

**Special Called Meeting
Benton City Council
July 27, 2026**

A special meeting of the Benton City Council was held on Monday, July 27, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. CST at Benton City Hall. Mayor Dotson called the meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance was said, and prayer was offered by Bethany Cooper.

Council members present were Guy Henton, Sylvia Jestes, Ann Riley, Laura Craynon and Brenda Edwards. Absent was Butch Holland.

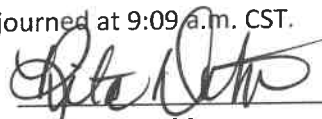
The other staff present were Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treasurer and Rob Mattingly, City Attorney.

A motion was made by Riley, seconded by Henton to move to executive session per KRS 61.810(g) – discussions between and public agency and a representative of a business entity and discussions concerning a specific proposal, if open discussions would jeopardize the siting, retention, expansion, or upgrading of the business. All agreed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Craynon, seconded by Jestes to adjourn executive session. All agreed. Motion carried.

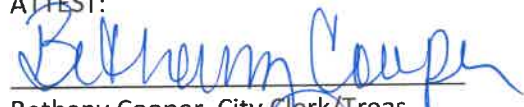
Mayor Dotson read a letter from Kentucky Department of Economic Development regarding a Kentucky Business Incentive Program for a potential business that is looking to locate in Benton. If accepted, this incentive program would require City of Benton to give up 0.2% payroll withholding tax for 10 years on up to 30 new employees for this particular business. A motion was made by Henton, seconded by Jestes to approve Mayor Dotson to sign this letter and accept the terms. All agreed. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m. CST.



Rita Dotson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.