

A Motion to Adopt Resolution 25-01, GAAP Waiver

Moved: The Governing Body of the City of Benton adopt Resolution 25-01.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-01

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

WHEREAS the City of Benton, Kansas, has determined that the financial statement and financial reports for the year ended 2024 to be prepared in conformity with the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) are not relevant to the requirements of the cash basis and budget laws of this state and are of no significant value to the Benton City Council or the members of the general public of the City of Benton and

WHEREAS there are no revenue bond ordinances or other ordinances or resolutions of the municipality which require financial statements and financial reports to be prepared in conformity with K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) for the year ended 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Benton City Council of Benton, Kansas, in regular meeting duly assembled this 21st Day of January 2025, that the City Council requests the Director of Accounts and Reports to waive the requirements of K.S.A. 1120a(a) as they apply to the City of Benton, Kansas for the year ended 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council shall cause financial statements and financial reports of the City of Benton, Kansas to be prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements as adjusted to show compliance with the cash basis and budget laws of this State.

THIS RESOLUTION adopted this 21st Day of January 2025.

Tyler Gottschalk, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce Casady, City Clerk

A Motion to Adopt Resolution 25-02, Mower Transfer

Moved: The Governing Body of the City of Benton adopt Resolution 25-02.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-02

A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CERTAIN EQUIPMENT FROM CITY OF BENTON TO CIRCLE RECREATION COMMISSION

WHEREAS the City of Benton, Kansas, dissolved the Sports and Athletics Commission for the City of Benton with Ordinance 2023-04;

WHEREAS upon dissolution of the Benton Sports and Athletics Commission, State Statute 12-1927 required “all property and money belonging to the recreation commission shall become the property of the taxing authority levying the tax for the commission”;

WHEREAS the City of Benton acquired a SCAG mower as a result of state statute 12-1297;

WHEREAS the original purchase of the mower was funded by donations and fees associated with the Benton Sports and Athletics Commission and not from taxpayer funds;

WHEREAS the City of Benton wishes to foster an environment of cooperation with the newly formed Circle Recreation Commission towards the goal of its continued success.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Benton City Council of Benton, Kansas, in regular meeting duly assembled this 21st Day of January 2025, that the City Council transfers ownership of SCAG mower serial number J9403061 to the Circle Recreation Commission.

THIS RESOLUTION adopted this 21st Day of January 2025.

Tyler Gottschalk, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce Casady, City Clerk

A Motion to Adopt Resolution 25-03, Fixing Water Rates

Moved: The Governing Body of the City of Benton adopt Resolution 25-03 (attached).

RESOLUTION 25-03

RESOLUTION FIXING WATER RATES FOR WATER CUSTOMERS RECEIVING WATER FOR THE CITY OF BENTON, KANSAS.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body is heretofore by virtue of Section 15-424 of the Benton City Code, authorized the adjustment of water rates from time to time by Resolution;

AND WHEREAS, the Governing Body deems it in the best interest of the citizens of Benton, Kansas to adjust current water rates by virtue of certain increases in City costs;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Governing Body of the City of Benton, Kansas as follows:

SECTION 1. Effective February 1, 2025, for water service to customers there shall be a base monthly service charge based upon each customer's water meter size as follows:

SIZE	CHARGES WITHIN CITY	CHARGES OUTSIDE CITY
5/8 inch	\$16.50	\$29.54
3/4 inch	\$16.50	\$29.54
1 inch	\$22.00	\$41.80
1 ½ inch	\$23.10	\$44.00
2 inch	\$44.00	\$60.50
3 inch	\$110.00	\$181.50
4 inch	\$137.50	\$242.00
6 inch	\$209.00	\$302.50

SECTION 2. The foregoing base monthly charge shall cover the first 1000 gallons of water. Thereafter, for customers located within the City Limits of Benton, Kansas, the charge shall be \$9.53 for each 1000 gallons or fraction thereof. **+7.08%**

SECTION 3. In addition to the base charge covering the first 1,000 gallons usage, for those customers located outside the City Limits of Benton, Kansas, there shall be a charge of \$10.60 for each additional 1,000 gallons or fraction thereof. **+7.07%**

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall take effect February 1, 2025 and shall remain on file with the City Clerk and available for inspection to any interest party.

ADOPTED this 21st day of January, 2025.

(seal)

/s/ _____
Tyler Gottschalk, Mayor

/s/ _____
Joyce Casady, City Clerk

Resolution summary: 25-03 Fixing Water Rates

The City of Wichita, our water supplier, has increased our per gallon rate by 7.18% per our water contract.

Resolution 25-03 would increase the cost to our water customers by the following:

In town: from 8.90 to 9.53, 7.08%

Out of town: from 9.90 to 10.60, 7.07%

Using last years usage of 25,314,000 gallons, the increased cost to the City without passing this resolution would be approximately \$9366.18.

NOTES:

Administration:

Gearing up for new and continued directives for 2025.

Along those lines, I'd like to suggest two workshops:

- 1) Stearman Estates has now established a viable homeowners association that we can meet with about improvements and cooperation. We did meet with some residents last year, but at that time there was no legally organized group that we could brainstorm with.
- 2) Updated Capital Improvement Plan. We met last year with a 2024 update and since then we have knocked some items off the list. I will have an updated 5-year capital plan showing updates and current reserve fund balances.

We came through 2024 making 100% of our scheduled transfers and with continued responsible spending management and no disasters, we can do it again in 2025. On top of that, we've got strong beginning balances to start the year off:

General Fund beginning balances:

2020: \$57,350
2021: \$119,698
2022: \$107,000
2023: \$46,093
2024: \$68,346
2025: \$122,997

Maintenance:

There's no business like snow business. Thank you for the plow attachment last year. Working with the GMC is so much more efficient than the Dodge. We worked all of the equipment over the last couple of weeks and then spent a few days doing the detail work.

Generator servicing will be next week. This includes regular maintenance and load testing.

We will be working with our street POC in order to prioritize street work this year. We did complete our plan to seal all of the streets. We will be suggesting another coat on S. Ohio: South Central recommended waiting until 2025 to put that third layer on.

City of Benton
Planning/Zoning commission

January 7, 2025

The board met to conduct a public hearing on **L/S 25-01**, lot split at 14301 SW 20th Street. The applicant, **Lacey Gould**, was present.

Tanner Swift, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:03pm. Board members present: **Amy Henning, Nick Engels, Lois Young**. Members absent: **Cara Dennison, Mary Anna Meshew, Kent Marnane, Danny Smith**. **Ross Schoneboom**, City Council, also was present.

Tanner explained the agenda item, welcomed all, and reviewed the ground rules. **Matt Engles**, City Administrator, stated that all the procedures were completed, and that no objections had been received.

Tanner asked Lacey and the public for any comments. There were none.

A motion to accept item L/S 25-01 was made by Nick and seconded by Amy. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no others issues to discuss so Tanner adjourned the meeting at 6:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Bruns, Secretary
Planning/Zoning Commission

OPEN DISCUSSION - Ross

GOVERNING BODY LEAD POINTS OF CONTACT

- Bonds – **Councilman Schoneboom**
- Government grant programs - **Councilman Schoneboom**
- Development – **Councilman Schoneboom**
- City Growth – **Councilman Ghormley**
- Budgeting/Finance – **Councilman Claycamp**
- Streets – **Councilman Smith**
- Storm water – **Councilman Swift**
- Sanitary sewer – **Councilman Smith**
- Codes and Regs – **Councilman Schoneboom**
- Policing – **Councilman Swift**
- Infrastructure upgrade – **Mayor Gottschalk**
- Equipment – **Mayor Gottschalk**
- Fresh Water – **Councilman Smith**

Executive Session motion

Moved:

That the governing body recess into 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 _____PM