

**City of Benton
City Council Meeting**

August 16, 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

Approve Agenda

Mayor requested a motion to amend the agenda to include New Employee under New Business. Councilman Schoneboom so moved. Motion was seconded by Councilman Swift. The motion to amend the agenda passed 5-0.

Councilman Ghormley moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion passed 5-0.

Approve Minutes

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

Public Comment

Greg Brightwell requested the City authorize non-motorized vehicles on Poling Pond. Mr. Brightwell feels it would be an asset to the community.

Council had no objections and will check into the matter.

Unfinished Business

Matt Engels discussed information presented in his budget report.

Councilman Claycamp updated council on the search for a city administrator

Mayor Gottschalk presented information on bids for IT services.

Councilman Ghormley moved to postpone the decision for another month to consider the bids. There was no second to the motion.

Councilman Claycamp moved to appoint Main Street Systems as the City IT Support. The motion was seconded by Councilman Swift. Motion passed 5-1, Councilman Ghormley opposed.

New Business

SKEDD – South Central Kansas Economic Development District.

Gloria McDowell gave an overview of their grant writing and administration proposal explaining the different grants available and the services that would be provided.

Development Sales Sheet – Councilman Schoneboom moved to approve the additional amount of \$61.17 spent on printing of the development sales sheet and cover letter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Claycamp. Motion passed 5-0.

Comprehensive Development Plan

Councilman Schoneboom moved to direct the Benton City Planning Commission to affect an update and make current the CDP. Further, The Planning Commission shall report to the Governing Body the estimated cost of said update and receive authorization for such expenditure prior to final execution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ghormley. Council discussed the matter. The motion passed 5-0.

New Employee

Mayor Gottschalk requested the council confirm employment of Josh Gertz for the full-time maintenance employee. Councilman Schoneboom moved to confirm employment of Josh Gertz to the maintenance department effective 8/2/2021. The motion was seconded by Councilman Claycamp. Motion passed 5-0.

Department Reports

City Clerk and City Treasurer –financial report

Maintenance Dept. – Mark Perry

Received new mower

Generator has been ordered

No response from Smith Concrete on when they will begin construction on the detention pond in Prairie Village

Police Dept. – Police Chief, Braden Moore

Updated the council on the school zone beacons and signs, will begin installation on Tuesday

Applying for grants to purchase body cameras

Working on special vehicle permits which renew every January

Discussed inmate medical costs

Congratulations to Lt. Haines for the Trilogy Completion Training

Calls to service

Admin Report

Councilman Schoneboom updated council on playground grant – completed and awaiting final payment

Mayor's Report

Mayor Gottschalk reported he talked to MKC regarding concerns Mr. Rome brought to the council.

Assistant City Clerk interviews should be completed by the end of August.

Open Discussion

Councilman Ghormley discussed the permit fee schedule

Councilman Schoneboom discussed development

Requested BSAC Board of Directors be present at the September meeting

Requested to see an accounting of Benton Day

Approve Expenses

Councilman Schoneboom moved to approve the expenses as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Swift. Motion passed 5-0.

Adjourn

Councilman Ghormley moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Claycamp. Motion passed 5-0.