

**City of Benton
Agenda
December 17, 2018**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Approve Minutes**
November 19, 2018
- 4. Public Comment**
- 5. New Business**
 - a. Employee Evaluations**
 - b. Tornado Siren**
 - c. Holiday Leave**
- 6. Other Business**
 - a. Update on Stearman Motor Plex**
 - b. Update on Prairie Village Phase III**
- 7. Department Reports**
- 8. Approve Bills**
- 9. Adjourn**

**City of Benton
City Council Meeting**

December 17, 2018

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, Mike Wyant, Curt Ghormley, Travis Swift and Janet Roths.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Minutes

Curt moved to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2018 regular meeting. Ross seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment

Michael Capps, the new representative for this district, introduced himself and asked if there were any concerns the city would like addressed.

Julia Powell, 445 Sunflower Lane Ct., purchased their lot from Anthony Singer (WMS Investments) and was told they could apply for the NRP rebate program. They purchased their lot in February of 2018. The NRP expired on 12/31/17. She is asking if there is a appeal process they can utilize to be included in the program.

Unfortunately, there is no process to appeal. The NRP had expired prior to their purchase.

Scott Zadoronzy, 665 Cedar, asked for an update on Prairie Village drainage. He will be notified of any plans for the area.

New Business

Tornado Siren: It is the consensus of the council, not to replace the timer on the siren located at the Fire Station due to cost. The siren can still be activated for an emergency. It won't automatically sound at noon on Saturdays.

Holiday Leave: Charles requested the council consider making Monday, December 24th an additional Holiday for 2018.

Ross moved to include December 24th as a City observed Holiday for 2018. Travis seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Executive Session: Ross moved to go into executive session at 7:24 for 15 minutes to discuss employee matters. Curt seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Reconvene: Ross moved to reconvene at 7:38. Janet seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Executive Session: Curt moved to go back into executive session at 7:40 for 10 minutes to discuss employee matters. Travis seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Reconvene: Travis moved to reconvene at 7:50. Curt seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Ross moved to raise the pay rate for Britt Liggett to \$17.00 per hour. Janet seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Janet moved to give a 2% cost of living increase to all full-time employees. Curt seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Executive Session: Curt moved to go into executive session at 7:55 for 20 minutes to discuss legal issues. Janet seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Reconvene: Ross moved to reconvene at 8:15. Janet seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Executive Session: Travis moved to go into executive session at 8:17 for 5 minutes to discuss employee matters.

Reconvene: Curt moved to reconvene at 8:22. Janet seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Curt moved to terminate the current probation officer. Janet seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Ross moved to appoint Ed Kettley as the Probation Officer for the City of Benton. Travis seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Other Business

Update on Prairie Village Phase III: No new information at this time.

Joyce Jones would like to know why the cost of living increase is for full time employees only and not across the board.

Department Reports

Charles – Updated the council on negotiations with the Rail Road regarding the COOP building at 103 N. Main St. He recommends not taking possession of the building.

Janet agrees with Charles' recommendation concerning the COOP building.

Curt moved to direct Charles to stop negotiations with the Rail Road concerning the lease. Janet seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion on year end balances in City funds.

Westar has agreed to assist the city with putting up and removing the Christmas decorations in the future.

Requests authorization to sell the wood chipper and put proceeds into the Special Equipment Fund.

It's the consensus of the council to sell the wood chipper with proceeds going to the Special Equipment Fund.

Waste Connections increase for January 1, 2019 will not require an increase to our customers at this time.

Police - Update on cases

Approve Bills

Ross moved to approve the bills as presented. Mike seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjourn

Mike moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Curt seconded. Motion carried 5-0