

**City of Benton  
City Council Meeting**

**November 15, 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, Dan Claycamp, Cody Smith, Curt Ghormley and Travis Swift.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approve Agenda**

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

**Approve Minutes**

Councilman Schoneboom moved to approve the minutes from the October 18, 2021 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion passed 5-0.

Councilman Ghormley moved to approve the minutes from the October 24, 2021 special meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Claycamp. Motion carried 5-0.

**Executive Session**

Councilman Schoneboom moved that the governing body recess into executive session IAW K.S.A.75-4319(b) to discuss non-elected personnel matters. Further, required to attend this session is the Mayor, City Council and City Attorney. Further, that the governing body return to open session at 7:22 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion passed 5-0.

**Reconvene**

Councilman Schoneboom moved to reconvene the meeting at 7:22 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion passed 5-0.

**Public Comment**

Kimberly Edwards, 585 Cottonwood, addressed the council with the concern over having her personally owned ducks on Poling Pond in the Prairie Village Addition.

It is the opinion of the council that the city code, Ordinance 2021-01, does not allow for the keeping of ducks on city property.

**Old Business**

**City Administrator Position**

Councilman Claycamp moved the governing body approve the appointment of Matt Engels to the role of full-time City Administrator as described in City Code 1-315. Further, the appointment to begin on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilman Swift. Motion passed 5-0.

### **Law Enforcement Medical Liability**

Councilman Swift presented the results of data collected from other municipalities in the area. No solutions to this situation are available at this time.

Councilman Schoneboom moved to dismiss Law Enforcement Medical Liability from the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Swift. Motion passed 5-0.

### **City Code Re-Codification**

Councilman Schoneboom moved that the City Council approve the Codification Services Agreement submitted by Citycode Financial, LLC. , Larry Kleeman. The motion was seconded by Councilman Claycamp. After Discussion the motion passed 5-0.

### **Website Update**

Councilman Schoneboom moved that the City Council approve a website service proposal. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ghormley.

Council discussed four proposals.

Councilman Ghormley moved to postpone a decision to the January 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Swift. Motion passed 4-1. Councilman Schoneboom opposed.

### **Airport Sanitary Sewer**

Whereas, Investigation and research by the city Public Works Department has revealed the line to not be main sewer line code compliant.

Councilman Schoneboom moved that consideration of the city taking responsibility for this line be dismissed from business. The motion was seconded by Councilman Claycamp. Motion passed 5-0.

### **Radar Speed Sign**

Chief Moore recommends the purchase of the Stalker, trailer unit.

Councilman Schoneboom moved to postpone the decision until the January 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Claycamp. Motion passed 5-0.

### **New Business**

**Resolution 21-08.** Due to the 2022 rate increase by Waste Connections for trash service the council considers Resolution 21-08, increasing trash and recycle rates.

Councilman Schoneboom moved that the City Council approve Resolution 21-08, A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BASIC MONTHLY FEE FOR THE COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE WITHIN THE CITY OF BENTON, KANSAS. The motion was seconded by Councilman Claycamp. Motion passed 5-0.

## **Department Reports**

City Clerk and City Treasurer  
Financial report

Public Works  
Mark Perry update regarding Telemetry, 90% complete. Work continues on Stearman Lift Station.

Police Department  
Chief Braden Moore requests approval to purchase 8 new upgraded weapons and allow

After discussion Councilman Swift moved to purchase 8 new weapons from GT Distributors and allow officers to keep their current weapon. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion passed 5-0.

Calls to service

## **Admin Report**

Councilman Schoneboom updated the council on zoning and building permits. The city is still in need of a zoning administrator/code compliance officer.

## **Mayors Report**

Mayor Gottschalk commented on the new street signs  
Nature Trail update  
Meeting next week with Stearman Bar & Grill manager regarding a grease trap.  
Assistant City Clerk position will be considered after the City Administrator begins in January.

## **Open Discussion**

## **Approve Expenses**

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

## **Final Motions**

Councilman Schoneboom moved to correct an error in calculation on the Building Permit Fee Schedule. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ghormley. Motion passed 5-0.

Councilman Schoneboom moved to correct the date on the August 2021 minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Claycamp. Motion passed 5-0.

## **Adjourn**

Councilman Claycamp moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Swift. Motion passed 5-0.