City of Benton City Council Meeting December 19, 2022

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 Approved Agenda

Public Comment

Nick Engels

Old Business

Ryan McCune, ASM Engineering – PV3 drainage engineering study question and answers.

New Business

Resolution 22-04, Fixing Trash Rate. Motioned by T. Swift, seconded by C. Smith. Passed 5-0

Resolution 22-05, Fixing Water Rate. Motioned by T. Swift, seconded by C. Smith. Passed 5-0

Ordinance 2022-04, updating Benton City Code. Motioned by R. Schoneboom, seconded by T. Swift. Council discussion ensued. Passed 5-0

Ordinance 2022-05, authorizing Sunday packaged cereal malt beverage and liquor sales with statutory Holiday restrictions. Motioned by R. Schoneboom, seconded by C. Smith. Council discussion ensued. Passed 5-0

Motion was made by R. Schoneboom to approve an annual one-time bonus for full time employees of 1%. Seconded by D. Claycamp. Bonus to be based on individual annual earnings determined from pay period starting on or after 1 December 2021 through the pay period ending on or about 30 November, 2022. Council discussion ensued establishing that this motion would ensure that the salary budgeting line item will still be within budgeted authority. Request was made to move this item into an earlier agenda for year 2023. Passed 5-0

Motion was made by R. Schoneboom to open discussion of FLOCK camera system, seconded by D. Claycamp. Passed 5-0. Information was delivered by Chief Moore and Council discussion ensued. Council members requested more information before making a decision and an invitation to visit camera locations in order to learn more about the system. Motioned to postpone discussion until the January 2023 regular meeting, motion passed 5-0, item postponed.

Department Reports

Mayor Gottschalk – Announced that the Governing body had accomplished a lot during the year and that he looked forward to a continuation in the coming year. Mayor Gottschalk thanked the staff for a good 2022.

City Administrator – announced the Comprehensive Plan initial meeting in January and will bring a timeline. Progress on Durley has been steady albeit slow due to utility marking delay. Answered a question on the progress of administration of the Trail grant as expenses

Open Discussion

R. Schoneboom thanked attendees of the wreath laying event for Wreaths Across America. It was a chilly, breezy, and satisfying morning. Thanked the Council for participation.

Final Motions - None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.