

**Special Called Meeting
Budget Workshop
Benton City Council
May 2, 2017**

A special called meeting of the Benton City Council was called to order on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. by Mayor Rita Dotson.

Council Members Present:

Charles Edmonds	Rita Murray
Butch Holland	Sherra Riley
	Chris Smithmier

Absent was Justin Lamb.

Other Staff Present:

Bethany Cooper, City Treasurer
Kelly Collins, Gas Mgr
Harry Green, Fire Chief
Tracy Watwood, Police Chief (9:30)

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the proposed budgets for General Fund, Benton Water & Sewer System and Benton Gas System.

General Fund:

- Lamb asked Mayor Dotson to add disc golf to park budget for \$8,626.00. It will cost approximately \$10,500 which will include City employees building the concrete forms. The Council wants to look for sponsors to help with this project.
- Add \$150.00 per year for the Planning & Zoning Board members that will need the mandatory training. It is mandatory to be trained every other year.
- Add \$1000.00 to purchase Eclipse glasses and sell them to recoup the expense.
- Add more funds to purchase banners for around town.
- Add \$6000.00 for air pack and \$10,000 for 5 sets of turn-out gear for Fire Department.

Water & Sewer:

- Add \$15,000.00 for a used Ford Ranger or similar type truck for water plant.
- Add \$7,500.00 for a GPS system for Water Department

Gas:

- Take bids for someone to mow/landscape Benton Gas property.

There being no further discussion, meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

Rita Dotson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michele Edwards, City Clerk