

**City of Benton  
City Council Meeting**

**April 19, 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**

Councilman Schoneboom moved to add the GAAP Waiver Resolution to the Agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilman Swift. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilman Schoneboom moved to approve the amended agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ghormley. Motion carried 5-0.

**Approve Minutes**

Councilman Ghormley moved to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2021 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Claycamp. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilman Schoneboom moved to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2021 special meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Swift. Motion carried 5-0.

**Public Comment**

Mike Wyant, co-chair for Benton Alumni requested angle parking on the east side of Main St. between Benton St. and Henrie St. on June 5, 2021 to allow additional parking at the Community Building for their reunion.

**Unfinished Business**

**Street Proposal**

Councilman Schoneboom moved to rescind the previous approval for paving work. Further, the City Council approve the street paving proposal of \$84,237.90 as submitted by South Central Paving. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Ghormley. After Discussion, motion carried 5-0.

Council will consider additional work on South Ohio at a later date.

**Assistant City Clerk**

Councilman Ghormley moved to adopt an ordinance modifying the City Code, Article 3, paragraph 1-209 to read as follows:

a. the office of assistant city clerk is hereby established. The mayor shall appoint, by and with the consent of the city council, the assistant city clerk.

b. Responsibilities of the assistant city clerk shall include the following:

1. Duties assigned by the city clerk
2. Code compliance coordination
3. Appointment as Zoning Administrator
4. Clerical duties in support of Zoning Administration

c. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the position of city clerk and the city is without a person appointed, confirmed or qualified to hold that office, the assistant city clerk shall become the acting city clerk and fulfill the duties of that office

d. Compensation of the assistant city clerk shall be set by ordinance.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Schoneboom. Motion carried 4-1. Councilman Swift opposed. Councilman Ghormley moved that the position of Assistant city Clerk be filled as soon as is practical. The motion was seconded by Councilman Schoneboom. Discussion followed. All in favor: Councilman's Schoneboom and Ghormley. Motion was denied. All opposed: Councilman's Smith, Claycamp and Swift.

### **CVT VISION STATEMENT**

Councilman Ghormley moved to adopt the CVT Vision Statement:

“Benton is an exceptional community, where: neighborhoods flourish, businesses thrive, and recreational opportunities are available.”

The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried 5-0.

### **AED Equipment Proposal**

Chief Moore presented the need to update the AED units in the patrol cars. Request approval to purchase two AED 3 units out of the Equipment Fund from First Responder KS LLC. The total purchase price would be \$3,390.00, which includes battery, pads and warranty.

Councilman Schoneboom moved to purchase the units from Equipment Fund in the amount of \$3,390. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried 5-0.

### **New Business**

**Budgeting Proposal** – Proposal by Matt Engels. To assist the Governing Body and current staff in the immediate preparation of the 2022 Budget and to make subsequent budgets manageable. Work to be completed between May 1<sup>st</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at the rate of \$18,000.

Councilman Claycamp moved the City Council authorize the contracting of budgeting and finance services for the 2021 budgeting effort for the 2022 fiscal year. Further, these services to be provided by Matt Engels as submitted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Schoneboom. Discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Lift Station Pumps**

Maintenance Supervisor, Mark Perry, presented an estimate from JCI Industries, Inc. for replacement pumps for the three lift stations.

Councilman Schoneboom moved the City Council authorize the purchase of three spare lift station pumps. These purchases to be made in phased, monthly manner (one per month) starting with the Main St. lift station. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ghormley. After discussion, the motion was amended to purchase one per month beginning with the Stearman lift station. Motion carried 5-0.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Patrol Car**

Chief Moore requested approval for the purchase of the 2014 Tahoe patrol vehicle from the Bel Aire Police Dept. for \$12,000. Discussion. Councilman Ghormley moved to purchase the vehicle from Bel Aire for \$12,000 from the Equipment Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried 4-1. Councilman Schoneboom voted against.

### **Water Leak Adjustments**

City Clerk addressed the need to update the cities leak adjustment policy. With the current rate structure the present policy is ineffective. More information will be provided at a later date.

### **All-Terrain Vehicles**

Mayor Gottschalk proposed changing the requirements to include allowing all-terrain vehicles to be driven on city streets. Councilman Schoneboom moved so moved. Councilman Ghormley seconded. After Discussion Councilman Schoneboom moved to postpone the motion. Councilman Claycamp seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Resolution 21-03**

#### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REQUEST THAT THE DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTS AND REPORTS WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF K.S.A. 75-1120a(a)**

Councilman Claycamp moved to approve Resolution 21-03. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Schoneboom. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Department Reports**

**City Clerk and City Treasurer** –financial report

**Maintenance Dept.** – Waiting on quotes for generators

**Police Dept.** – Rocky successfully earned TWO National Certifications while in Paris Tennessee. The two National Certifications are the highest and hardest standards to meet. While at the seminar Rocky received training and certification in Article/Evidence Recovery and certified in record time shortly after the training. We are going to start working on tracking in the near future. Rocky also received Kansas Police Dog Association certification on Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

- Introduced our new part-time officer, Steve Parker, will be covering on weekends.
- Officer Parker addressed the council with information regarding his qualifications, experience.
- Calls to Service

**Admin Report** – Received the KDHE Grant for the Park to replace the sand with rubber mulch.

**Mayors Report** – Reported on the Coop Building and IT Services.

### **Open Discussion – Non-Binding**

Councilman Schoneboom – ask/assign members of the governing body to become Subject Matter Experts in certain items of city government business. The following members volunteered to:

- Councilman Schoneboom – Development
- Councilman Ghormley – Annexation
- Councilman Claycamp – Budgeting
- Councilman Swift – Police
- Councilman Smith – Streets

Balance elections – instead of 4 and 2 change charter ordinances for 3 and 3. Replace the general election of mayor and 3 council seats to mayor and 2 council seats. Then at the midterm election 3 council seats. This will probably require one current council seat to be extended and addition 2 years. Charter Ordinance to be presented at the May meeting.

Should investigate the possibility of having the east side of main street in the central business district (city building to the old coop building) converted to angled parking (like the west side) to include handicap space(s). Believe this would increase capacity of downtown parking.

**Approve Expenses**

Councilman Schoneboom moved to approve the expenses as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Swift. Motion carried 4-0.

**Adjourn**

Councilman Claycamp moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried 4-0.