

**City of Benton City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
March 5th, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Carnahan called the March 5th, 2013 Regular Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. (270/2/705*Audio recording begins)

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS – Ritchie Epsilon, Life Scout, Boy Scout Troop 239 led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. (272/4/835*)

ROLL CALL – (281/3/958*) Council Members Present –
Mary Lettau
Connie Meredith
Honda Johnson
Lisa Stade
Francisca Proctor

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

Other Professionals Present –
Alan Rainey, City Engineer, Spink Engineering, LLC
Patrick Galloway, City Attorney, Kerr Law Group

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES (300/1/217*)
- **REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 19TH, 2013**

Councilwoman Johnson: Mayor, I make a motion that we approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting, February 19th, 2013.

Councilwoman Lettau: I second.

MOTION #1- C. H. Johnson moved and C. M. Lettau seconded to approve the Minutes of the February 19th, 2013 Regular Council Meeting as typed.

VOICE VOTE #1- C. C. Meredith, C. F. Proctor, C. H. Johnson, C. L. Stade, C. M. Lettau
ALL YEAS. Motion carried.

OPENING REMARKS, “HOUSEKEEPING” ITEMS, EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUESTS, ETC. –
(309/1/461*)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (317/3/149*)

Councilwoman Meredith: Mr. Mayor, I make a motion to approve the Agenda as amended, as presented.

Councilwoman Lettau: Second.

MOTION #2- C. C. Meredith moved and C. M. Lettau seconded to approve the Agenda as amended.

VOICE VOTE #2- C. C. Meredith, C. F. Proctor, C. H. Johnson, C. L. Stade, C. M. Lettau
ALL YEAS. Motion carried.

1. VISITOR COMMENTS – None (322/2/231*)

REGULAR REPORTS

1. STAFF REPORTS – None (332/1/637*)

Stephanie Haug, City Clerk/Treasurer

2. ENGINEER REPORT (334/4/710*)

Alan Rainey, City Engineer, Spink Engineering LLC

- Well #5 – Conservancy Board – To go to Department of Ecology for approval – 2 weeks – Delay due Board unable to meet quorum
- Tennis Courts – P.U.D. – Hookup – Sierra Electrical will be out to do final hookup – Light for recycle area - \$680.00 plus tax

Councilwoman Stade: Mr. Mayor, I make a motion that we approve the additional sum to the contract of Tennis Court and Recycling Bin lights for an additional amount of \$680.00 plus Washington State Sales Tax.

Councilwoman Proctor: Second.

MOTION #3- C. L. Stade moved and C. F. Proctor seconded to approve an additional \$680.00 plus Washington State Sales Tax for lights for Recycling Bins area at Tennis Courts.

ROLL CALL VOTE #3- C. F. Proctor, C. C. Meredith, C. H. Johnson, C. M. Lettau, C. L. Stade
ALL YEAS. Motion carried.

3. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS (433/3/311*)

Councilwoman Lettau – Pass

Councilwoman Proctor – Pass

Councilwoman Johnson – Pass

Mayor Carnahan – Several Meetings - Around Tri-Cities

Councilwoman Meredith – Pass

Councilwoman Stade – Will attend Fire Commissioners Meeting on March 7th at 6 p.m.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL:

1. FIRST READING – EMERGENCY POWERS ORDINANCE - (464/2/738*)

Mr. Galloway – Overview of ordinance amendments

Councilwoman Stade: Mr. Mayor, I make a motion to approve the First Reading, this ordinance of the City of Benton City, Washington, amending Section 2.09.010 “Proclamation of Civil Emergency – Emergency Defined”; Section 2.09.020 “Action which may be taken”; and creating Section 2.09.035 “Continuity of Government” establishing the powers and procedures for the declaration of an emergency.

Councilwoman Meredith: I second the motion.

MOTION #4- C. L. Stade moved and C. C. Meredith seconded to approve on the First Reading, an ordinance of the City of Benton City, Washington, amending Section 2.09.010 “Proclamation of Civil Emergency – Emergency defined”; Section 2.09.020 “Action which may be taken”; and creating Section 2.09.035 “Continuity of Government” establishing the powers and procedures for the declaration of an emergency.

VOICE VOTE #4- C. F. Proctor, C. C. Meredith, C. H. Johnson, C. L. Stade, C. M. Lettau
ALL YEAS. Motion carried.

2. RESOLUTION #2013-05 – FLOOD DITCH - (908/3/194*)

Mayor Carnahan – History of issue

Councilwoman Lettau: I would make a motion that we pass Resolution #2013-05, a resolution establishing certain policies for application of Benton City Municipal Code Chapter 15.10 “Flood Damage Prevention”.

Councilwoman Stade: I second.

MOTION #5- C. M. Lettau moved and C. L. Stade seconded to approve Resolution #2013-05, a resolution of the City of Benton City, Washington, establishing certain policies for application of Benton City Municipal Code Chapter 15.10 “Flood Damage Prevention”.

VOICE VOTE #5- C. F. Proctor, C. C. Meredith, C. H. Johnson, C. L. Stade, C. M. Lettau
ALL YEAS. Motion carried.

3. RESOLUTION #2013-06 – AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN INTERLOCAL – BRUSH BANDIT – (1050/1/615*)

Mayor Carnahan – Explanation of subject

Councilwoman Stade: Mr. Mayor, I make a motion to pass Resolution #2013-06, a resolution approving the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement – Solid Waste Brush Bandit between the City of Benton City and Benton County; and authorizing the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement.

Councilwoman Proctor: I second.

MOTION #6- C. L. Stade moved and C. F. Proctor seconded to approve Resolution #2013-06, a resolution of the City of Benton City, Washington, approving the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement – Solid Waste Brush Bandit between the City of Benton City and Benton County; and authorizing the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement.

VOICE VOTE #6- C. F. Proctor, C. C. Meredith, C. H. Johnson, C. L. Stade, C. M. Lettau
ALL YEAS. Motion carried.

4. PURCHASE REQUEST – JUMPING JACK COMPACTOR - (1110/3/213*)

Mr. Kurth – Explanation of purchase request

Councilwoman Lettau: Mayor, I make a motion that we approve the purchase request for the jumping jack compactor in the amount of \$2,800 plus tax, I’m sorry, \$2,500 plus Washington State Sales Tax.

Councilwoman Johnson: I'll second it.

MOTION #7- C. M. Lettau moved and C. H. Johnson seconded to approve the purchase of a jumping jack compactor for the City Maintenance Department from Columbia River Machinery in an amount not to exceed \$2,500 plus WA State Sales Tax.

ROLL CALL VOTE #7- C. L. Stade, C. M. Lettau, C. C. Meredith, C. F. Proctor, C. H. Johnson
ALL YEAS. Motion carried.

5. VOUCHERS (1234/1/210*)

Councilwoman Johnson: Mayor, I move to approve payment of Claim check numbers 25218 through 25234 and EFTs as listed in the amount of \$44,911.54 this 5th day of March, 2013.

Councilwoman Meredith: Second.

MOTION #8- C. H. Johnson moved and C. C. Meredith seconded for the City Council of the City of Benton City, Washington, to hereby authorize payment of Claim Check Numbers 25218 through 25234 and EFTs as listed in the amount of \$44,911.54. These checks are approved for payment this 5th of March, 2013.

ROLL CALL VOTE #8- C. C. Meredith, C. H. Johnson, C. M. Lettau, C. L. Stade, C. F. Proctor
ALL YEAS. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. E.D.C. CONTRACT (1256/3/579*)

Mayor Carnahan – Overview of issue

*** Art Tackett at next Council Meeting ***

2. TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT (1292/1/681*)

Mayor Carnahan – Explanation of item

Councilwoman Lettau – Very much against this – Not time to ask Benton City residents to pay \$20 – Economy already too poor – Absolutely not

Councilwoman Proctor – Why \$20

Mayor Carnahan – Does not have to be \$20 – Council can set – Starts out at \$5 per vehicle

Councilwoman Johnson – Where do we get the money for streets now?

Ms. Haug – 40% of property taxes go directly to street fund – Results in about \$56,000 per year – We get about \$60,000 for fuel tax – Typically transfer about \$100,000 from General Fund – covers operating expenses and about \$30,000 for street project

Councilwoman Johnson – How often do we do street projects now?

Ms. Haug – Depending upon the size of the project – Dale Avenue is approximately \$500,000 – City trying to get grant money for Dale Avenue – Small project would be like redoing dry wells – Completed last year – Any major overlay project will cost more than \$30,000

Mayor Carnahan – Any grants we could get are for State Roads – Main roads in town – Or designated – 7th Street thru T.I.B. – STP money – Ki Be Road – Declared a major arterial street – Have to keep applying until it happens

Mr. Rainey – Arterial streets – Dale – 13th and Babs – Streets like Jonah have to come out of City funds

Councilwoman Stade – Estimates for desired work?

Ms. Haug – In packets in 6 Year Street Plan

Councilwoman Stade – What are our priority roads?

Ms. Haug – In 6 Year Street Plan – Shows priorities voted on my Council last year

Mayor Carnahan – State starting to look at how cities are taking care of their own towns – Cities have to keep up own streets

Councilwoman Stade – I don't like idea for tax – But if need – Can't justify saying "no" just because I don't like it

Councilwoman Lettau – Can't we buckle down and use our money wisely?

Councilwoman Johnson – If we go forward - Exemptions – Senior and low income?

Mr. Galloway – We can look at that

Councilwoman Meredith – More research

Councilwoman Johnson – Think there is a need for it – But must be a way – Help our low income/senior population

Councilwoman Stade – Goals to improve our City - Part of safety, attraction and appeal of our community

Councilwoman Lettau – Is part of the appeal – Asking our people to pay more taxes – Just not for it

***** On Agenda for Discussion next Council Meeting *****

3. CITY HALL READER BOARD (2092/3/681*)

Mayor Carnahan – Explanation of topic

Councilwoman Stade – Flashing lights after business closed – Draws attention but not open – Doesn't seem necessary – Can we request they turn light off when not open

Councilwoman Lettau – This is one of the things we may need to buckle down on – One hand we're saying we need more money for roads – Then we're looking at buying a new sign – Information on cost would be good

***** Research cost of Reader Board at next Council Meeting *****

Mayor Carnahan – Problem on Dale Ave South – Sewer line issue – Ask engineer to design to replace – Bringing estimate – Meet with B.L.M. – I-82 property – Looking to dump more dirt – Delivered to City for free

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS – (1922/3/358*)

Councilwoman Stade – Spring Cleanup – Posting in bills?

Ms. Haug – Save the Date this billing – More info in next billing

Councilwoman Johnson – Garden Club visited Council at recent meeting – Are we working on it?

Mayor Carnahan – No – Maintenance working on it – Live Christmas tree - Work with ladies

Councilwoman Meredith – Bear paw flags

Mayor Carnahan – Meeting on 21st

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Carnahan (1985/1/000*)

Councilwoman Johnson: Mayor, I make a motion that we adjourn.

Councilwoman Meredith: I second it.

MOTION #9– C. H. Johnson moved and C. C. Meredith seconded to adjourn the March 5th, 2013 Regular Council Meeting at 7:57 p.m.

VOICE VOTE #9– C. C. Meredith, C. L. Stade, C. H. Johnson, C. F. Proctor, C. M. Lettau
ALL YEAS. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m. (1993/1/902*)



Lloyd Carnahan
Mayor, City of Benton City



Stephanie Haug
City Clerk-Treasurer

Date: 3-20-13