

**City of Benton
City Council Meeting**

August 17, 2020

The governing body of the City of Benton, Kansas met in regular session at the usual meeting place in the city at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Brennan Dennison presided. Members of the council were present as follows: Ross Schoneboom, Curt Ghormley, Travis Swift and Janet Roths. Mike Wyant was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Minutes

Travis moved to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2020 regular meeting. Curt seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Executive Session

Curt moved to recess into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, starting at 7:05 p.m. for 10 minutes. Janet seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Reconvene

Ross moved to reconvene the meeting. Travis seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Department Reports

City Clerk Financial Report

Maintenance Park upgrades, repair basketball backboard and goals, repaint courts and add pickleball, Ethan May will be refurbishing the bridges as his Eagle Scout project. City will purchase materials

Ross There is concern about settling of sidewalks. We are getting bids to lift & repair them. Would like to replace sand in the play areas with rubber chips.

Mayor Purchase rock for area at 30th and Meadowlark

Police Update on cases

New Business

City Code – Animal Keeping. After discussion on allowing Pit Bull dogs in the city limits, it is the consensus of the council to keep the Ordinance governing the keeping of animals as is.

SCARF – Susan Uhlik presented information on changes and statistics.

Curt moved to donate \$2000 to SCARF. Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0,

Hydrovac – Previously the council approved \$18,000 to purchase a used hydrovac from RWD #5. They chose not to sell and we've been renting it from them. Quotes for a new hydrovac from Ditchwitch is \$26,355. Ben Rogers, Trailer Town, quote is \$35,900.

Ross moved to accept the quote from Ben Rogers, Trailer Town, in the amount of \$25,900. Curt seconded the motion. The vote is 2 – 2. The mayor voted in favor. Motion carried 3-2.

Old Business

- a. **Nature Trail update submitted by Gwen Hartley**

Mr. King gave permission to crow the corner of his property with the nature trail

- b. **Community Vision Team will meet at the community building on 8-18-20 at 7:00 p.m.**

Other Business

Mayor asked for the council's opinion on hiring a city administrator.

Travis is in favor of filling the position

Curt would like to continue as we are for now.

There were no other comments

Ross requested compensation for 52 hours worked July to August 17.

Travis moved to approve the 52 hours worked by Ross. Janet seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Ross abstained.

Public Comment – There was no public comment

Approve Bills

Ross moved to approve the bills as presented. Travis seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Adjourn

Travis moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Curt seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.