

**City of Benton**  
**City Council Meeting November 18, 2024**

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, Dan Claycamp, Curt Ghormley, and Cody Smith and Travis Swift.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approved Consent Agenda**

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**Public Comment** – none

**Old Business** - none

**New Business** - none

**Department Reports**

Mayor – Thank you to Councilman Ghormley for his years of service to the City of Benton.

Admin – Maintenance has been working on winterizing equipment. Water restrictions began in August and will remain in effect for 6 months per Wichita Water Department

Councilman Claycamp reported on the success of the Trunk or Treat and thanked the Benton Police Dept. for organizing the event.

**Executive Session**

Councilman Schoneboom moved for an executive session IAW K.S.A. 75-4319(b) to discuss non-elected personnel matters/attorney client privilege. Further, required to attend this session is the Mayor, City Attorney, City Administrator and the City Council. Further, that the governing body will return to open session at 7:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion passed 5-0.

Reconvene - Councilman Schoneboom moved to return to open session at 7:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion passed 5-0.

Councilman Ghormley moved to approve the 2025 salary and wage adjustments for city staff as determined during executive session. Further, such adjustments will become effective January 1, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilman Swift. Motion passed 5-0.

Councilman Ghormley moved to approve an annual bonus for non-elected full time city personnel of 3% to be calculated based on individual annual earnings. This calculation is to

be made from the first pay period on or about October 31, 2023 through the pay period ending on or about November 1, 2024. The motion was seconded by Councilman Claycamp. Motion passed 5-0.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.**