

**City of Benton
City Council Meeting**

January 18, 2022

The governing body of the City of Benton, Kansas met in regular session via zoom at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Tyler Gottschalk was absent, Councilman Schoneboom presided. Members of the council were present as follows: Dan Claycamp, Cody Smith, Curt Ghormley and Travis Swift.

Approve Agenda

Councilman Schoneboom moved to modify the agenda by moving forward and adding new items:

1. Lift station proposal
2. Assistant City Clerk
3. Executive Session

Motion was seconded by Councilman Ghormley. Motion to approve modified agenda passed 5-0.

Electrical upgrade for Stearman lift station.

City Admin. Matt Engels and Maintenance Supervisor Mark Perry presented a proposal for electrical upgrades at the Stearman Estates lift station. Their recommendation is to accept the bid from A&E Electric for \$12,525.00.

Councilman Schoneboom moved to approve the bid from A&E Electric for the electrical upgrade to Stearman Estates lift station. Motion was seconded by Councilman Smith.

Councilman Ghormley moved to amend the motion to read acceptance of Bid #2. Motion was seconded by Councilman Claycamp. Motion passed 5-0.

Vote for the original motion as amended passed 5-0.

Assistant City Clerk

City Administrator recommends hiring Rachel Cain as part-time assistant city clerk.

Councilman Schoneboom moved to hire Rachel Cain as a part-time assistant city clerk and include appointment by the mayor. Motion was seconded by Councilman Swift. Motion passed 5-0.

Executive Session

Councilman Schoneboom moved that the governing body recess into executive session IAW K.S.A.75-4319(b) to discuss non-elected personnel matters to return at 7:25 p.m. In attendance will be the city attorney and city council members.

Reconvene

Councilman Swift moved to return to open session. Motion seconded by Councilman Ghormley. Motion passed 5-0.

Councilman Schoneboom moved to accept the Workshop directive 2022 as the “Authorized” non-elected employee compensation for CY2022. Motion was seconded by Councilman Claycamp. Motion passed 5-0.

Councilman Schoneboom moved to adopt Option B retroactive to January 1, 2022. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ghormley. Motion passed 5-0.

Option B will be added as an addendum to these minutes.

Recess

Councilman Schoneboom moved to recess the meeting to January 31, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. to meet in person, if possible, at the Community Building, 150 S. Main Street. Motion was seconded by Councilman Claycamp. Motion passed 5-0.

Reconvene January 31, 2022

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Gottschalk at 7:00 p.m. All members of the governing body were present.

Approve Minutes

Councilman Claycamp moved to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2021 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Swift. Motion passed 5-0.

Councilman Ghormley moved to approve the minutes from the December 27, 2021 Special meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Old Business

Radar Speed Sign. Police Chief, Braden Moore, recommended purchasing the sign from Traffic Logic at \$2719 for the unit and 3 mounts.

Councilman Schoneboom moved to purchase the Traffic Logic radar sign and mounts. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ghormley. Discussion. Motion passed 3-2. Councilman’s Swift and Claycamp voted against.

Website Update

Councilman Claycamp moved to postpone the website update decision to the February Council Meeting and designate Councilman Schoneboom to coordinate a workshop for members to

hear proposals from vendors before the February meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Swift. Motion passed 5-0.

New Business

Zoning Hearing Decision

Zoning Hearing for BZA-V-01-22 was held on January 10, 2022. Application was withdrawn by applicant.

Councilman Schoneboom moved the City Council accept the recommendation from the Zoning Board to issue an Occupancy Certificate for the property at 243 S. Main Street with restrictions to allow occupancy without the immediate installation of a paved parking lot. Paved parking lot must and will be installed no later than August 31, 2024. Parking lot must meet the construction standards and zoning regulations in effect at the time of installation. Occupancy certificate restriction will remain in effect regardless of change of ownership. Motion was seconded by Councilman Swift. Motion passed 5-0.

Benton Cemetery Flags

Ron and Carla McCune were present to request the City of Benton take over placing the flags on veterans' graves and maintain the flags at the Benton Cemetery.

Councilman Claycamp moved that the City of Benton take responsibility for the placement and maintenance of the military service flags at the Benton Cemetery. Motion was seconded by Councilman Swift. Motion passed 5-0.

Pet Registration

Councilman Ghormley moved that the city make arrangements for a suitable veterinarian to be available for this duty on city property, at a date to be published by the city via digital media, and that such date be no later than the last Saturday in May 2022 and the Chief of Police be appointed to identify such veterinarian and coordinate schedules. Motion was seconded by Councilman Schoneboom. Motion denied 2-3. Councilman's Swift, Claycamp and Smith voted against.

Sanitary Sewer Compliance

Councilman Ghormley moved that contact be made with applicable commercial entities to confirm their provision of physical facilities such as grease traps. That Councilman Schoneboom be appointed to make contact and conduct negotiations with such commercial entities on behalf of the City. That contact regarding current know situations be initiated no later than March 1, 2022.

After discussion Council Ghormley withdrew the motion.

BSAC Board of Directors

Councilman Schoneboom moved to appoint the following Board of Directors for the BSAC:

President James Connolly
Vice President Kris Hamilton
Treasurer James Bode
Secretary Brook Wolf

Motion was seconded by Councilman Claycamp. Motion passed 5-0.

BSAC Review

Councilman Schoneboom moved the BSAC Board of Directors present a review of BSAC activities for CY/FY 2021 to the Benton City Council no later than the February 2022 Regular Council meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Claycamp.

After discussion Councilman Schoneboom withdrew the motion.

Department Reports

City Clerk and City Treasurer

Maintenance Department

Police Department

Initiating a neighborhood lighting program. Motion sensor solar lights will be offered at \$5.00 per light to residents.

Poling Pond Rules & Regulations

Calls to service

Admin Report

Final ruling on ARPA fund spending

IdeaTech has inquired about leasing space on the water tower for an antenna

Councilman Ghormley moved to authorize City Administrator to enter into an agreement with IdeaTech. Motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion passed 5-0.

Requests permission to allow a yoga class in the Community Building for a 10- week session with proceeds to be donated back to the City. Requesting the rental fee be waived.

Councilman Schoneboom moved to allow the yoga class to use the Community Building and waive the rental fee. Motion was seconded by Councilman Swift. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion on plans for the new elementary school.

Fire Hydrant

Will accept sealed bids for the old Fire Hydrant which was replaced. Bids will be opened at the February council meeting.

Discussion on Prairie Village Phase III development.

Mayors Report

Thank you to Councilman Schoneboom for work as Interim Administrator for the past two years.

Discussion of who prepares the Agenda for city council meetings.

Councilman Schoneboom moved to discontinue part-time compensation to Councilman Schoneboom for interim administration duties. Motion was seconded by Councilman Swift.

Discussion.

Councilman Ghormley moved to postpone the decision until the February meeting. There was no second.

Vote on original motion to discontinue compensation passed 3-1. Councilman Schoneboom abstained. Councilman Ghormley voted against.

Councilman Claycamp moved to pay an additional \$200 per month to Councilman Schoneboom to create and publish the agenda and prepare council packets. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ghormley. Motion passed 4-0. Councilman Schoneboom abstained.

Open Discussion

Approve Expenses

Councilman Ghormley moved to approve the expenses as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Swift. Motion passed 5-0.

Adjourn

Councilman Claycamp moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion passed 5-0.