

**Special Called Meeting
Benton City Council
May 29, 2026**

A special meeting of the Benton City Council was scheduled on Friday, May 29, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. CST at Benton City Hall. Mayor Dotson called the meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance was said, and prayer was offered by Kevin Farley.

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

The other staff present were Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treasurer; Rob Mattingly, City Attorney; Kevin Farley, Planning & Zoning Admin., and Jason Hoover, Maintenance Department Supervisor.

Mayor Dotson gave information regarding a proposed new development on Old Symsonia Highway by Wabuck Development Company Inc. This development will have a large impact on the current sewer system in that area, which is already estimated to be at 97% capacity. Regardless of the locating project, the sewer system needs to be relocated and upgraded in the area of West 5th and 6th Streets to allow for future growth. This sewer project is currently estimated to be over \$1.5 million. After much discussion, a motion was made by Sylvia, seconded by Guy to approve the following:

- Allow Mayor authority to seek funding opportunities through Delta Regional Authority and Kentucky Infrastructure Authority; and
- Allow City Attorney Mattingly to draft a letter to Wabuck Development Company Inc. to be signed by Mayor stating Benton City Council will upgrade the sewer system in that area. They need this letter to apply for grant funding for their project.

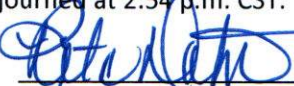
All agreed, motion carried.

Mayor Dotson read the first reading of an ordinance adopting the 2026-2027 budget for General Fund.

Mayor Dotson read the first reading of an ordinance adopting the 2026-2027 budget for Benton Water and Sewer.

Mayor Dotson read the first reading of an ordinance adopting the 2026-2027 budget for Benton Gas System.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m. CST.



Rita Dotson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.