

**City of Benton
City Council Meeting**

February 22 2022

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda

Approve Minutes from the January 18 and 31, 2022 meeting

Approve Expenses as presented

Public Comment

Pat Miller, 522 N. Wichita, stated the street at the north end of Wichita Street needs gravel or rock.

Rachel Cain introduced herself as the new part time assistant city clerk.

Unfinished Business

Website Update

Councilman Schoneboom moved to consider website proposals from Municipal Impact, Civic Plus and Mainstreet Systems or do nothing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Swift. Motion passed 4-0.

Discussion

Councilman Ghormley moved to accept the proposal from Municipal Impact. The motion was seconded by Councilman Swift. The motion passed 3-1. Councilman Schoneboom opposed.

New Business

Wreaths Across America

Robin Couey presented information and shared stories of veterans buried in the Benton area cemeteries. The organization appreciates the support provided by the City of Benton and would like the city to sign a proclamation. They are requesting a donation to provide wreaths for the veterans buried in the Benton Cemetery.

Councilman Schoneboom moved to donate \$450 to Wreaths Across America. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion passed 4-0.

Benton Day Support

Councilman Swift moved to issue the Benton Festival Committee, a check payable to the Community Action Team, in the amount of \$2152.20, equal to the remaining balance from donations collected and expenses from 2021 currently held in the City of Benton General Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ghormley. Motion passed 4-0.

Councilman Swift moved to approve a \$2000 donation to the Benton Festival Committee for the Benton Festival and other applicable events for 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion passed 4-0.

Councilman Swift moved to approve providing barricades, port a pots and overtime for staff for the 2022 Benton Day Festival. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion passed 4-0.

RESOLUTION 22-01, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REQUEST THAT THE DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTS AND REPORTS WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF K.S.A. 75-1120a(a)

Councilman Ghormley moved to pass Resolution 22-1. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion passed 4-0.

Department Reports

Admin Report, Matt Engels

1. Discussed Zoning & Code Compliance
2. Update on Stearman Bar & Grill's grease trap situation
3. Current information for ARPA fund expenditures.

Police Department, Chief Braden Moore

1. Presented a Letter of Accommodation to Lt. Devin Haines for his courage, restraint, compassion and professionalism in handling a case involving an attempted suicide.
2. Dog Tag Day will be held on April 2, 2022 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
3. Poling Pond Rules & Regulations – will prepare an ordinance to adopt at the March meeting.
4. Radar Sign has been received
5. Presented bids for a 2022 Dodge Ram police vehicle. Requests approval to accept the bid from SERV in the amount of \$44,520.

After discussion Councilman Ghormley moved to accept the bid from SERV for the 2022 Dodge Ram not to exceed \$44,529.43. The motion was seconded by Councilman Schoneboom. Motion passed 3-1. Councilman Swift opposed.

6. Calls to service

Open Discussion

Councilman Ghormley,

1. How can the city support organized athletics relating to ball diamonds inside the city limits

2. Measures to ensure the tree trim drop off area is managed effectively
3. Update on Mid Kansas Coop structures downtown.

Councilman Swift,
received positive comments on snow removal by city maintenance dept.

Sealed Bids

Two bids for the old fire hydrant were received. Bid was awarded to the high bid of \$111.

Final Motions

None

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.