

**City of Benton
City Council Meeting**

March 20, 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, Dan Claycamp, Curt Ghormley, Travis Swift and Cody Smith.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approved Consent Agenda

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Public Comment

None

Old Business

Councilman Schoneboom moved to postpone development business until the April meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Claycamp. Motion passed 5-0.

New Business

Councilman Schoneboom moved to accept the bid from Pearson Construction to pave the city park parking lot. There was no second. Motion failed.

Councilman Ghormley requested the council consider a new ordinance at the April meeting allowing ATVs on city streets within Benton city limits.

Department Reports

Mayor Gottschalk will sign the Sunlight Children's Service Proclamation acknowledging the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Police Chief Moore is resigning and has accepted the position of Police Chief in Kechi.

Administrator updated the council on the progress of the Stearman Pumps, the detention pond in Prairie Village and the upcoming renewal of the City sales tax.

Open Discussion

Councilman Schoneboom is still interested in paving the parking lot at the City Park and addressed his proposal again.

Executive Session

Councilman Claycamp moved 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 Attorney, City Administrator and the City Council. Further, the governing body will return to open session at 8:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion passed 5-0.

Reconvene

Councilman Claycamp moved to return to open session. Councilman Smith seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Councilman Ghormley moved to authorize the city administrator to provide one time monetary bonuses to selected personnel in light of unexpected increase in the workload. The motion was seconded by Councilman Claycamp. Motion passed 5-0.

Councilman Ghormley moved that the canine known as Rocky be released from service to the handler, Braden Moore, effective immediately. Our thanks to Rocky and his handler for exemplary service. The motion was seconded by Councilman Swift. Motion passed 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.