

**City of Benton
Agenda
November 18, 2019**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Approve Minutes**
October 21, 2019 Council Meeting
- 4. Public Comment**
- 5. New Business**
 - a. Herschel West – Waste Connections Contract
 - b. Stearman Estates Residents
 - c. Employee Matters
- 6. Other Business**
- 7. Department Reports**
- 8. Approve Bills**
- 9. Adjourn**

**City of Benton
City Council Meeting**

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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

Travis moved to approve the minutes from the October 21, 2019 regular meeting. Janet seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment

No Public Comment.

New Business

Herschel West, Waste Connections, presented a proposal to the City for a new updated 7-year agreement. The current agreement expires December 31, 2020. The new agreement will keep all rates the same and forgo the January 1, 2020 price increase and exclude the price increase in January 2021. The new agreement is asking for a 2% increase on the anniversary date of each 5 remaining years of the initial Agreement.

Ross moved to accept the new 7-year Agreement with Waste Connections. Mike seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Eric Danner, 1360 Lloyd Stearman Dr., was present to request information regarding services offered by the city to residents of Stearman Estates. Council agreed to look into the matter of streets and other concerns regarding Stearman Estates.

The mayor informed the council that Tanner Whitson has been hired for the maintenance department at \$15.00 per hour and is scheduled to begin on December 4, 2019.

Executive Session

Janet moved to go into executive session to discuss employee matters for 10 minutes at 7:18 p.m. Curt seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Reconvene

Ross moved to reconvene the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Curt seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Curt moved to promote Mark Perry to Maintenance Supervisor with pay set at \$45,000 per year with no overtime.

Other Business

Discussion on the Phase II lot left in Prairie Village. City Engineer will look at possible issues if a house were to be built on that lot.

Mike inquired about the concrete (33'X24') the city agreed to put on E. Litson by Hoover Mower Shop. Mark will get bids for the December meeting.

Department Reports

Maintenance – Ditch work will begin this week. Towanda Maintenance Supervisor has agreed to help train Mark and Hal.

New blade for the John Deere is under warranty, will be repaired at no cost.

Fire Hydrants are now on Google Earth and water meters and valves will be added next.

The 3 generators are now working properly, and service agreements are in place

Police - Braden presented a request for a new vehicle – a 2020 Ram for \$24,500 - \$24,700.

Curt moved to purchase the 2020 Ram for the police department not to exceed \$25,000. Ross seconded. Motion carried 4-1.

Larry Arnold will begin working part time for the Benton Police Department.

City Clerk – Updated council on new software. Utility Billing will be installed first of December.

Approve Bills

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

Curt moved to pay the mayor for 38 hours for work during October and November at \$25 per hour for a total of \$950. Janet seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjourn

Mike moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Janet seconded. Motion carried 5-0.