

**City of Benton  
City Council Meeting**

**June 15, 2020**

The governing body of the City of Benton, Kansas met in regular session via a zoom meeting 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. Janet Roths was absent.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approve Minutes**

Curt moved to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2020 regular meeting. Travis seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**Department Reports**

**City Clerk**

Received the 2021 budget information and will begin preparation. Requests work session with council in July before publication deadline.

**Maintenance**

Reported damage to Wright St. to be repaired  
Discussed Stearman Storm Water  
Purchased new bush hog  
Purchased sanitizing equipment for city buildings

**Police**

Discussed emergency procedures  
Block Parties – consensus of the council is to leave decisions up to the Police Dept.

**New Business**

**Resolution 20-04, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BENTON, KANSAS  
DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL CITY NEWSPAPER.**

Per State Statute, a Resolution designating the official city newspaper is required. Ross moved to approve Resolution 20-04 designating Butler County Times Gazette. Curt seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**Resolution 20-05, A RESOLUTION FIXING WATER RATES FOR WATER  
CUSTOMERS RECEIVING WATER FROM THE CITY OF BENTON, KANSAS.**

After discussion on increasing water rates effective January 1, 2021, Ross moved to approve Resolution 20-05. Mike seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**Walking Trail Proposal**

**Gwen Hartley** made a proposal for a walking trail around Poling Pond. She requests approval to use the land and easements for the trail.

Council discussed with Gwen options for engineering costs, maintenance and ways to raise money for the project. Council is in favor of moving forward.

Ross moved to approve permission to start the project and use the 2 SE lots in Phase III of Prairie Village, engage Mr. King for permission to cross his land and provide engineering support up to

\$1000 and pay the annual fee of \$50 to join the Trail in a Box program. Travis seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**Street Maintenance Proposal**

Ross moved to accept the proposal from South Central Paving and Sealing for \$74,881.80. Curt seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**Sewer Maintenance Proposal**

Ross moved to accept the proposal from Meyer Specialty Services, a three-year contract for 2020, through 2022 to clean and inspect the sanitary sewer system. Curt seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**Engels Purchase Contract**

Received the Purchase Contract from Nick Engels to purchase the property at 243 S Main St. The mayor will sign the contract. Closing will be scheduled at that time.

**Annexation Project**

Council will establish a committee to look at the future of the city and options and obligations. Travis is opposed to annexing the addition east and west of the airport. Ross will head the committee.

**Public Comment**

No public comment.

**Approve Bills**

Curt moved to approve the bills as presented. Travis seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**Adjourn**

Curt moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Travis seconded. Motion carried 4-0.