

**City of Benton  
City Council Meeting**

**February 21, 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 is re-engaged with developers and will be requesting a workshop for discussion and planning. Councilman Schoneboom moved to postpone development. The motion was seconded by Councilman Claycamp. Motion passed 5-0.

Councilman Swift moved to dismiss the flock camera system from business. The motion was seconded by Councilman Schoneboom. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion on looking into the camera system at a later date.

**New Business**

Wreaths Across America – Robyn Couey presented information on the organization.

Councilman Schoneboom moved the Governing Body of the City of Benton authorize a donation of \$900 to Wreaths Across America, Benton Kansas Chapter for the 2023 wreath laying ceremony. The event to be held on December 16th, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion passed 5-0.

Benton Festivals Committee – Ty Patton presented plans for Benton Days and request the \$2000 donation by the City of Benton.

Councilman Swift moved the Governing Body of the City of Benton authorize a donation of \$2000 to the Benton Festivals Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ghormley. Motion passed 5-0.

CHS After Prom has requested a donation from the City for the 2023 After Prom. After discussion Councilman Claycamp moved the Governing Body of the City of Benton authorize a donation of \$500 to the CHS After Prom Celebration. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion passed 3-2. Councilman Schoneboom and Councilman Ghormley were opposed.

Councilman Claycamp moved the Governing Body of the City of Benton authorize an increase to the annual donations by the City of Benton to \$3500. The motion was seconded by Councilman Swift. Motion passed 3-2. Councilman Schoneboom and Councilman Ghormley were opposed.

ORDINANCE 2023-01 – AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING LAND TO THE CITY OF BENTON, KANSAS.

Councilman Ghormley moved to adopt Ordinance 2023-01. The motion was seconded by Councilman Claycamp. Motion passed 5-0.

ORDINANCE 2023-02 – AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING LAND TO THE CITY OF BENTON, KANSAS.

Councilman Ghormley moved to adopt Ordinance 2023-02. The motion was seconded by Councilman Claycamp. Motion passed 5-0.

ORDINANCE 2023-03 – AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING LAND TO THE CITY OF BENTON, KANSAS.

Councilman Ghormley moved to adopt Ordinance 2023-03. Councilman Claycamp seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

ORDINANCE 2023-04 – AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2007-10 IN IT'S ENTIRETY, REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SPORTS AND ATHLETICS COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF BENTON, KANSAS; AND REPEALING ANY AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Councilman Smith moved to adopt Ordinance 2023-04. Councilman Schoneboom seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

## City Growth

Councilman Ghormley would like the council to consider directing city staff to proceed with offers of annexation to certain property owners adjacent to the city to square up the city boundary. He would like this to be considered at the March council meeting.

Councilman Schoneboom moved that City staff be directed to proceed with offers of annexation to certain property owners adjacent to the City boundary (for clarity herein known as the square up), in collaboration with the governing body and at their direction IAW KSA 12-520(a)(7). Councilman Claycamp seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1. Councilman Ghormley was opposed.

**RESOLUTION 23-01 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REQUEST THAT THE DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTS AND REPORTS WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF K.S.A.75-1120a (a).**

Councilman Schoneboom moved the Governing Body of the City of Benton adopt Resolution 23-01. Councilman Swift seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

## Paving City Park

Councilman Schoneboom moved the Governing Body of the City of Benton accept the bid by Pearson Construction to pave the city park parking lot. There was not a second. Motion failed without a second.

## Department Reports

Mayor - Mayor Gottschalk gave an update on the progress of fiber optic lines being laid by IdeaTek.

City Administrator – maintenance did well with all the additional locates for the IdeaTek construction.

There is a Comprehensive Development Plan meeting next Wednesday.

Councilman Smith complemented the maintenance dept. on the tree trimming along Prairie Creek.

## Open Discussion

Councilman Schoneboom reported the revised City Code is finished and available online through the city website.

### **Executive Session**

Councilman Schoneboom 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 Administrator and the City Council. Further, that the governing body return to open session at 8:20 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ghormley. Motion passed 5-0.

### **Reconvene**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.