

**City of Benton
City Council Meeting**

May 17, 2021

The governing body of the City of Benton, Kansas met in regular session at the Community Building at 150 S. Main St. in the city at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Tyler Gottschalk presided. Members of the council were present as follows: Ross Schoneboom, Curt Ghormley, Travis Swift, Dan Claycamp and Cody Smith.

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda

Councilman Ghormley moved to add item IT Services to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion passed 5-0.

Councilman Schoneboom moved to add Resolution 21-04 to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ghormley. Motion passed 5-0.

Approve Minutes

Councilman Swift moved to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2021 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Claycamp. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Ordinance 2021-03

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE ASSISTANT CITY CLERK, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 3 OF THE BENTON CITY CODE.

Councilman Schoneboom moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-03 modifying the City Code, Article 3, paragraph 1-309. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ghormley. After discussion the motion was passed 4-1. Councilman Swift voted against.

Budget Report by Matt Engels

Development Committee

Ty Patton and Nick Engels reported on Phase III of the Prairie Village Development. Recommended contracting with Tyler Norris Creative for design and printing of a development sales sheet and cover letter per submitted quote of \$870.

Councilman Schoneboom moved to approve the recommendation from the Development Ad Hoc Committee to contract design and printing of the development sales sheet and cover letter per the quote of \$870. The motion was seconded by Councilman Swift. Motion passed 5-0.

City Code

At the January 2021 regular council meeting the City Council passed a motion to recodify the City Codes with a deadline of June 1, 2021.

Councilman Schoneboom moved to extend the deadline for recodification of the City Codes to December 1, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilman Claycamp. Motion passed 5-0.

Broadcast Council Meetings

At the January 2021 regular council meeting the City Council passed a motion to broadcast city council meetings with a deadline of 90 days.

Procurement of the necessary technology proved to be challenging in the era of a pandemic.

Councilman Ghormley moved to extend the deadline to the June 2021 council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Schoneboom. Motion passed 5-0.

Nature Trail

The container for the covered bridge has been delivered and work should begin soon.

Appointed Positions

City Clerk	Joyce Casady
City Treasurer	Joyce Jones
Police Chief	Braden Moore
City Attorney	Robert Lane
Court Clerk	Kristin Beggs
Probation Officer	Ed Ketley
Bank	Community National Bank
Newspaper	Butler County Times Gazette
Zoning Administrator	Scott Seaton through the month of May 2021 only

Planning Commission/Zoning Board

Tanner Swift
Cara Dennison
Danny Smith

Benton Sports and Athletic Commission
Janes Connley
Toni Storm

Councilman Schoneboom moved to approve appointed positions for the City of Benton as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion passed 5-0.

Charter Ordinance No. 10

A CHARTER ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2 OF CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 8 ADOPTED ON THE 19TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2020, AND AMENDING CHAPTER VI, ARTICLE 1, PARAGRAPH 6-104 OF THE BENTON CITY CODE, PROVIDING FOR THE BALANCING OF THE TERMS OF THE GOVERNING BODY SEATS.

The term of office for council seat 3 shall be for an initial term of 6 years following the November 2020 general election and thereafter be elected at the midterm elections.

Councilman Schoneboom moved to adopt Charter Ordinance No. 10 amending Charter Ordinance No. 8 and City Code Chapter VI, Article 1, Paragraph 6-104. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. After discussion the motion passed 4-0. Councilman Claycamp abstained as his seats term will be extended.

IT Services

Luis Alicea introduced himself and presented a proposal to update city technology.

Page 1. \$573/month for maintaining system,
\$2,998.99 a one-time fee for upgraded equipment
\$1,995.00 for estimated labor.

Page 2. \$20,000 for a new website

Councilman Schoneboom moved to approve page one of the proposal. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. After discussion the motion passed 5-0.

Resolution 21-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BENTON, KANSAS RESCINDING RESOLUTION 20-01.

Councilman Schoneboom moved to adopt Resolution 21-04. The motion was seconded by Councilman Claycamp. Motion passed 5-0.

Department Reports

City Clerk/City Treasurer – Financial Reports

Maintenance – Discussion on street work.

Councilman Schoneboom moved to postpone the decision for street work on S. Ohio St. until the June council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ghormley. After discussion Councilman Schoneboom moved to rescind the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ghormley. Motion passed 5-0.

A&E Electric quotes for generators were discussed. Councilman Schoneboom moved to purchase the generator for the South Main lift station. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. After discussion Councilman Ghormley moved to postpone the decision until the June council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Schoneboom. Motion passed 5-0.

Police – received new AED's.

- received two applications for the position of a third full-time officer
- calls to service

Admin Report – Park project underway

- street signs replaced

Mayors Report – Street Dance has been rescheduled for June 4th

Items for Open Discussion

Code Compliance

Annexation

Executive Session

Councilman Schoneboom moved for an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel until 9:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion passed 5-0.

Reconvene

Councilman Swift moved to return to regular session at 9:28 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion passed 5-0.

Councilman Schoneboom moved to increase the compensation for the appointed City Attorney to \$1000 per month. The motion was seconded by Councilman Claycamp. Motion passed 5-0.

Approve Expenses

Councilman Ghormley moved to approve the expenses as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Claycamp. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjourn

Councilman Ghormley moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion passed 5-0.