

**City of Benton City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
May 19th, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Carnahan called the May 19th, 2015 Regular Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. (00:45:47*Audio recording begins)

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS – Councilwoman Meredith led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. (00:45:38*)

ROLL CALL (00:45:16*) Council Members Present –

**Mary Lettau
Connie Meredith
Linda Lehman
Michelle McLeod
Lisa Stade (7:01)**

City Staff Present –

**Stephanie Haug, City Clerk/Treasurer
Paula Kauer, General Clerk-Purchasing**

Other Professionals Present –

Capt. Clay Vannoy, Benton County Sheriff's Office

Other Professionals Absent -

**Alan Rainey, City Engineer, Spink Engineering, LLC
Eric Ferguson, City Attorney, Kerr Law Group**

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING MAY 5th, 2015 (00:44:44*)

Councilwoman Meredith: Mr. Mayor, I make a motion to approve the Minutes of. (Lisa Stade in 7:01)

Councilwoman Lehman: I second.

MOTION #1- C. C. Meredith moved and C. L. Lehman seconded to approve the Minutes of the May 5th, 2015 Regular Council Meeting as presented.

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

OPENING REMARKS, "HOUSEKEEPING" ITEMS, EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUESTS, ETC. – None
(00:44:13*)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – (00:43:57*)

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

Councilwoman Lettau: I second.

MOTION #2- C. C. Meredith moved and C. M. Lettau seconded to approve the Agenda for the May 19th, 2015 Regular Council Meeting as presented.

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

VISITOR COMMENTS – None (00:43:31*)

REGULAR REPORTS

1. SHERIFF'S REPORT (00:43:14*)

Capt. Clay Vannoy, Benton County Sheriff's Office - First Quarter 2015 – Report in packet April – Responded to 233 calls vs. 347 in 2014 - Fairly quiet month – Typical small thefts – Shoplifts – No big events – Couple of family spats – Bad news is weather is warming up – People out and about late of nights – Already gearing up for Skate Park and other problem areas

Mayor Carnahan – City has put up two more signs for school zones – Edith – Pulling out of parking lot – Gunning cars on 800 ft. of road – Might start sitting up there – Slow them down – Right across street

– Daycare center – Need to take control – Slow them down Spoke with Superintendent about parking on both sides of state highway – Need to make that safer – No “No Parking” signs on either side – Don’t know what happened to signs

Councilwoman Stade – What would you like to see – Where parents pull over to drop off kids – Still considered parking if just pulling over to drop off kids? Not considered parking at airport

Mayor Carnahan – No parking in safety walkway

Captain Vannoy – City code regarding parking?

Mayor Carnahan – Think we do – Really supposed to have all of bike path safety walkway – Need to get them off state highway – Tearing up grass - School needs to improve drop off and pick up

Councilwoman Stade – Need to find out if in code – Don’t have a problem with them going adjacent to the school grounds – Don’t see the safety concern

Ms. Haug – Code prohibits any driving on the designated bike path – Section on both sides beyond white line – On both sides – Intended to designated walk for kids to and from school – So if cars coming in and out – That is safety issue – Designated for bicycles and pedestrians – Why it’s there

Councilwoman Stade – So sidewalk and then extra bike zone for bikes

Councilwoman McLeod – Enforced just during school – Parents park there during events – Limited time on signs or across the board?

Mayor Carnahan – Driving through there in morning when parents dropping kids off – Get transit bus, potato bus, grain trucks, big semis – Guards stopping traffic – People get parking both sides – Backed up – Can’t see anything – Shut it off – Or don’t say anything – Talked to Superintendent – Getting better

2. STAFF REPORTS (00:34:03*)

Stephanie Haug, City Clerk/Treasurer - None

3. ENGINEER REPORT (00:33:51*)

Stephanie Haug, City Clerk/Treasurer - Jonah & Fay Project – Moving along – Should be done in two weeks - **Legion Park Basketball Court** – In progress - Both projects done within two weeks

4. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS (00:29:11*)

Councilwoman Stade – Benton Franklin Transit – No renewal for contract – Looing for new general manager – Appointed new interim manager

Councilwoman Meredith – None

Councilwoman Lehman – None

Councilwoman Lettau – None

Councilwoman McLeod – Y.E.S. program meeting – Split up sections – Will meet again – Work with the school and Juvenile Justice – Names and categories – Left early – Art – Science – Technology

Councilwoman Stade – Community Center – Martial Arts – 4H Adult volunteers trained

Councilwoman McLeod – Work experience for resumes – Forming groups now

Mayor Carnahan – No news on grant from Joe Lloyd

Councilwoman McLeod – Working on Mission Statement

Councilwoman Lehman – Website? Agendas?

Councilwoman Stade – Jenny Rickey – Organized – Has handouts – Agenda items – Posters and fliers – Deciding what we want that to look like – Working in my room with students – Students excited – Working in groups with repurposed items – Built ten train cars – Designed and colored – Worked together – Past, present and future – Amazing – Made track – Put together on 3D board –

Cardboard, paint and foil – Fruit stand – Painted fruits – Turning out quite nice – Hope to finish Friday – Possibly displayed at Library or City Hall or school – Kids excited to learn about history of Benton City – Really about whole group

Mayor Carnahan - Benton Franklin Council of Governments meeting – State budget – Big issue – Run out of money on June 15th – State shutdown if not passed – Involves our roundabout – Still feel possibility will get built this fall – Can work on roundabouts for Red Mountain and Benton City at same time or Benton City will be first

Councilwoman Lehman – Y.E.S. program – Port of Benton – Welding – Railroad scrapyard

Councilwoman McLeod – Clean-up projects in town – Get kids to help – Job experience

Mayor Carnahan – Speaking of clean ups – E.D.C., Mormon Church, teachers – Thursday – Do some of those homes – Ed’s Disposal – Bring to disposal at transfer station – People in charge

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

1. RESOLUTION #2015-09 – SCHATZ ADDITION PLAT AMENDMENT (00:17:18*)

Ms. Haug – Explanation of Plat Amendment

Councilwoman Lettau: Mr. Mayor, I move to approve Resolution 2015-09, a resolution of the City of Benton City, Washington, approving an amendment to the final plat entitled “Schatz Addition” involving removal of a note describing Lot 35 as unbuildable.

Councilwoman Meredith: Second.

MOTION #3- C. M. Lettau moved and C. C. Meredith seconded to approve Resolution No. 2015-09, a resolution of the City of Benton City, Washington, approving an amendment to the final plat entitled “Schatz Addition” involving removal of a note describing Lot 35 as unbuildable.

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

2. VOUCHERS (00:14:51*)

Councilwoman Lettau: Mr. Mayor, I move to approve payment of Claim checks numbers 26880 thru 26911 with EFTs as listed in the amount of \$69,412.02, and Payroll check numbers: 26822, 26823, 26845 thru 26854 with EFTs as listed in the amount of \$65,451.13, this 19th day of May, 2015.

Councilwoman McLeod: I second it.

MOTION #4– C. M. Lettau moved and C. M. McLeod seconded for the City Council of the City of Benton City, Washington, to hereby authorize payment of Claim check numbers 26880 through 26911 with EFTs as listed in the amount of \$69,412.02 and Payroll check numbers: 26822, 26823, 26845 thru 26854 with EFTs as listed in the amount of \$65,451.13 this 19th day of May, 2015.

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION – (00:13:41*)

1. Skate Park Land Update

Ms. Haug – Progress Update for Skate Park land

Mayor Carnahan – Monday rain – Had to use pumper truck to keep storm drains working – Several businesses had problems with flooding – Lot of water ran down thru Skate Park – Washed out gully – Fix water issue first before continuing – Suggest we table this discussion for now – Plan to fix water drainage – Cost – Drain line and catch basin at blacktop – Pipe down the hill – Concrete curbing – Hopefully won’t happen again

Councilwoman McLeod – That is more important – Ideas about Skate Park – Cement bottom – 10 ft. cedar and metal pole fence – Memorial to skateboarders – Broken boards onto fence – Tall beautiful fence – Would create a sound barrier

Mayor Carnahan – Problem with fence - Wind is an issue – We can look into it – Get water problem fixed first – Then address

Councilwoman McLeod – Cheaper solution - Repair what we have – Rounded cement edges – Make better not expand – Ramps separating

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS – (00:07:02*)

Councilwoman Stade – Fire Commissioners Meeting – Ask if City had plans for expanding boundaries?

Mayor Carnahan – UGA Boundaries – First went north and west – Cherry farms said no – Next we went south and west – Farmers said no – Went to east – 212 acres of DNR land – Working with them – Open to public to buy land and build it – Which way do we go from there? If we go east – Now into Red Mountain – AVA – Strictly grapes – Only one way we can go – North on east side of State Highway – One small acreage of cherries – Maybe direction we have to go – Have to take care of vacant land before we can expand – Got forty acres of cherries up behind store – Counts against us – Still farmland – Buildable – DNR land across river – Light Industrial supposedly – Not as bad as higher density – Residential – Still has to have something on it before they allow more urban growth – Can only go after urban growth once every five years

Councilwoman Stade – Citizen asked about this – Main road – Mr. Petty? Water and sewer line going thru his lot – Wanted to build on property but because of City’s water and sewer lines – Unable

Mayor Carnahan – Pharmacy – Worked it around so he can build another system on that lot – Maintain City access to sewer – Maintenance easement – Think he can work it – Process of working with him on it

Ms. Haug – Not pursuing original plan – Withdrawn - Doing something else – Due to water and sewer line placement – Can’t do what he wanted to do

Councilwoman Lehman – Bought Tumbleweed – Putting pharmacy on bar side

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Carnahan (00:00:26*)

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

Councilwoman Stade: I second.

MOTION #5– C. C. Meredith moved and C. L. Stade seconded to adjourn the May 19th, 2015 Regular Council Meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. (00:00:15*Audio recording ends)



Lloyd Carnahan
Mayor, City of Benton City



Stephanie Haug, CMC
City Clerk-Treasurer

Date: 6/2/15