

**Special Called Meeting
Benton City Council
April 3, 2020**

A special called meeting of the Benton City Council was held via Zoom video conferencing on Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 3:00 P.M. Because of COVID-19, public meetings are not allowed in person but can be held via video conferencing. Mayor Dotson called the meeting to order and asked City Attorney Mattingly to open with prayer.

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

Guests Present: Chad Brown, Republic Services; John Denton, Waste Path and Jeff Simms, WCA

Mayor Dotson opened the discussion on the trash collection bids. Each Council was asked their opinion. After much discussion and asking questions to the representatives, Mayor Dotson asked for a recommendation and a motion. A motion was made by Farley, seconded by S. Riley to approve the 3-year contract from WCA for \$9.45/customer/month. Holland and Edmonds agreed. A. Riley and Murray opposed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly read Municipal Order No. 20-03-02 providing for leave under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. A motion was made by A. Riley, seconded by S. Riley to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

There being no further discussion, meeting adjourned at 3:35 P.M.

Rita Dotson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treasurer