

City of Benton City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
June 7th, 2016

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Lehman called the June 7th, 2016 Regular Council meeting at the Community Center to order at 7:00 p.m. (00:08:17*Audio recording begins)

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS – Councilmember Lettau led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. (00:08:27*)

ROLL CALL (00:08:48*) Council Members Present –

Mary Lettau
Dave Sandretto
Jake Mokler
Lisa Stade
Vanessa Coates

City Staff Present

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

Other Professionals Present –

Alan Rainey, City Engineer, Spink Engineering LLC
Lee Kerr, City Attorney, Kerr Law Group
Larry Howell, Chairman, Benton City E.D.C.
Randy Rutledge, Consultant, Benton City E.D.C

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES (00:09:07*) - REGULAR MEETING - MAY 17th, 2016 – WORKSHOP MEETING – MAY 17, 2016

Councilmember Lettau: Madam Mayor, I make a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 17th Meeting and the May 17th Workshop as presented.

Councilmember Sandretto: Second.

MOTION #1- C. M. Lettau moved and C. D. Sandretto seconded to approve the Minutes of the May 17th, 2016 regular Council Meeting and the May 17th, 2016 Workshop Meeting as presented.

VOICE VOTE #1- C. J. Mokler, C. D. Sandretto, C. L. Stade, C. V. Coates, C. M. Lettau
ALL YEAS. Motion carried.

OPENING REMARKS, “HOUSEKEEPING” ITEMS, EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUESTS, ETC.
(00:09:47*)

Councilmember Stade: Madam Mayor, I don't know if you'd like me to have this be added as an Item for Discussion on an otherwise long list or at what point to request to see if there would be a time where we could all meet to be appraised of the Tri-City Realty's progress with DNR lands because I know that their contract is coming up for renewal July 1st and I don't want to be in a position where we're making a decision just the meeting before that and if we have any questions or anything, there couldn't be time to discuss that; it would be either a “Yes” or a “No”. So I'll add it to Items for Discussion. Number 8, actually probably 7 and then the Executive Session would be 8? Yep, 6a sounds great!

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – (00:10:49*)

Councilmember Sandretto: Madam Mayor, I'd like to move for the approval of the Agenda as amended.

Councilmember Lettau: I second.

MOTION #2- C. D. Sandretto moved and C. M. Lettau seconded to approve the Agenda of the June 7th, 2016 Regular Council Meeting as amended.

VOICE VOTE #2- C. J. Mokler, C. D. Sandretto, C. L. Stade, C. V. Coates, C. M. Lettau
ALL YEAS. Motion carried.

VISITOR COMMENTS (00:11:14*)

Heather Duncan, Benton City Chamber of Commerce – Monthly Chamber Luncheon – Thursday, June 16th – Speaker will be Stephanie Gangle, Visit Yakima – Tourism in the Yakima – **Citywide Yard Sale –** Saturday, June 11th - In park concessions – **Benton City Skate Jam –** Begins at 1 p.m. - 10 a.m. for younger kids

Steve Rouse, Demoss Road – Memorial Day Presentation at Evergreen Cemetery – Confronted and accused by Mayor regarding anonymous phone call – No apology – Below dignity of Mayor

Mayor Lehman: I apologize to you now; I got bad advice.

REGULAR REPORTS

1. **EDC REPORT (00:14:20*)** **Larry Howell, Chairman, Benton City E.D.C./Randy Rutledge, Consultant, Benton City E.D.C** <<< Written report provided >>> * **Council Discussion** *
2. **STAFF REPORT – (00:22:18*)** **Stephanie Haug, City Clerk/Treasurer - Maintenance Report –** In Packet * **Council Discussion** *
3. **ENGINEER REPORT (00:24:19*)** **Alan Rainey, City Engineer, Spink Engineering LLC – Well #5 –** Full start up this week – VFD (Variable Frequency Drive) Component Issue – Does not work at 104* - Air conditioning system needed – Portable unit estimate about \$300
4. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS (00:25:47*)**
Councilmember Stade – Benton Franklin Transit – Held public meetings and utilized data for route revisions – Gloria Boyce – New manager – Good leadership – More involved in outside groups – Event services – May be part of Vista Field project
Councilmember Mokler – BCES was cancelled – Earthquake study released – West Coast Quake Testing – Cascadia Rising – Testing of emergency systems

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL:

1. **SCHEDULE SPECIAL MEETING – CITY FACILITY AND WALL VISIT (00:28:14*)**
(To include: Well #5/Booster Station/WWTP/All well locations) * **Council Discussion** *
Councilmember Sandretto: So, motion to set the meeting.
Councilmember Coates: Second.
MOTION #3- C. D. Sandretto moved and C. V. Coates seconded to schedule a special council meeting at the Community Center on June 28th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of touring the City facilities and wells.
VOICE VOTE #3- C. J. Mokler, C. D. Sandretto, C. L. Stade, C. V. Coates, C. M. Lettau
ALL YEAS. Motion carried.
2. **VOUCHERS (00:36:57*)**
Councilmember Lettau: Madam Mayor, I move to approve payment of Claim check numbers 27700 thru 27728 with EFTs as listed in the amount of \$53,330.13 this 7th day of June, 2016.
Councilmember Coates: Second.
MOTION #4– C. M. Lettau moved and C. V. Coates seconded for the City Council of the City of Benton City, Washington, to hereby authorize payment of Claim check numbers 27700 thru 27728 with EFTs as listed in the amount of \$53,330.13 this 7th day of June, 2016.
ROLL CALL VOTE #4–C. V. Coates, C. D. Sandretto, C. J. Mokler, C. M. Lettau, C. L. Stade
ALL YEAS. Motion carries.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION - (00:37:50*)

1. **LIONS CLUB FIREWORKS CONTRIBUTION – Wendy Davis, Treasurer, Benton City Lions Club**
Asking for approval of \$4,400 for Benton City show on 4th of July – Coed Softball Tournament
*** Council Consensus – Prepare for June 16th, 2015 Council Meeting ***

2. **CITY HALL REMODEL/CONSTRUCTION-LOCAL PROGRAM, TIMELINE OPTIONS (00:40:35*)**
Alan Rainey, City Engineer, Spink Engineering LLC – Five options: 1) Floor beam only; 2) Floor and ceiling; 3) Upstairs; 4) Full remodel and 5) New City Hall on Horne Drive * **Council Discussion ***
4. **STAFF TRAINING (01:34:02*) Mayor Lehman * Council Discussion ***
3. **CITY COUNCIL GOALS (B.R.I.C.K.S.) & COUNCIL RULES (01:44:32*) Mayor Lehman * Council Discussion***
5. **VISIONING WORKSHOP (6/14) – PARKS & RECREATION FOCUS (01:50:20*) Mayor Lehman * Council Discussion ***
6. **JULY 4TH PARADE – PET ELECTIONS (01:53:43*) Mayor Lehman * Council Discussion ***
- 6a. **DNR LAND (01:57:40*) Councilmember Stade * Council Discussion ***
7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION – PURSUANT TO RCW 42.30.110(i) – Kerr Law Group (02:07:04*)**
Mayor Lehman: Okay, that ends our public meeting; we're going into closed session.

Mr. Kerr: We're going to be adjourning to Executive Session, so we need to identify how long we're going to be in Executive Session and the purpose for our discussion in Executive Session. Executive Session, I am assuming, is in regards to potential litigation?

Ms. Haug: I think, probably start with ten minutes; does that, do you think, adequate?

Mr. Kerr: That would probably be sufficient, yes...

Ms. Haug: So, are you wanting to take a five minute break before we?...so it'll start at 9:04, for ten minutes.

<<<< Break for five minutes >>>>

** Executive Session begins at 9:04 p.m. ** (02:08:16*Audio recording ends)

Executive Session extended ten minutes at 9:14 p.m. (*)

** Executive Session ends at 9:24 p.m. ** (*)

Mayor Lehman: *I now close the Executive Session at 9:24 p.m. and reopen the regular Council Meeting.*

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS (*) None

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Lehman (*)

Councilmember Mokler: *Madam Mayor, I make a motion that we adjourn.*

Councilmember Coates: *I second.*

MOTION #5– C. J. Mokler moved and C. V. Coates seconded to adjourn the June 7th, 2016 Regular Council Meeting at 9:42 p.m.

VOICE VOTE #5– C. J. Mokler, C. L. Stade, C. D. Sandretto, C. V. Coates, C. M. Lettau
ALL YEAS. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m. (*)



Linda Lehman
 Mayor, City of Benton City



Stephanie Haug, CMC
 City Clerk-Treasurer

Date: 6/21/16