

**City of Benton  
Agenda  
October 21, 2019**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Approve Minutes**  
September 16, 2019 Council Meeting
- 4. Public Comment**
- 5. New Business**
  - a. Danny Smith
  - b. Executive Session
  - c. BCBS – Health Insurance Renewal
  - d. Additional Maintenance Employee
- 6. Other Business**
- 7. Department Reports**
- 8. Approve Bills**
- 9. Adjourn**

**City of Benton  
City Council Meeting**

**October 21, 2019**

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 September 16, 2019 regular meeting. Travis seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**New Business**

Ryan McCune, ASM Engineering, was present to discuss their cost estimates for the annexation of Countryside Estates addition east of the airport.

Curt stated he did not feel the annexation was cost effective at this time. Council agreed.

Danny Smith addressed the council stating he was interested in purchasing the final lot (Blk 2 Lot 9) the city has available in Phase II of Prairie Village. Previously the council had decided to hold that lot due to drainage issues. The council will request the city engineer to look at drainage concerns for that location.

**Executive Session**

The mayor requested an executive session concerning non-elected personnel with the city attorney present. Curt moved to go into executive session at 7:06 p.m. for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the city attorney. Janet seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**Reconvene**

Ross moved to reconvene the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Mike seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**Health Insurance Renewal**

Janet moved to renew the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas Health Insurance Policy effective December 1, 2019. Ross seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**Public Comment**

Jake Myers, 435 S. Ohio, requested a no outlet or dead-end sign be posted at the south end of S. Ohio. Council agreed to purchase a sign for that location.

**Other Business**

Council discussed the need for an additional maintenance employee. It was the consensus of the council to hire someone for the maintenance department.

Curt moved to pay the mayor \$1100 for 44 hours worked in Charles absence. Ross seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Janet asked about the ditch cleaning. Also, she would like to see the truck route sign removed now that the grain elevator is no longer in use.

## **Department Reports**

### **Braden, Police Dept.**

- Update on cases.
- Britt is back to work.
- Received a Department of Justice Grant for vests. They will pay 50% of each vest.
- Also received a \$1000 grant from Wal Mart for the purchase of vests.
- Requested council approval to purchase the Lexipol Policy and Procedures Program which provides annual law enforcement policy and procedure updates, daily training bulletins, and supplemental publication services. Cost is \$2,942/year for 3 officers.

Janet moved to purchase the Lexipol Program as presented by Braden. Mike seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Mark, Maintenance**

- Presented a 3-year service agreement with Foley Equipment to service annually all three generators for lift stations. Estimated cost is \$700/unit.

Curt moved to enter into the Service Agreement with Foley Equipment as presented by staff. Ross seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

- Towanda Maintenance Supervisor will be helping Mark with learning grading of ditches.
- Old water meters with over 1 million gallons need to be replaced. Requests purchasing electronic meters at \$94/meter. Would like to purchase a dozen at a time and begin replacing oldest meters first. Cost of a regular meter is \$
- Blade for the truck is broken. Requests purchase of a blade for the JD gator at 4438.60 installed. This will give use of the gator, tractor and bobcat for snow removal. The blade for the truck is broken.

Ross moved to purchase the blade for the JD gator for \$4,438.60 from the Equipment Fund. Curt seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Curt moved to purchase electronic meters to begin replacement of oldest meters first. Janet seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Approve Bills**

Travis moved to approve the bills as presented. Janet seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Adjourn**

Curt moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Travis seconded. Motion carried 5-0.