

**Special Called Meeting
Benton City Council
February 7, 2020**

A special called meeting of the Benton City Council was called to order on Friday, February 7, 2020 at 3:00 P.M. by Mayor Rita Dotson.

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

Other Staff Present: Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.; Rob Mattingly, City Attorney

City Attorney Mattingly read the bid specifications for trash collection services. Our current service with Republic Services expires on April 30, 2020. A 5% franchise fee and a 5% collection fee has been added to the specifications. If approved, bids will be advertised February 11 and due by February 28. They will be presented to Council on March 16 at the regular meeting.

Farley asked if cans being left out for days could be addressed. Mayor Dotson explained this is not an issue for the trash collection service but an issue the City will address. She will ask Harry Green to drive by on the days after trash collection and see where the main problem areas are.

Ann asked why the businesses are not included in this service. Mayor Dotson explained that there is nowhere for most businesses to sit cans out for collection. Some businesses can use regular cans and some need larger dumpsters. Adding commercial customers would drive the cost up. However, there is a clause in the current bid specifications document that commercial customers can negotiate pricing with the chosen company. Businesses can be informed of this once a bid has been approved.

A motion was made by Farley, seconded by Murray to proceed with the bidding process. All agreed. Motion carried.

There being no further discussion, meeting adjourned at 3:40 P.M.

Rita Dotson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treasurer