

**City of Benton City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
November 4th, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Carnahan called the November 4th, 2014 Regular Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. (448/1/000*Audio recording begins)

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS –Councilwoman Meredith led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. (450/1/791*)

ROLL CALL – (465/1/033*)**Council Members Present** –

Connie Meredith
Linda Lehman
Lisa Stade
Michelle McLeod

Council Members Absent –
Mary Lettau (Excused)

City Staff Present –
Stephanie Haug, City Clerk/Treasurer
Kyle Kurth, City Maintenance Foreman

Other Professionals Present –
Alan Rainey, City Engineer, Spink Engineering LLC
Larry Howell, President, Benton City EDC

Other Professionals Absent –
Lee Kerr, City Attorney, Kerr Law Group

Councilwoman Meredith: I make a motion to excuse Mary Lettau from tonight's meeting.

Councilman Stade: I second.

MOTION #1- C. C. Meredith moved and C. L. Stade seconded to excuse Councilwoman Lettau from the November 4th, 2014 Regular Council Meeting due to family issue.

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

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES (479/2/588*)

- REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 21ST, 2014
- SPECIAL WORKSHOP – OCTOBER 15TH, 2014

Councilwoman Stade: Mr. Mayor, I move to approve the October 15th or no, October 21st (inaudible) Minutes as amended, amended and written, printed.

Councilman Meredith: I second.

MOTION #2- C. L. Stade moved and C. C. Meredith seconded to approve the Minutes of the October 21st, 2014 Regular Council Meeting and the Special Workshop Meeting of October 15th, 2014, as presented.

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

OPENING REMARKS, "HOUSEKEEPING" ITEMS, EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUESTS, ETC. – (499/2/490*)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – (501/4/587*)

Councilwoman Lehman: Mr. Mayor, I move to approve the Agenda as written.

Councilwoman McLeod: I second it.

MOTION #3- C. L. Lehman moved and C. M. McLeod seconded to approve the November 4th, 2014 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as presented.

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

1. VISITOR COMMENTS – (513/3/932*)

REGULAR REPORTS

1. EDC REPORT (523/2/272*) Larry Howell, President, Benton City EDC * Written report provided *
Councilwoman Lehman – Dance Report – Meeting Thursday, 6 p.m. – Follow up meeting at Larry's church – School – Meet with for projects – Shop department to do projects – Money for materials

2. STAFF REPORTS – (796/1/931*) Stephanie Haug, City Clerk/Treasurer
-Treasurers Report – In Council packets
-City Website proposal – Four different designs – Move forward with Design #1

3. ENGINEER REPORT- (915/1/605*) Alan Rainey, City Engineer, Spink Engineering LLC
-Dale Avenue – Added waterline – Relocated irrigation – Wall west end - Added about three weeks to project – Should be done at end of this week

Mayor Carnahan – Della and 10th – Broken hydrant flooded part of project – B.I.D. too shallow

Mr. Rainey – Waterline – Three quarters of street in plans – Waiting on bids – Added more work within budget

4. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS (1019/3/566*)

Councilwoman McLeod – Mosquito Control Board – Budget – Studies came back - Not poisoning anything – Doing really well

Councilwoman Lettau – Absent

Councilwoman Lehman – None

Mayor Carnahan – Rumor - No more roundabout – Just a rumor – Just waiting on money

Councilwoman Meredith – None

Councilwoman Stade – None

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL: (1086/2/521*)

PUBLIC HEARING – 2015 BUDGET (1086/4/903*)

Ms. Haug – Overview of budget

Mayor Carnahan: I will now close the Council Meeting at 7:22 and open the Public Hearing for the Budget is now open.

***** PUBLIC HEARING *****

Public Hearing opened at 7:22 p.m.

No Comments

Public Hearing closed at 7:23 p.m.

Mayor Carnahan – I don't see any comments so I will now close the Public Meeting at 7:23 and reconvene the Council Meeting. Now we can open for discussion.

Councilwoman Stade – What is amount budgeted for 2014?

Ms. Haug - \$40,000 for Skate Park - \$100,000 into streets - \$120,000 transferred from General Fund into streets – Increased that ending balance to \$70,000 for the 2016 beginning balance

Councilwoman Stade – Took a lot of time to get to place where at now - People of all ages use it – Could be even used by more variation of age if leveled – We haven't entertained any plans from other cities – What they do or cost for improvement – Any engineer's designs – Hate to take it out seven days after kids came to us twice and requested – Not okay – Brought to forefront of our attention - We say we have this budget – This amount of money - Accruing while City decides – Then the very next week – Not going to be as much – Take away \$20,000

Councilwoman Meredith – Taken away due to street funding being cut – Upkeep?

Councilwoman Stade – Funding been cut – No other ideas entertained

Mayor Carnahan – Tree will be cut when Christmas lights put up – Flags come down – Lights go up
– Tree limb cut

Councilwoman McLeod – Bothers me money would be spent on studies to expand park – There
won't be any money

Mayor Carnahan – Benton City can't afford to put park in by self – Going to have to get grant –
Same as before – Matching funds, etc. – Over \$200,000 – No more land – Look at what we can do
– We can leave budget as is – Amend as we go – Start by getting engineer to come in – Land to
south about the only way we can go – Can't tear up existing park due to Council agreement from
years ago – Going to have to look at another chunk of land

Councilwoman Stade – We haven't looked one minute into buying land adjacent – Would argue –
Here when plans for park area behind Skate Park were there – Not necessarily everything set forth
by previous Council should not be amended – If I came up with idea – Agreement – Don't want to
tear out park - We need to entertain modification – If tree removed – Won't desiccate entire park –
Tree near fence – Leaves get in way of Skate Park – Safety concern – Consider – Purchasing land
on side – What about broadening scale of skate park out towards that tree – Park looks beautiful

Mayor Carnahan – Depends on what type of stuff putting in – Tunnels take space – Before group of
kids got together and created design – Found engineering group to put together – Got grant
money – Not a six month project – No sense in tying up money now – We can amend this budget
as we go

Councilwoman Lehman – Start with a committee of kids

Councilwoman McLeod – Maybe a group of men who have used the park – Still use park

Councilwoman Stade – Kids that came by earlier – Maybe even have meeting here - Plan of the
park – Hard to get back money once given up

Mayor Carnahan – Once we get plan – Can go for grant

Councilwoman Meredith - Thought that was whole thing – Supposed to have ideas what to do with
skateboard park – Bowl or whatever - Before we moved on

Mayor Carnahan – That's what we're going to have to do – Going to have to get committee –
Someone want to spearhead committee?

Councilwoman Stade – I will - Do you want to help?

Councilwoman McLeod – I'll help

Councilwoman Stade – Somebody to find out about adjacent land for

Mayor Carnahan – Can ask gentleman if he'd like to sell – Spink Engineering interested in taking on
expansion of skateboard park

Mr. Rainey – Yes, if we can do it

Mayor Carnahan – Work with Alan – Go to Richland, Pasco, Kennewick – Take pictures – Get ideas
and bring back - Not going to happen overnight – Let's go ahead and approve the budget – Can
amend it later

Councilwoman Stade – Grant works on matching funds?

Mayor Carnahan – Matching

Councilwoman Stade – Can I get schematic of park land? Square footage of park area

Mr. Rainey – Yes – We can get you that

Mayor Carnahan – Tree limb comes down this fall – Already in works

1. SECOND READING – ORDINANCE 940 – 2015 AD VALOREM TAX (1512/3/386*)

Councilwoman Meredith: Mr. Mayor, I move to approve on the Second Reading, Ordinance 940 of the City of Benton City, Washington, setting the tax levy for the City of Benton City, and fixing the amount the ad valorem taxes for the year 2015.

Councilwoman Lehman: Second.

****** Council Discussion ******

Ms. Haug: We just need to amend the motion to change the ordinance to where, whereas in Section 1, instead of it saying 11%, it'll say 22%, and then the actual dollar amount will be \$31,230.34.

Councilwoman Lehman: I would like to amend the Ordinance of the City of Benton City, Washington, setting the tax levy for the City of Benton City, and fixing the amount the ad valorem taxes for the year 2015, to the amount of 22% from the previous year and adjusting the total as required.

Councilwoman Stade: Yes, second.

MOTION #4– C. C. Meredith moved and C. L. Lehman seconded to approve on the Second Reading, Ordinance 940 of the City of Benton City, Washington, setting the tax levy for the City of Benton City, and fixing the amount of ad valorem taxes for the year 2015.

**VOICE VOTE #4–C. L. Stade, C. L. Lehman, C. M. McLeod
ALL YEAS. C. C. Meredith – NAY. Motion carried.**

MOTION #5– C. L. Lehman moved and C. L. Stade seconded to approve on the Second Reading, Ordinance 940 of the City of Benton City, Washington, setting the tax levy for the City of Benton City, and fixing the amount of ad valorem taxes for the year 2015, as amended.

**VOICE VOTE #5–C. L. Stade, C. L. Lehman, C. M. McLeod
ALL YEAS. C. C. Meredith – NAY. Motion carried.**

2. VOUCHERS (1725/1/129*)

Councilwoman Meredith: Mayor, I move to approve payments of Claim check numbers 26475 thru 26489 with EFTs as listed in the amount of \$44,200.02, this 4th day of 2014.

Councilwoman Stade: I second.

MOTION #6– C. C. Meredith moved and C. L. Stade seconded for the City Council of the City of Benton City, Washington, to approve payment of Claim check numbers 26475 thru 26489 and EFTs as listed in the amount of \$44,200.02, this 4th day of November, 2014.

**ROLL CALL VOTE #6– C. M. McLeod, C. C. Meredith, C. L. Lehman, C. L. Stade
ALL YEAS. Motion carried.**

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION – (1778/4/693*)

Councilwoman Stade – Signage for roundabout postpone until funds available – What about signs for Benton City regardless of roundabout

Mayor Carnahan – Will have to be located on private property

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS – (1802/4/269*)

Councilwoman Lehman – Ask Stephanie – Next Halloween Party – Tried to have flash mob for Thriller dance – Contacted all schools – No kids showed up – When pamphlet sent out to schools next year – Can you plan to have the flash mob at 5:00

Ms. Haug – Only put notices in water bills – Chamber may do other things with school – Will add to list of items to put in water bills

Councilwoman Stade – Heard it was busy downtown – Do we know how many kids?

Ms. Haug – We had 250 through carnival – First year counting – Steady line of kids – Streets full
Councilwoman Stade – Shadow Mountain said they had over 600

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Carnahan (1848/4/447*)

Councilwoman Meredith: Mr. Mayor, I make a motion to adjourn.

Councilwoman Lehman: Second.

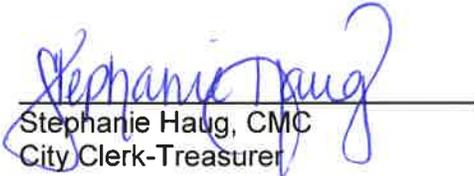
MOTION #7– C. C. Meredith moved and C. L. Lehman seconded to adjourn the November 4th, 2014 Regular Council Meeting at 7:46 p.m.

VOICE VOTE #7– C. C. Meredith, C. L. Lehman, C. L. Stade, C. M. McLeod
ALL YEAS. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m. (1855/3/096*Audio recording ends)



Lloyd Carnahan
Mayor, City of Benton City



Stephanie Haug, CMC
City Clerk-Treasurer

Date: 11/19/14