

**Special Called Meeting
Benton City Council
August 23, 2022**

A special called meeting of the Benton City Council was held on Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at 4:00 pm at Benton City Hall. Mayor Rita Dotson presided and called the meeting to order.

Council members present were Kevin Farley, Ann Riley, Charles Edmonds, Butch Holland and Rita Murray.

Absent was Sherra Riley.

Others present was Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treasurer.

Mayor Dotson announced that Jerry Lovett has resigned from the Planning and Zoning Board and recommended Trent Lovett to take his position. Planning and Zoning Administrator, William York, contacted Trent and he is willing to serve. A motion was made by Holland, seconded by Edmonds to approve Trent Lovett to the Planning and Zoning Board. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mayor Dotson suggested Patty Sanders to serve on the Benton Electric System Board in place of Robert Collins. A motion was made by A. Riley, seconded by Holland to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

Council was presented with 2022 real property tax rate calculation worksheets. The 2022 substitute rate is 0.22 which is less than 2021 tax rate. The rate allowing a 4% increase is 0.228. After discussing the rates in depth, a motion was made by Holland, seconded by A. Riley to propose using 0.228 for the 2022 real property tax rate. Per KRS 132.027, a public hearing will be held on September 14, 2022 after notices have been published in our local paper for two consecutive weeks. Farley opposed this rate increase. The remainder agreed and motion carried to move forward with the public hearing.

There being no further business to come before the Council, meeting adjourned at 4:22 pm.

Rita Dotson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.