

2025

CERTIFICATE

To the Clerk of Butler, State of Kansas

We, the undersigned, officers of

Benton

- certify that: (1) the hearing mentioned in the attached publication was held;
 (2) after the Budget Hearing this budget was duly approved and adopted as the maximum expenditure for the various funds for the year 2025; and
 (3) the Amount(s) of 2024 Ad Valorem Tax are within statutory limitations.

		2025 Adopted Budget			
		Page No.	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2024 Ad Valorem Tax	Final Tax Rate (County Clerk's Use Only)
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Allocation of MVT, RVT, and 16/20M Veh Tax		2			
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Fund	K.S.A.				
General	12-101a	6	1,321,000	711,917	
Debt Service	10-113		157,100		
Library	12-1220				
Special Highway			27,335		
Special Parks			35,000		
Water			255,000		
Sewer			209,514		
Trash			91,990		
Totals		xxxxx	2,096,939	711,917	
Budget Hearing Notice					County Clerk's Use Only
Combined Rate and Budget Hearing Notice					
RNR Hearing Notice					
Neighborhood Revitalization					Nov 1, 2024 Total Assessed Valuation

Revenue Neutral Rate **54.279**

Does budget require a resolution to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate? **NO**

Assisted by: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Date Attested: _____ 2024

County Clerk

Governing Body

A Motion(s) concerning the 2025 Budget

Moved: The Governing Body of the City of Benton adopt the 2025 Budget for the City of Benton as presented (attached).

OR

Moved: Postpone the adoption of the 2025 Budget as presented until the September 2024 regular council meeting. Further, the presented budget be hereby returned to staff and governing body members to address modifications.

Plan Summary

Good Morning, Cities!

After a VERY long time on FEMA's desk, the updated regional Hazard Mitigation Plan has finally been approved and is ready for adoption. Because you took part in the development of the plan (by doing things like attending meetings, reviewing and submitting mitigation action items for your community, or reviewing and commenting on the plan draft), your city is listed in the plan as a participant. However, FEMA doesn't credit that involvement until the city has also formally adopted it as its official Hazard Mitigation Plan. Attached is a draft resolution that you can use to take that final step – feel free to tailor it however you need. Once you have adopted the plan, please **return the adoption form to Emergency Management**. We'll gather all of our local stakeholders' adoptions and submit them to the state who will then notify FEMA that your part is complete. There is no specific deadline, but the state is hoping to have all the adoptions completed within about six months (if it takes longer than a year, FEMA will require additional documentation from you besides your adoption... so definitely don't let it go that long).

To view the completed plan, visit this page on the county website: <https://www.bucoks.com/238/Hazard-Mitigation-Plan>

The benefits of adopting this plan include the following:

1. Being a recognized participant in a Hazard Mitigation Plan makes your city eligible for Hazard Mitigation Grants from FEMA, to include the BRIC (Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities) program, the FMA (Flood Mitigation Assistance) program, and any post-disaster mitigation grant opportunities. It does NOT impact your ability to apply for post-disaster funding specific to disaster damages (i.e. Public Assistance, etc.).
2. If your community is part of the National Flood Insurance Program and especially the Community Rating System, having an approved and adopted Hazard Mitigation Plan can potentially help with improving your rating (and therefore your residents' flood insurance premiums).
3. Having an approved and adopted plan for the community can also make your residents eligible for certain homeowner-centered mitigation programs... most recently, this includes the state of Kansas' Sunflower-Safe program which has periodically made funding available for the construction of safe rooms in homes.

If you have any questions about the plan or would like us to come by and discuss the plan and adoption process with your officials, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thanks,

Keri Korthals, **CEM[®], KCEM, MEP**

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**City of Benton, Kansas
Resolution No. 24-05**

A resolution adopting the 2024 Kansas Homeland Security Region G Hazard Mitigation Plan as the Hazard Mitigation Plan for The City of Benton.

Whereas, Benton recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within our community; and

Whereas, undertaking hazard mitigation actions will reduce the potential for harm to people and property from future hazard occurrences; and

Whereas, the U.S. Congress passed the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (“Disaster Mitigation Act”) emphasizing the need for pre-disaster mitigation of potential hazards;

Whereas, the Disaster Mitigation Act made available hazard mitigation grants to state and local governments; and

Whereas, an adopted Hazard Mitigation Plan is required as a condition of future funding for mitigation projects under multiple Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant programs; and

Whereas, Benton fully participated in the FEMA prescribed mitigation planning process to prepare this Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

Whereas, the Kansas Division of Emergency Management and FEMA Region VII officials have reviewed the Kansas Homeland Security Region G Hazard Mitigation Plan, and approved it contingent upon this official adoption of the participating governing body; and

Whereas, Benton desires to comply with the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act and to augment its emergency planning efforts by formally adopting the Kansas Homeland Security Region G Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

Whereas, adoption by the governing body for Benton demonstrates the jurisdiction’s commitment to fulfilling the mitigation goals and objectives outlined in this plan, and

Whereas, adoption legitimizes the plan and authorizes responsible agencies to carry out their responsibilities under the plan.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the City of Benton adopts the Kansas Homeland Security Region G Hazard Mitigation Plan as an official plan; and

Be it further resolved that Butler County Emergency Management will submit this Adoption Resolution on the jurisdiction's behalf to the Kansas Division of Emergency Management and FEMA Region VII officials to enable the plan's final approval.

Adopted on this 19th day of August, 2024.

Tyler Gottschalk
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce Casady
City Clerk

A Motion to Submit Ordinance 2024-01 Into Regular Business

Moved:

The Governing Body of the City of Benton Kansas accept Ordinance 2024-01 into regular business for consideration at the September 2024 meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-01

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF BENTON.

WHEREAS:

- It is appropriate for members of the Governing Body to be compensated for service,
- By code, it is necessary to establish compensation by Ordinance,

Now Therefore, be it ordained by the Governing Body of the City of Benton, Kansas:

Section 1.

- a. Compensation for members of City Council (seats 1-5) be set at \$250.00 per month
- b. Compensation for Mayor be set at \$500.00 per month
- c. Compensation for each member of the Governing Body (Council and Mayor) be indexed and adjusted annually based on the most recent cost-of-living adjustment for Social Security recipients
- d. That such adjustments be implemented beginning with the first month of each year

Section 2.

This ordinance to be effective 1 January, 2025.

Approved and passed by the Governing Body of the City of Benton this 19th day of August, 2024

Tyler Gottschalk, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce Casady, City Clerk

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2024-02 concerning Code Fees

Moved:

The Governing Body of the City of Benton Kansas adopt Ordinance 2024-02 concerning Code Violation Procedures and Fees.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-02

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FEES TO BE ASSESSED TO PROPERTY OWNERS FOR CERTAIN SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF BENTON.

WHEREAS:

- The City of Benton Kansas has determined a need for certain procedure for code enforcement;

Now Therefore, be it ordained by the Governing Body of the City of Benton, Kansas:

Section 1. When, following procedures outlined in Chapter 8 of the City Code, it becomes necessary for the City of Benton to alleviate code violations, the City will attempt to procure three (3) bids from insured companies and use the most appropriate bid to alleviate the violation(s). This is the priority procedure.

Section 2. When, following procedures outlined in Chapter 8 of the City Code, it becomes necessary for the City of Benton to alleviate code violations, city staff may deem it preferable to use city equipment and employees to alleviate the violation(s).

Section 3. When city equipment or city employees are utilized to alleviate any code violation, the following charges shall apply:

Administrative Fee:	\$45.00
Mailing Fee:	\$10.00
Labor per employee per hour:	\$75.00
Mower per hour:	\$50.00
Skid Steer per hour:	\$200.00
Dump Truck per hour:	\$100.00
Landfill fee per trip:	\$50.00
Chain saw fee per hour:	\$20.00

Section 4. Upon completion of alleviating the violation, the City of Benton will cause an itemized invoice for said services to be created and sent to the owner of record of the property in question. If the invoice remains unpaid after 30 days, the City Clerk will have the charges certified to the Treasurer of Butler County to be assessed as taxes in accordance with paragraph 8-109 of the city code.

Section 5. The fees established herein may be amended from time to time by means of a resolution made by the City Council.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication in the official city newspaper.

Approved and passed by the Governing Body of the City of Benton this 19th day of August, 2024

Tyler Gottschalk, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce Casady, City Clerk

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2024-03

Moved: The Governing Body of the City of Benton adopt Ordinance 2024-03, Standard Traffic Ordinances (STO).

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-03

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF BENTON, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE *STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE FOR KANSAS CITIES, 51ST EDITION, WITH CERTAIN OMISSIONS, CHANGES, AND ADDITIONS; PRESCRIBING ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS; PROVIDING CERTAIN PENALTIES AND REPEALING ORDINANCES NUMBERED 2023-09.*

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the governing body of the City of Benton, Kansas:

Section 1: INCORPORATING STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE (STO).

There is hereby incorporated by reference for the purpose of regulating traffic within the corporate limits of the City of Benton, Kansas, that certain standard traffic ordinance known as the "Standard Traffic Ordinance For Kansas Cities", Edition of 2024, prepared and published in book form by the League of Kansas Municipalities, Topeka, Kansas, save and except such articles, sections, parts or portions as are hereafter omitted, deleted, modified or changed. One copy of said Standard Traffic Ordinance shall be marked or stamped "Official Copy as Adopted by Ordinance No 2024-03, with all sections or portions thereof intended to be omitted or changed clearly marked to show any such omission or change and to which shall be attached a copy of this Ordinance, and filed with the City Clerk to be open to inspection and available to the public at all reasonable hours. The police department, municipal judge, and all administrative departments of the city charged with the enforcement of the Ordinance shall be supplied, at the cost of the City of Benton, such number of official copies of such Standard Traffic Ordinance similarly marked, as may be deemed expedient.

Section 2: TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS AND TRAFFIC OFFENSES.

- (a) An ordinance traffic infraction is a violation of any section of this ordinance that prescribes or requires the same behavior as that prescribed or required by a statutory provision that is classified as a traffic infraction in K.S.A. 8-2118.
- (b) All traffic violations that are included within this ordinance, and are not ordinance traffic infractions, as defined in subsection (a) of this section, shall be considered traffic offenses.

Section 3: PENALTY FOR SCHEDULED FINES.

The fine for violation of an ordinance traffic infraction or any other traffic offense in which

the municipal judge establishes a fine in a fine schedule shall not be less than \$10 nor more than \$500. A person tried and convicted for violation of an ordinance traffic infraction or other traffic offense in which a fine has been established in a schedule of fines shall pay a fine fixed by the court not to exceed \$500.

Section 4: SPEED LIMIT ON MAIN STREET.

The Governing Body having determined upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that the speed limit permitted under state law and Section 33 of the *Standard Traffic Ordinance* is more than is reasonable or safe under the conditions found to exist upon Main Street from Highway K254 to SW 30th Street, hereby determines and declares that the reasonable and safe speed limit on Main Street from Highway K254 to SW 30th Street is 25 miles per hour. The Chief of Police is hereby directed to erect appropriate signs giving notice of such speed along said street.

Section 5: This Ordinance shall repeal Ordinance numbered 2023-09.

Section 6: This Ordinance shall amend Section 14-101 of the Benton City Code.

Section 7: Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force upon its passage and publication in the official city newspaper.

ADOPTED this 19th day of August, 2024.

(seal)

Tyler Gottschalk, Mayor

ATTEST: _____ Joyce Casady,
City Clerk

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2024-04

Moved: The Governing Body of the City of Benton adopt Ordinance 2024-04, Uniform Public Offence Code (UPOC).

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-04

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PUBLIC OFFENSES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF BENTON, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE *UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENCE CODE FOR KANSAS CITIES*, 40th EDITION, AND REPEALING ORDINANCES NUMBERED 2023-08.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the governing body of the City of Benton, Kansas:

Section 1. Incorporating the Uniform Public Offense Code. There is hereby incorporated by reference for the purpose of regulating public offenses within the city limits of the City of Benton, Kansas, that certain code known as the "Uniform Public Offense Code", Edition of 2024, prepared and published in book form by the League of Kansas Municipalities, Topeka, Kansas. One official copy of said Uniform Public Offense Code shall be marked or stamped "Official Copy as Adopted by Ordinance No. 2024-04, and to which shall be attached a copy of this Ordinance and filed with the City Clerk to be open to inspection and available to the public at all reasonable hours. The police department, municipal judge, and all administrative departments of the city charged with the enforcement of the Ordinance shall be supplied at the cost of the City of Benton, such number of official copies of such Uniform Public Offense Code similarly marked, as may be deemed expedient.

Section 2: This Ordinance shall repeal Ordinance numbered 2023-08.

Section 3: This Ordinance shall amend Section 11-101 of the Benton City Code.

Section 4: Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force upon its passage and publication in the official city newspaper.

ADOPTED this 19th Day of August, 2024.

(seal)

Tyler Gottschalk, Mayor

ATTEST: _____ Joyce Casady,
City Clerk



PROJECT SUMMARY

REPORT DATE	MEETING DATE	PREPARED BY
8/15/2024	8/19/2024	M. Engels

STATUS SUMMARY

CONCENTRATED PROJECT UPDATE

TASK	% DONE	DUE DATE	NOTES
Annexation	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing as services are considered
Budget	95	10/2024	Hearing scheduled for 8/19/24
Development	Ongoing	Ongoing	Continue to work on developer recruiting and progress

TASK	% DONE	DUE DATE	NOTES
Storage Building	95	2024	Structure up – Electric and doors by August
Ditches	Ongoing	Ongoing	Rebuild main street sidewalk/ditches – also Wichita St.
Streets	85	2024	S. Wichita prep – scheduled for 8/15

NOTES:

Admin:

It seems to have been especially busy in the Zoning department with two Planning Commission hearings, multiple notifications and publications, eight permits, and multiple inspections.

A new plane hangar, a house on 20th/Meadowlark, and the finals for the daycare have kept the department busy.

I've asked for a little more specific fee schedule and procedure for cleaning up any stubborn properties. We haven't had to do that in a long time, and I don't foresee it, but I'd also like to be proactive just in case the occasion arises.

We finally have our big three software upgrades coming together: Quickbooks for the new accounting, Jayhawk for the new billing, and Nexbill for the new payment collections. Staff has been working on this for months and we are ready to get the platform up and running. We'll be making announcements once we have a little more knowledge and can help with customer questions.

Luis asked me if we were ready for a couple of cpu upgrades. Here is where we are at on the current ages:

Current age of computers:

Server – 7 years

Joyce – 7 years

Maranda – 6 years

Geltz – 6 years

Kylie – 13 years

Scada – 13 years

Matt – 4 years

Kristen – 2 years

We are doing fine with the current budget, but once we get through September, we can get a few of these replaced.

I've been working with the Mayor on some Council Meeting room improvements, with the main improvement being our seating and presentation for the people.

Maint:

We've been cleaning up the street sign layout on the side streets of the older part of town. This consisted of removing old signs and replacing them where possible. We hope to clean the look up and make it easier for folks to mow and weed eat.

Electricity is installed in the new storage building, and we'll be building some shelving and moving equipment in.

The new kennel will be relocated to the east side of the maintenance storage building on Friday. We will then get a State and Vet inspection and be in business.

The dump truck is in for some brake work.

We've got a KDHE lagoon inspection on August 22nd, so we are spending quite a bit of time preparing for that. This entails checking and presenting our reporting and facilities.

We are reworking the crosswalk/sidewalk to the Elementary School this week. Should be a great improvement for the kids. Along with the new parking and sidewalk at the daycare, this intersection will be a complete rework. It's going to look and perform great.

Street work on South Wichita is slated to begin on 8/15/24. We prepped the culverts and did our best to find a good center and edge line to work. We will move mailboxes as necessary.

IT ALL STARTS AT 6 PM

Benton PD

Presents

PARTY

At The

CITY

PARK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2024

Hamburgers
Hot Dogs
Popcorn
Cotton Candy
Drinks

Music By

JD AND THE ALL GROOVE BAND

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