

**Special Called Meeting
Benton City Council
October 25, 2023**

A special called meeting of the Benton City Council was held on Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 3:00 pm at Benton City Hall. Mayor Rita Dotson called the meeting to order.

Council members present were Butch Holland, Guy Henton, Rita Murray, Ann Riley, Kevin Farley and Laura Craynon.

Others present were Rob Mattingly, City Attorney; Brooke Chappell, Admin. Assistant and Tony Seavers, Water Plant Operator.

Mayor Dotson read the bids for the Symsonia Highway Waterline Replacement project and explained the hearsay of having to accept the lowest bid which cannot be confirmed.

Murtco bid \$1,794,505.82.

Youngblood Excavating bid \$1,625,719.00.

Mayor Dotson explained the Council can choose the lowest bid or reject both bids and ask to rebid with different verbiage in order to choose whoever Council wants. A motion was made by Farley, seconded by Holland to reject both bids. All agreed. Motion carried.

Benton Golf and Country Club has demanded payment in the amount of \$10,200.00 to repair cost of their Nursery Green that was damaged during the construction of the Southwest One Interceptor. As of October 17, 2023, an agreement was reached to amicably settle the claim. Murtco has agreed to cover \$5,000.00 and was asked if Marshall County Fiscal Court and City of Benton will split the remaining \$5,200.00. A motion was made by Riley, seconded by Farley to pay \$2,600.00 to Benton Golf and Country Club. All agreed. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 3:28 pm.

Rita Dotson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.