

**City of Benton City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
October 21st, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Carnahan called the October 21st, 2014 Regular Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. (264/1/573*Audio recording begins)

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS – Ethan Brown, Boy Scout Troop #205, led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. (268/1/483*)

ROLL CALL (299/1/923*) Council Members Present –

**Mary Lettau
Connie Meredith
Linda Lehman
Lisa Stade
Michelle McLeod**

City Staff Present –

**Stephanie Haug, City Clerk/Treasurer
Paula Kauer, General Clerk-Purchasing
Kyle Kurth, Maintenance Foreman**

Other Professionals Present –

**Lee Kerr, City Attorney, Kerr Law Group
Alan Rainey, City Engineer, Spink Engineering LLC
Capt. Clay Vannoy, Benton County Sheriff's Office**

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES (307/4/760*)

- REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 7TH, 2014

Councilwoman Lehman: The last page is in error because, if I'm reading this correctly, Councilwoman McLeod and I did not vote yes for this motion.

Councilwoman McLeod: I think on Page 5 here, I don't remember Ms. Labelle talking about teenage pregnancies; it was Mrs. Stade's and that was about Parks and Recreation, and down here with James, it says, "nobody got shots" so I don't know what that means, if that's a typo or what...?

Councilwoman Lehman: I think that was a typo, I think he said "nobody got shot" or something like that?

Councilwoman McLeod: So maybe we need to just drop the "s" so it makes some sense...

Councilwoman Meredith: Mr. Mayor, I make a motion to we approve the Minutes as presented for October 7th, 2014, yes, as corrected.

Councilwoman McLeod: I second it.

MOTION #1- C. C. Meredith moved and C. M. McLeod seconded to approve the Minutes of the October 7th, 2014 Regular Council Meeting as corrected.

**VOICE VOTE #1- C. L. Stade, C. M. Lettau, C. C. Meredith, C. L. Lehman, C. M. McLeod
ALL YEAS. Motion carried.**

**OPENING REMARKS, "HOUSEKEEPING" ITEMS, EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUESTS, ETC.
(386/1/832*)**

Mayor Carnahan – One request – Eliminate General Council Comments tonight – Councilwoman Lehman has presentation for tickets for Items for Discussion

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (397/4/326*)

Councilwoman Stade: Mr. Mayor, I make a motion to approve the Agenda of October 21st, as amended.

Councilwoman Meredith: I'll second.

MOTION #2- C. L. Stade moved and C. C. Meredith seconded to approve the Agenda of the October 21st, 2014 Regular Council Meeting as amended.

VOICE VOTE #2- C. L. Stade, C. M. Lettau, C. C. Meredith, C. L. Lehman, C. M. McLeod
ALL YEAS. Motion carried.

1. VISITOR COMMENTS (406/2/394*)

Heather Duncan, Benton City Chamber of Commerce – Halloween – Downtown – Main street Closed – Businesses – Trunk or Treat – City Carnival

REGULAR REPORTS

1. SHERIFF'S REPORT (437/4/586*)

Capt. Clay Vannoy, Benton County Sheriff's Office - Written report not available – Good month – September – 247 vs. 342 in 2013 – Property crimes – Couple of assaults – Larger cases closed – Thefts picking up with cold – Gang Task Force emphasis – Person of interest – Caught

Councilwoman Stade – Cannabis shooting

Capt. Vannoy – Finley – Theft issues – Producers – No a problem yet – Medical marijuana – Attempted theft – Thief shot with birdshot by owner – Can't shoot people for theft

Councilwoman Stade – Limited to number?

Capt. Vannoy – Not really – Not schooled in law – Card okay for up to fifteen plants – Up to three others – 60 total

Mayor Carnahan – Thank officers for helping – Bringing back heifer – Did what should have done – Very helpful

2. STAFF REPORTS – (631/4/931*)

Stephanie Haug, City Clerk/Treasurer - Code Report – In packets

3. ENGINEER REPORT (634/2/064*)

Alan Rainey, City Engineer, Spink Engineering LLC - Dale Avenue – Paving tomorrow – Weather permitting – More after – Small areas – Landscaping next week – Touch up yards – End of next week – All buttoned up

Mayor Carnahan – Will be a few complaints

Councilwoman Stade – Construction affected business – Water and sewer – Internet

Mr. Rainey – Charter strung wire today

Mayor Carnahan – Stores and Post Office – Access difficulties at first

4. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS (715/3/920*)

Councilwoman McLeod – None

Councilwoman Lettau – None

Councilwoman Lehman – None

Councilwoman Meredith – None

Councilwoman Stade – None

Mayor Carnahan – Benton Franklin Council of Governments - Breakfast Meeting - Budget

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL: (726/2/210*)

***** PUBLIC HEARING – AD VALOREM TAX AND REVENUE SOURCES FOR 2015 *****

Ms. Haug – Staff Report

Mayor Carnahan: Now that we've had the information presented to us, I think I can call, adjourn the Council Meeting at this time, and go to the public meeting on the ad valorem taxes

***** Public Hearing begins at 7:18 p.m. *****

No Comments

***** Public Hearing is closed at 7:18 p.m. *****

Mayor Carnahan: Hearing none of the Visitors Comments or whatever, Public Hearing, I will close the Public Hearing now and reopen the Council Meeting at 7:18 and discussion for which option we want to go by, is now on the table, Option A or Option B

Councilwoman Lettau – Not sure I understand – Raise 1% each year?

Mayor Carnahan – COLA greater than 1% - Lose money each year

Councilwoman Stade – Clarifying question – Not cumulatively increasing at 1% more, 1% more, 1% more each year – It's a static 1% this year – Next year \$1.15/\$1,000 of assess value – Each year – Only one percent

Mayor Carnahan – Third option – Bank the money

Ms. Haug – Don't increase – Collect what we collect what we collected in 2013 – Don't take action – County will collect – Another thing – Estimate – As value of District changes – Distributed differently – Spread out amongst more value – Could go down

Councilwoman Meredith – Meet in the middle? 22% seems like quite a big jump

Ms. Haug – Take all of 22% banked capacities we have – If Council wishes to do different percentage or dollar amount – Also option

Councilwoman Meredith – Restored bank or levy capacity – Something new?

Ms. Haug – Unaware we had banked capacity above what we'd been collecting – County sent calculations – Stated we have not been collecting as much as we could – Has to be to County by November 30th – First and Second Readings by end of November – Council can pass resolution tonight – Can be amended at Second Reading

1. FIRST READING – 2015 AD VALOREM TAX (791/4/549*)

Councilwoman Meredith: I move to approve on the First Reading, an ordinance of the City of Benton City, Washington, setting the tax levy for the City of Benton City and fixing the Ad Valorem Taxes for the year 2015 at 11% increase.

Councilwoman Lettau: I second.

MOTION #3- C. C. Meredith moved and C. M. Lettau seconded to approve on the First Reading, an ordinance of the City of Benton City, Washington, setting the tax levy for the City of Benton City and fixing the Ad Valorem Taxes for the year 2015 at 11% increase.

VOICE VOTE #3- C. L. Stade, C. M. Lettau, C. C. Meredith, C. L. Lehman, C. M. McLeod
ALL YEAS. Motion carried.

2. RESOLUTION #2014-19 – AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SIGN 2015 BIAS SOFTWARE AGREEMENT (1023/4/713*)

Councilwoman Meredith: Mr. Mayor, I move to approve the Resolution No. 2014-19, a resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Benton City, Washington, to sign the 2015 BIAS Software Service Agreement between the City of Benton City and BIAS Software.

Councilwoman McLeod: I second that.

MOTION #4- C. C. Meredith moved and C. M. McLeod seconded to approve Resolution No. 2014-19, a resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Benton City, Washington, to sign the 2015 BIAS Software Service Agreement between the City of Benton City and BIAS Software.

ROLL CALL VOTE #4- C. M. McLeod, C. C. Meredith, C. L. Lehman, C. M. Lettau, C. L. Stade ALL YEAS. Motion carried.

3. VOUCHERS (1057/4/445*)

Councilwoman Lehman: Mr. Mayor, I move to approve payment of claim check numbers 26449 thru 26465 and EFTs as listed in the amount of \$26,690.49 & Payroll checks numbers 26398 thru 26407 with EFTs as listed in the amount of \$57,551.41 this 21st day of October, 2014.

Councilwoman Meredith: Second.

MOTION #5- C. L. Lehman moved and C. C. Meredith seconded to approve payment of voucher check numbers 26449 thru 26465 and EFTs as listed in the amount of \$26,690.49 & Payroll check numbers 26398 thru 26407 with EFTs as listed in the amount of \$57,551.41 this 21st day of October, 2014.

ROLL CALL VOTE #5- C. C. Meredith, C. M. Lettau, C. L. Stade, C. M. McLeod, C. L. Lehman ALL YEAS. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION (1090/2/443*)

1. KAROLINA LORZ FOUNDATION PROPOSAL – IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR THE B.C. LIBRARY – Virginia McKenna, President, Lorz Foundation – Support Library – Patio on East end – 7th Street side - Going out door of conference room – Used for summer reading – Shade structure like porch or Pergola – Asking City for permission

Mayor Carnahan – City Engineer to work together

Ms. McKenna – Would like Council Member to join committee

Councilwoman Meredith – I will

Ms. McKenna – Hope to be done by spring - Permission?

Mayor Carnahan – Yes with Engineer

Councilwoman Lehman – Fundraising Benefit – November 1st, 2014 – Benton City Thinks We Can Dance – Eight people at each table – City Council to buy a table? Tickets are \$15.00 – Individually

Ms. Haug – Email – Audit Entrance Conference – Thursday, 10 a.m. – Aware you work full time – Only open time

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS (Removed from Agenda*)

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Carnahan (1246/2/529*)

Councilwoman Lettau: I make a motion we adjourn.

Councilwoman Meredith: Second.

MOTION #6– C. M. Lettau moved and C. C. Meredith seconded to adjourn the October 21st, 2014 Regular Council Meeting at 7:32 p.m.

VOICE VOTE #6– C. L. Lehman, C. L. Stade, C. M. Lettau, C. C. Meredith, C. M. McLeod
ALL YEAS. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m. (1251/1/526*Audio recording ends)



Lloyd Carnahan
Mayor, City of Benton City



Stephanie Haug, CMC
City Clerk-Treasurer

Date: 11/5/14