

**City of Benton
City Council Meeting**

December 21, 2020

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 Brennan Dennison presided. Members of the Council were present as follows: Mike Wyant, Ross Schoneboom, Travis Swift, Curt Ghormley and Tyler Gottschalk.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Minutes

Travis moved to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2020 regular meeting. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Oaths of Office

Tyler Gottschalk was sworn in as Mayor by Council President Ross Schoneboom.

Curt Ghormley was sworn in as City Council Member by Council President Ross Schoneboom.

Travis Swift was sworn in as City Council Member by Council President Ross Schoneboom

Dan Claycamp was sworn in as City Council Member by Council President Ross Schoneboom.

Mayor Tyler Gottschalk entertained a motion to appoint Cody Smith to open council seat #5. Dan moved to appoint Cody Smith to council seat #5. Travis seconded.

Curt moved to postpone the question until the January meeting. Ross seconded. After discussion Motion to postpone did not pass 1-3.

Original motion to appoint Cody Smith passed 4-0.

Cody Smith was sworn in as City Council Member by Council President Ross Schoneboom.

Brennan Dennison thanked city staff and council for their support during his 5 ½ years as the Mayor for the City of Benton.

Mayor Tyler Gottschalk entertained a motion to appoint Travis Swift as the Vice Mayor Point of Order - Councilman Schoneboom stated the correct title for the position is "President of the Council" in accordance with Benton city code and Kansas state statutes.

Dan moved to appoint Travis Swift as President of the Council. Cody seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Travis abstained.

Department Reports

City Clerk – discussed year-end financial report.

Police – Welcomed new governing body members and said he has an open door policy if any one has any questions or concerns.

Approve Bills

Curt moved to approve the bills as presented. Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjourn

Curt moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.