

**City of Benton
City Council Meeting**

November 16, 2020

The governing body of the City of Benton, Kansas met in regular session at the Community Building at 150 S. Main St. 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 and Travis Swift.

Pledge of Allegiance

Oath of Office

Tyler Gottschalk was sworn in by the city clerk to fill the two years remaining on the city council vacant seat #5.

Approve Minutes

Travis moved to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2020 regular meeting. Curt seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Tyler abstained.

Executive Session

Ross moved to recess into Executive Session for 20 minutes, under the following exceptions to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, attorney client privilege and non-elected personnel, at 7:04 p.m. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Reconvene

Travis moved to return to open session at 7:22 p.m. Ross seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Ross moved to pay non-elected full time employees a 1% annual bonus based on normal earnings from the first pay period on or after December 1, 2019 through the pay period ending on or about November 30, 2020. Curt seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Department Reports

City Clerk – financial report.

Maintenance

presented bids for a holding pond for Prairie Village drainage on lot 1, block 2, 650 Cottonwood.

Curt moved to accept Smith Brothers bid of \$12,200 which includes fencing. Tyler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Contacted Ryan's Tree Service to remove the dead tree on city property located by the dog kennels. Quote is \$3025 and includes grinding the stump.

Police - Calls to service.

Received a \$500 grant from the State and a \$1500 donation from Bel Aire toward the purchase of 2 digital cameras and flares.

The water pump in the Explorer went out. Cost will be approximately \$1800.

Reported on the accident involving the 2009 city maintenance truck which was hit by a student driver at the intersection of 143rd Street and Harry Street in Wichita. The truck has been totaled and estimated payment of approximately \$7,200 is expected. Braden took Hal to Kansas Medical Center to be checked, other than a bad headache he sustained no other injuries. Claim was filed with Workers Comp.

New Business

ORDINANCE 2020-03 AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF BENTON, KANSAS UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE ZONING REGULATIONS OF THE CITY.

Ross moved to adopt Ordinance 2020-03. Travis seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

SPECIAL USE PERMIT 2020-02. Submitted by E9 Properties, LLC (Maria Engels) to establish a Day Care Center on Lots 9 through 14, Block 16, Benton Original Town.

Ross moved to accept the Zoning Board recommendation to approve Special Use Permit 2020-02. Travis seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Council Minutes Publication – Curt suggested the city minutes be published on the city website. At least 3 years to begin and older ones within 6 months.

Curt moved to publish the official city minutes on the city website. Tyler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Ross addressed technology improvements for the city to include purchasing equipment for recording city council meetings and in the future a TV on a rolling stand which can be used as a monitor for viewing presentations. Current projector and screens aren't efficient.

Tabled for future discussion and estimates.

Old Business

RESOLUTION 20-06, A RESOLUTION FIXING SEWER MONTHLY USER FEES FOR CUSTOMERS WITHIN THE CITY OF BENTON, KANSAS.

Ross moved to approve Resolution 20-06. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Items tabled from the September and October meetings to be removed from business:

- Code Enforcement councilmember Schoneboom
- Comprehensive Development Plan, pending Community Vision Team recommendations
- Request by councilmember Wyant to discuss Personnel Policy

Community Vision Team update – have discussed the Comprehensive Development Plan and working with the 254 Corridor Team.

CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 9. A CHARTER ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 3 OF CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 3 AS PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THE 4TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1969, AND AMENDING CHAPTER 6 SECTION 103 OF THE BENTON CITY CODE, AND PROVIDING FOR THE STAGGERING OF TERMS FOR CITY COUNCILMEMBERS AND FOR THE ELECTION OF A MAYOR AND FOR THE FILLING OF VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCILMEMBERS, AND PROVIDING FOR CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION.

Ross moved to accept Charter Ordinance No. 9. Travis seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Nature Trail update – Gwen Hartley reported the Grant she applied for was denied. Still working on ideas for funding.

Other Business

Travis inquired about the insurance to be received for the 2009 maintenance truck which was totaled. City Clerk suggested it should be deposited into the Equipment Fund. There were no other comments

Approve Bills

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

No Public Comment

Adjourn

Mike moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Travis seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.