

**Special Called Meeting  
Benton City Council  
August 11, 2022**

A special called meeting of the Benton City Council was held on Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 5:00 pm at Benton City Hall. Mayor Dotson presided and called the meeting to order. Pledge and prayer were offered by City Attorney Mattingly.

Council Members Present: Kevin Farley, Ann Riley, Charles Edmonds and Rita Murray.

Absent were Sherra Riley and Butch Holland.

Others Present: Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treasurer; Rob Mattingly, City Attorney; Tyler Coursey, Police Officer

Mayor Dotson presented Cade Flatt with a Kentucky Colonel certificate and also a sign that will be posted at the walking track at HH Lovett Park listing his track accomplishments. Cade, his parents and his high school track coach were in attendance.

Mayor Dotson explained that Marshall County Needline would like to apply for a CDBG grant and run it through City of Benton. Stacey Courtney with P.A.D.D. was present to answer any questions regarding the process. He confirmed that allowing Marshall County Needline to apply will not keep City of Benton from applying since special COVID funding will be used. He also confirmed that the City will not be liable financially in any way. Their current project estimate is \$1,800,000 but the grant is for \$1,000,000. They have requested additional funding but, if it isn't available, they will adjust their plans. Hollie Darnall, director of Marshall County Needling, and David Green, board member, were also present.

Mayor Dotson read a resolution allowing Marshall County Needline to apply for CDBG funding through City of Benton to assist in their community project. A motion was made by A. Riley, seconded by Farley to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly has prepared an agreement to allow citizens of Benton to use the basement of Benton Elementary School and an area at South Marshall Middle School as an emergency storm shelter. He will present the agreement to Marty Johnson, attorney for Marshall County Board of Education. Once the agreement is finalized between the two attorneys, Mattingly will present to Council for approval then it will have to go to Marshall County Board of Education for approval.

The following bids were received for the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Sewer Main Project:

Murtco Utility Services, LLC - \$334,140.00  
Bobby Luttrell & Sons, LLC - \$366,000.00  
Youngblood Excavating & Contracting, LLC - \$367,630.00  
Twin States Utilities & Excavation, Inc. - \$647,486.00

A motion was made by Farley, seconded by Edmonds to approve Murtco's bid. All agreed. Motion carried.

No bids were received on the West 9<sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk Replacement Project.

Mayor Dotson read a resolution approving the month of September as City Government Month. A motion was made by Murray, seconded by Edmonds to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly read a resolution declaring the City's 2007 street sweeper and Ford 800 flat bed truck as surplus property to be auctioned through GovDeals.com. A motion was made by Farley, seconded by A. Riley to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly read the first reading of an ordinance setting the fee for inaccessible water meters from \$25.00 to \$50.00.

Officer Coursey read the police report for July. There were 10 cases, 17 collisions, 70 citation violations and 1101 calls to service.

A motion was made by Murray, seconded by Edmonds to approve the regular minutes of July 18, 2022. All agreed. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, meeting adjourned at 5:41 pm.

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Rita Dotson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.