

**City of Benton City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
July 7th, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Carnahan called the July 7th, 2015 Regular Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. (00:24:15*Audio recording begins)

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS – Mayor Carnahan led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. (00:24:14 *)

ROLL CALL (00:23:47*) Council Members Present –
Connie Meredith
Linda Lehman
Mary Lettau
Lisa Stade
Michelle McLeod (In @ 7:01)

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

Other Professionals Absent –
Alan Rainey, City Engineer, Spink Engineering LLC
Eric Ferguson, City Attorney, Kerr Law Group
Larry Howell, President, Benton City E.D.C.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES (00:23:24*)
- **REGULAR MEETING JUNE 16TH, 2015**

Councilwoman Meredith: Mr. Mayor, I make a motion to approve the Minutes from June 16th, 2015.

Councilwoman Lehman: I second.

MOTION #1- C. C. Meredith moved and C. L. Lehman seconded to approve the Minutes and the June 16th, 2015 Regular Council Meeting as presented.

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

OPENING REMARKS, “HOUSEKEEPING” ITEMS, EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUESTS, ETC.
(00:23:05*)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (00:22:58*) (Councilwoman McLeod arrives)

Councilwoman Lettau: Mr. Mayor, I make a motion to approve the Agenda as is.

Councilwoman Stade: I second.

MOTION #2- C. M. Lettau moved and C. L. Stade seconded to approve the Agenda of the July 7th, 2015 Regular Council Meeting as presented.

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

VISITOR COMMENTS (00:22:40*)

Heather Duncan, Benton City Chamber of Commerce/E.D.C. – Voter’s Forum – July 23rd – 7 p.m. at PAC – Only position – Mayor – Four candidates – Last week – July 2nd – 70th Anniversary of Benton City – 105 years as community formation – 1910 - Celebrate

REGULAR REPORTS

1. EDC REPORT (00:20:50*)

Councilwoman Lehman – Safety training at work last week – Sponsored by WSP – Roundabout training – Chamber/EDC maybe sponsor training

2. **STAFF REPORTS (00:19:36*)** Stephanie Haug, City Clerk/Treasurer - None

3. **ENGINEER REPORT (00:19:30*)** None

4. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS (00:19:24*)**

Councilwoman Stade – Ben Franklin Transit meeting next Thursday

Councilwoman Meredith – None

Councilwoman McLeod – None

Councilwoman Lettau – None

Councilwoman Lehman – None

Mayor Carnahan – Lunch meeting today – Other meetings later this week

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL:

1. **RESOLUTION #2015-13 – AFFORDABLE HOUSING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT (00:18:55*)**

Mayor Carnahan – Update information

Councilwoman Lehman: Mr. Mayor, I move to approve Resolution #2015-13, a resolution of the City of Benton City, approving the Interlocal Agreement between the County of Benton, and the City of Benton City, the City of Kennewick, the City of Prosser, the City of Richland and the City of West Richland regarding administering funds generated as a result of the state of the Affordable Housing For All Surcharge (RCW 36.22.178); providing for appointment of a member of the Surcharge Steering Committee; and authorizing the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement.

Councilwoman McLeod: I second that.

MOTION #3- C. L. Lehman moved and C. M. McLeod seconded to approve Resolution # 2015-13, a resolution of the City of Benton City, approving the Interlocal Agreement between the County of Benton, and the city of Benton City, the City of Kennewick, the City of Prosser, the City of Richland and the City of West Richland regarding administering funds generated as a result of the state of the Affordable Housing For All Surcharge (RCW 36.22.178); providing for appointment of a member of the Surcharge Steering Committee; and authorizing the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement.

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

2. **PURCHASE REQUEST - FENCING (00:17:39*)**

Kyle Kurth, Maintenance Foreman – Explanation of fencing purchase request

Councilwoman Lehman – Where are the kennels?

Mr. Kurth – Down below WWTP – Tucked back in there – People come from railroad tracks or down by river – Last break in – Sheriff set up cameras to try to catch someone – Didn't show up again –

Councilwoman Meredith – What's in there to steal?

Mr. Kurth – Stole dog once - Supplies – Dog food – Destroying property trying to get into building

Ms. Haug – Air conditioning unit stolen

Mr. Kurth – Hopefully put six foot fence down there – Protect dogs – In past lost dogs off chain – Had to run them down – Security of building

Councilwoman Meredith – How many dogs would be down there at any given time?

Mr. Kurth – Depends – Sometimes go week without dogs – Sometimes kennels are packed – No room for more

Mayor Carnahan – What does it hold – Six dogs?

Mr. Kurth – Four kennels

Councilwoman McLeod – Putting barbed wire on top?

Mayor Carnahan - No

Councilwoman Meredith: I move to approve the purchase of fencing from Frontier Fencing of Legion Park in an amount not to exceed \$6,955 plus WA State Sales Tax and fencing for the City kennels in an amount not to exceed \$5,337 plus WA State Sales Tax.

Councilwoman McLeod: Second that.

MOTION #4- C. C. Meredith moved and C. M. McLeod seconded to approve the purchase of fencing from Frontier Fencing of Legion park in an amount not to exceed \$6,955 plus WA State Sales Tax and fencing for the City kennels in an amount not to exceed \$5,337 plus WA State Sales Tax.

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

3. **VOUCHERS** (00:13:14*)

Councilwoman Lettau: Mr. Mayor, I move to approve payment of Claim checks numbers 26969, 26970 and 26981 thru 27010 with EFTs as listed in the amount of \$49,707.76 this 7th day of July, 2015.

Councilwoman Meredith: Second.

MOTION #5- C. M. Lettau moved and C. C. Meredith seconded to approve payment of Claim Check numbers 26969, 26970 and 26981 thru 27010 with EFTs as listed in the amount of \$49,707.76, this 7th day of July 2015.

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION (00:12:25*)

1. **DOWNTOWN FLOWERS** – Memo in packets

Councilwoman Meredith – What type of flowers planted and where?

Councilwoman Lehman – Tumbleweed – Three pots – Petunias – Didn't specifically get drought resistant ones

Mayor Carnahan – Need to bring this up to Council at budget time

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS (00:11:20*)

Mayor Carnahan – Roundabout approved – Going out to bid – July 23rd – Two to three week response time – Awarded in September – Looking into the future – Excess land may be donated to City for a park

Councilwoman Stade – Could we have kayaks and canoes? Access on river slope? Rafting?

Mayor Carnahan – Possibility - Drought stage – Yakima low – Notice by Health Department – Don't enter river – So low and dirty – Health hazard – Park possibility – Next phase – Interchange for Red Mountain

Councilwoman Stade – School project at library – Historic landmarks – Water wheels – Train Depot - Looks really good – Historical facts – Interactive notebook – Will add to project with community involvement – Names of all involved – No class picture yet – Materials and kids involved – Living history – Interactive – Outside Community Center for Benton City Days – Traveling display

Councilwoman McLeod – Y.E.S. Program – 4-H training at end of July

Councilwoman Stade – Meet tomorrow at Branches & Vines at 8 a.m. – Getting students involved in planting community garden

Mayor Carnahan – Water wheel west of town – Provided irrigation to field – Still working about fifteen years ago

Councilwoman Meredith – Nice to see Kyle tonight –

Mayor Carnahan – I stopped that – He's here when he needs to be

Councilwoman Stade – Nice to have here – I have questions he can answer

Mayor Carnahan – What I'm for – I'm the boss - If I can't answer – We'll go to him

Councilwoman Meredith – Money-wise?

Mayor Carnahan – Yes – Anything else?

Councilwoman Lettau – Good use of money – You know when he needs to be here

Councilwoman Stade – If has to do with operations – Nice to be able to ask the person

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Carnahan (00:00:15*)

Councilwoman Meredith: I make a motion that we adjourn.

Councilwoman Lettau: I second.

MOTION #6– C. C. Meredith moved and C. M. Lettau seconded to adjourn the July 7th, 2015 Regular Council Meeting at 7:24 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m. (00:00:09*Audio recording ends)



Lloyd Carnahan

Mayor, City of Benton City



Stephanie Haug, CMC
City Clerk-Treasurer

Date: 7/21/15