

**Special Called Meeting  
Benton City Council  
June 2, 2022**

A special called meeting of the Benton City Council was held on Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 1:00 9m at Benton City Hall. Mayor Dotson presided and called the meeting to order.

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

Others Present: Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treasurer; Todd Riley, Gas Manager and DJ Story, Peel and Holland.

DJ Story was present to discuss health insurance benefit renewal for 2022-2023. The city's self-insurance plan has seen an increase in claims resulting in higher expected claims cost for the new plan year. DJ discussed a new prescription program called SharX that could potentially save the City's plan several thousands of dollars. It will cost approximately \$12,000 to implement but the savings far exceeds the cost. This program will help the employee and city save on certain prescription drugs. If the city elects to utilize this program, it is a required program for all employees to utilize if their drug is covered.

DJ also discussed the city's stop loss premium increases. The stop loss amount for each employee is currently \$35,000. If the city opts to raise that to \$40,000, it could result in a savings over \$17,000 for the plan year.

Finally, DJ discussed the option of fully insured plans and the pros and cons of changing.

After much discussion, all Council agreed to adopt the SharX program and raise the stop loss premium to \$40,000.

There being no further business to come before the Council, meeting adjourned at 2:17 pm.

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Rita Dotson, Mayor

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Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.