley, Butch Holland, Ann Riley, Rita Murray, Charles Edmonds and Kevin Farley

Other Staff Present:

Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor Dotson announced the request for qualifications that we received for engineers on the West 6th Street Sewer Project. RFQs were received from RiverCrest Engineering and Commonwealth Engineers. Previously, an employee committee and employees from Purchase Area Development District were present to mediate the scoring procedure. PADD tallied the results and emailed the meeting minutes and the firm with the high score. RiverCrest Engineering had the high score. A motion was made by Edmonds, seconded by Farley to approve RiverCrest Engineering as the engineering firm on the West 6th Street Sewer Project. All agreed. Motion carried.

The Small Business Property Incentive Grants were discussed. It was decided that sealing parking lots and paving was not going to be approved expenditures. With removing those expenditures, the possible grant funding was \$92,968.91. This discussion was tabled for a decision at the regular meeting on May 16 to make a final decision.

The 2022-2023 Benton Water and Sewer System proposed budget was reviewed.

There being no further discussion, meeting adjourned at 5:52 P.M.

Rita Dotson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treasurer