

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2024-01

Moved: The Governing Body of the City of Benton adopt Ordinance 2024-01, Governing Body Compensation.

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 16th day of September, 2024

Tyler Gottschalk, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce Casady, City Clerk

A Motion concerning Police Vehicles

Moved: To open discussion concerning police vehicles as submitted by Police Chief Kichler.



PROJECT SUMMARY

REPORT DATE	MEETING DATE	PREPARED BY
9/12/2024	9/16/2024	M. Engels

STATUS SUMMARY

CONCENTRATED PROJECT UPDATE

TASK	% DONE	DUE DATE	NOTES
Annexation	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing as services are considered
Budget	100	8/2024	Delivered to County 8/21/2024
Development	Ongoing	Ongoing	Continue to work on developer recruiting and progress

TASK	% DONE	DUE DATE	NOTES
Storage Building	98	2024	Structure up – Waiting on Evergy for full electric Solar lighting installed – starting to move equipment
Streets	98	2024	Dirt and grass seed along edges – then start planning for 2025

NOTES:

Admin:

We've started with three cpu replacements for the end of 2024. These should be in place by the October meeting.

New software and payment portal is in place. This was a big move for the office, but the more we work with it, the more efficient it will be. It is already light years ahead of the old system.

I've been working with Waste Connections to replace trash service on South Aviator, Waco, Mooney, and Piper as requested by petition. This change is scheduled to take place in October with billing beginning in September. 19 accounts so far.

A majority of time was spent on utility billing account audits, set up, and billing.

The Police Department Party at the Park was a big win, especially for the kids. Thank you to the officers, Council Members, and Mayor who supported this and helped make it happen.

Maint:

The crew fixed a small water leak on West Durley.

The dog kennel has been inspected by the vet and is ready for lodgers.

Equipment repair: Dump truck, brakes and u-joint. Hydrovac, filters and pump. Lift station, load test monitor screen.

No report back yet from our KDHE lagoon audit. I will forward that report to you as soon as we get it. Verbally it went well. Inspector quote was "If you don't have anything wrong, then there's no need to look further."

We completed the new sidewalk/crosswalk by the school and reinstalled the crossing lights.

Trail maintenance completed. We also received a bench to install on the North end by the bridge – the Hartley's will mark the area for us and we will pour a pad for the bench.

Contracted street work for 2024 is completed. We will add some dirt and grass seed on South Wichita.

Trees trimmed for the mail truck to get to the post office.

Installed a culvert.

Put up Circle/Benton banners for this school year.

Removed tree section for Every pole at the water tower.

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