

**City of Benton**  
**City Council Meeting September 16, 2024**

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, and Cody Smith. Travis Swift was absent.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approved Consent Agenda**

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**Public Comment**

No public comment

**Old Business**

Ordinance 2024-01, An Ordinance Establishing Compensation for the Governing Body of the City of Benton.

Councilman Ghormley moved to adopt Ordinance 2024-01. Motion was seconded by Councilman Schoneboom.

Councilman Claycamp moved to amend the effective date to January, 2027. Motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion passed 3-1, 1 absent. Councilman Schoneboom opposed.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-01 with approved amendment passed 4-0, 1 absent.

**New Business**

Councilman Schoneboom moved to open discussion concerning police vehicles as submitted by Chief Kichler. Motion was seconded by Councilman Smith.

Chief Kichler asked for approval to bid at auction for a 2024 vehicle with hail damage.

Councilman Ghormley moved to allow for a bid not to exceed \$27,500. Motion was seconded by Councilman Smith.

Councilman Schoneboom moved to amend the motion to \$30,000 to include equipment. Motion was seconded by Councilman Smith.

After discussion, Councilman Schoneboom withdrew his motion to amend.

Motion to allow a bid of \$27.500 passed 4-0, 1 absent.

## **Department Reports**

Mayor - stated that election signs are allowed on city property.

Admin – Party in the Park was a success. New city utility billing software is now set up for citizens. Computer updates are being completed. Water leak repaired. New storage building up and running, old maintenance building will be removed this week. Water restrictions updated. Trash collection per petition for airport being completed. Bench placement at Two Angels Trail. Electricity to the new building. The City will be following water restrictions set by Wichita Public Works Water Dept. Specific restrictions are posted on the city website and Facebook page.

Police Chief – new dog kennel awaiting state inspection. Introduced new part time officer Nick Hatcher.

## **Open Discussion**

None

## **Executive Session**

Councilman Schoneboom moved for an executive session IAW K.S.A.75-4319(b) to discuss non- elected personnel matters/attorney client privilege. Further, required to attend this session 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. Motion was seconded by Councilman Claycamp. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

## **Reconvene**

Councilman Claycamp moved to reconvene at 7:55 p.m. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ghormley. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.**