

City of Benton
City Council Meeting December 18, 2023

The governing body of the City of Benton, Kansas met in regular session 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

Approved Consent Agenda

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Councilman Smith moved to approve the agenda with the amendment to move items D and E to after the Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Claycamp. The motion passed 4-1. Councilman Schoneboom was opposed.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

None

New Business

ORDINANCE 2023-17, AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING LAND TO THE CITY OF BENTON, KANSAS.

Councilman Ghormley moved to adopt Ordinance 2023-17. The motion was seconded by Councilman Claycamp. Discussion. The motion passed 5-0.

RESOLUTION 23-05, A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BASIC MONTHLY FEE FOR THE COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE WITHIN THE CITY OF BENTON, KANSAS

Councilman Schoneboom moved to pass Resolution 23-05. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. The motion passed 5-0.

Property Sale

Councilman Smith moved to accept the offer from E0 Properties LLC to purchase the City of Benton owned property at 223 S. Main Street. The motion was seconded by Councilman Swift. Discussion.

Councilman Claycamp moved to postpone the decision until the January 2024 meeting. There was no second.

The motion to accept the offer passed 4-1. Councilman Claycamp opposed.

Department Reports

Mayor – no report

Administrator – Will be continuing with annexation, working on blithe properties, look at replacing carpet in Community Building.

Police Chief – received equipment for new RMS System

Zach May updated council on his Scout's project of painting lines on the tennis court at the Park.

Open Discussion

Ross commented on the Wreaths Across America Ceremony which was held on December 16th. A total of 277 wreaths were placed on veteran's graves in the Benton Cemetery.

Executive Session

Councilman Schoneboom moved to recess into executive session IAW K.S.A.75-4319(b) to discuss non-elected personnel matters. Further, required to attend is the Mayor, City Attorney, City Administrator and the City Council. Further, that the governing body return to open session at 8:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. The motion passed 5-0.

Reconvene

Councilman Ghormley moved to reconvene to regular session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion passed 5-0.

Councilman Schoneboom moved to approve an annual bonus for non-elected full time city personnel of 1% to be calculated based on individual annual earnings. This calculation is to be made from the first pay period on or after December 1, 2022 through the pay period ending on or about November 30, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. The motion passed 5-0.

Councilman Schoneboom moved the City of Benton designate December 22, 2023 as a Special Holiday for City Staff. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. The motion passed 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.