

**City of Benton  
Agenda  
February 18, 2020**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Approve Minutes**  
January 21, 2019 Council Meeting
- 4. Public Comment**
- 5. New Business**
  - a. Maria Engels – Property for Day Care
  - b. Executive Session
- 6. Other Business**
- 7. Department Reports**
- 8. Approve Bills**
- 9. Adjourn**

**City of Benton  
City Council Meeting**

**February 18, 2020**

The governing body of the City of Benton, Kansas met in regular session at the usual meeting place in the city at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Brennan Dennison presided. Members of the council were present as follows: Ross Schoneboom, Curt Ghormley, Travis Swift and Janet Roths. Mike Wyant was absent.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approve Minutes**

Travis Swift moved to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2020 regular meeting. Curt Ghormley seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**Public Comment**

Jake Myers, 435 S. Ohio St., spoke in favor of a new day care facility operated by Lacy Gould and the need for a facility that will be able to provide for a larger number of children.

**New Business**

Maria and Nick Engels presented an offer to purchase the property located on the NW corner of Main St and South St. (243 S. Main St.) for \$30,000.

After discussion Travis Swift moved to accept the offer of \$30,000 made by Nick and Maria Engels for the purchase of the 6 lots at 243 S. Main St. and they will be responsible for the removal of the brown building which sits on the property. Curt Ghormley seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Ross Schoneboom abstained.

**Executive Session**

Ross Schoneboom made a motion to recess into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel matters under Kansas Statute 75-4319(b)(1), at 7:20 p.m. for 15 minutes.

Motion was seconded by Janet Roths. Motion carried 4-0.

**Reconvene**

Travis Swift moved to return to open session at 7:35 p.m. Janet Roths seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

In view of the outcome of the independent investigation conducted by Butler County Sheriff's Office related to Mr. Hefton, and in light of the corroboration offered by the county attorney in filing charges related to a criminal act, I do not believe it to be possible for Mr. Hefton to remain an employee of the City of Benton. Therefore, I Curt Ghormley, move termination for Mr. Hefton effective immediately.

Motion was seconded by Travis Swift. Motion carried 4-0.

**Other Business**

Ross Schoneboom presented a proposal to increase council pay to \$200 per month and the mayor pay to \$500 per month effective at the beginning of the current incumbent seat expiration and re-election. Please consider the proposal and address the matter at the March council meeting.

## **Department Reports**

**Police** - The new truck will be upfitted with equipment this week.

KBI Audit will be Wednesday

Will be adding police clerk to the court clerk position held by Kristin Beggs. This will allow compliance with the State for a TAC and LASO as well as maintaining better control and communication between the police office and court.

**Maintenance** – We will not be purchasing the Hydrovac from RWD #5 as they have decided to wait until next year to purchase a new one.

Signed the contract with TecNXS, an online backflow preventer registration and maintenance tracking program. This will keep us in compliance with KDHE. The cost is less than \$300 per year for their services.

Have inquired about a contract with Mayer Specialties for annual sewer line cleaning and to camera problem areas.

Street signs and signs at the Park have been installed.

Presented bids for buildings – council asked for estimates on garage doors, footings and installation costs.

## **Approve Bills**

Ros Schoneboom moved to approve the bills as presented. Janet Roths seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

## **Adjourn**

Curt Ghormley moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Travis Swift seconded. Motion carried 4-0.