

**City of Benton City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
December 2nd, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Carnahan called the December 2nd, 2014 Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. (324/2/733*Audio recording begins)

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS Mr. Larry Howell led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. (328/1/154*)

ROLL CALL (341/2/432*) Council Members Present –

**Linda Lehman
Connie Meredith
Lisa Stade
Michelle McLeod
Mary Lettau**

City Staff Present –

Stephanie Haug, City Clerk/Treasurer

Other Professionals Present –

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

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES (348/4/945*)

- **REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 18TH, 2014**

Councilwoman Stade: Mr. Mayor, I make a motion to approve the Council Meeting Minutes from November 18th.

Councilwoman Lehman: I second.

MOTION #1- C. L. Stade moved and C. L. Lehman seconded to approve the Minutes of the November 18th, 2014 Regular Council Meeting as presented.

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

OPENING REMARKS, “HOUSEKEEPING” ITEMS, EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUESTS, ETC.
(362/2/533*) None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (366/2/331*)

Councilwoman Meredith: Mr. Mayor, I make a motion to approve the Agenda for December 2nd, 2014 as presented.

Councilwoman McLeod: I second it.

MOTION #2- C. C. Meredith moved and C. M. McLeod seconded to approve the Agenda of the December 2nd, 2014 Regular Council Meeting as presented.

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

1. VISITOR COMMENTS (373/1/938*) None

REGULAR REPORTS (379/3/498*)

1. EDC REPORT (381/1/534*)

Larry Howell, President, Benton City EDC * Written report provided *****

2. STAFF REPORTS (603/4/262*) None

Stephanie Haug, City Clerk/Treasurer

3. ENGINEER REPORT (605/4/496*)

Alan Rainey, City Engineer, Spink Engineering LLC - Dale Avenue – Completed almost everything – Still need light fixtures and sign at District – Well #5 – Plans and Specs submitted for D.O.H. review – Then out to bid – T.I.B. Sidewalk – Applied but were not selected – Try again next year

Councilwoman Stade – ADA requirements help?

4. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS (668/3/838*)

Councilwoman McLeod – None

Councilwoman Lettau – None

Councilwoman Lehman – None

Councilwoman Meredith – None

Councilwoman Stade – Benton Franklin Transit – New ads coming out – Training Buddies Program - Someone to people learn the routes – Just got grant – 510c - \$400k – Every two years – Elderly and disabled – ARC vans/buses to be purchased first – Saves Ben Franklin Transit about \$1 million/year

Mayor Carnahan – Benton Franklin Council of Governments Board Meeting – By-Laws update – Dues up \$200 for 2015 – STP funding – Thursday – Friday to Olympia to talk about DNR land

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL:

1. SECOND READING – ORDINANCE NO. 941 – 2015 BUDGET (764/3/559*)

Councilwoman Lehman: Mr. Mayor, I move to approve on the Second Reading, Ordinance 941 of the City of Benton City, Washington, adopting the 2015 Budget.

Councilwoman Stade: I second.

MOTION #3- C. L. Lehman moved and C. L. Stade seconded to approve on the Second Reading, Ordinance No. 941, an ordinance of the City of Benton City, Washington, adopting the 2015 Budget.

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

2. SECOND READING – ORDINANCE NO. 942 - 2015 WAGES AND SALARIES (782/1/232*)

Councilwoman Meredith: Mr. Mayor, I move to approve on the Second Reading, Ordinance 942 of the City of Benton City, Washington, approving the salaries and benefits to be paid to employees of the City of Benton City, Washington, for the calendar year of 2015.

Councilwoman Lehman: I second.

MOTION #4- C. C. Meredith moved and C. L. Lehman seconded to approve on the Second Reading, Ordinance No. 942 of the City of Benton City, Washington, approving the salaries and benefits to be paid to employees of the City of Benton City, Washington, for the calendar year of 2015.

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

3. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-20 – SUPPORTING SEWER FUNDING COALITION (808/1/926*)

Councilwoman Stade: Mr. Mayor, I move to approve Resolution No. 2014-20, a resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Benton City to join the Sewer Funding Coalition for promotion of sewer funding services between the City of Benton City and the State of Washington.

Councilwoman McLeod: I second it.

Mr. Ferguson – Could have joined the I.L.A. as a board member or this coalition as a contributing member – One time fee

MOTION #5- C. L. Stade moved and C. M. McLeod seconded to approve a Resolution No. 2014-21 authorizing the Mayor of the City of Benton City to join the Sewer Funding Coalition for promotion of sewer funding services between the City of Benton City and the State of Washington.

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

**4. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-21 – AMENDMENT #3 – STREET SWEEPING AGREEMENT
(878/2/796*)**

Councilwoman Stade – Attachment B – Change?

Mr. Ferguson – Leave West Richland Shop – Return to shop - With Richland for billing

Councilwoman Lettau – What streets do they do?

Mayor Carnahan – Waited for leaves – Then froze – Might not be able to – Streets with curbs and gutters – Approximately six hours

Heather Duncan – Anticipate increase in cost and time with addition of Dale Avenue?

Councilwoman Meredith: Mr. Mayor, I move to approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign Amendment No. 3 to the Interlocal Agreement of the City of West Richland for Street Sweeping Services.

Councilwoman Stade: I second.

MOTION #6- C. C. Meredith moved and C. L. Stade seconded to approve a Resolution No. 2014-21 authorizing the Mayor to sign Amendment No. 3 to the Interlocal Agreement with the City of West Richland for Street Sweeping Services.

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

5. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-22 – REAL ESTATE EXTENSION (1018/1/287*)

Councilwoman Stade: Mr. Mayor, I move to approve...I move to approve Resolution No. 2014-22, resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Benton City to sign the Real Estate Listing Extension Agreement between the City of Benton City and the Tri-Cities Realty Group, LLC.

Councilwoman Meredith: I'll second.

MOTION #7- C. L. Stade moved and C. C. Meredith seconded to approve Resolution No. 2014-22 authorizing the Mayor of the City of Benton City to sign the Real Estate Listing Extension Agreement between the City of Benton City and the Tri-Cities Realty Group, LLC.

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

**6. CHANGE ORDERS NO. 1 & 2 AND PROGRESS BILLING – DALE AVENUE STREET PROJECT
(1037/2/593*)**

Mr. Rainey – Explanation of Change Orders No. 1 & No. 2

Councilwoman Stade: Mr. Mayor, I move to approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$38,578.00 and Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$31,225.50 for the Dale Avenue Project and Progress Billing No. 2 in the amount of \$443,906.36 and authorize the Mayor to sign the Change Orders.

Councilwoman Lettau: I second.

MOTION #8- C. L. Stade moved and C. M. Lettau seconded to approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$38,578.00 and Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$31,225.50 for the Dale Avenue Project and Progress Billing No. 2 in the amount of \$443,906.36 and authorize the Mayor to sign the Change Orders.

ROLL CALL VOTE #8- C. M. Lettau, C. C. Meredith, C. L. Lehman, C. L. Stade, C. M. McLeod
ALL YEAS. Motion carried.

7. VOUCHERS (1099/3/724*)

Councilwoman Lettau: Mr. Mayor, I move to approve payment of Claim checks numbers 26519 thru 26539 with EFTs as listed in the amount of \$504,925.29 this 2nd day of December, 2014.

Councilwoman Stade: I second.

MOTION #9- C. L. Lettau moved and C. L. Stade seconded to approve payment of Claim check numbers 26519 thru 26539 with EFTs as listed in the amount of \$504,925.29 this 2nd day of December, 2014.

ROLL CALL VOTE #9- C. M. McLeod C. C. Meredith, C. L. Lehman, C. M. Lettau, C. L. Stade
ALL YEAS. Motion carries.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION (1123/3/069*)

Councilwoman Stade – Basketball hoop update?

Mr. Rainey – Not heard back from Metalfab

Councilwoman Lehman – Question – Marijuana law – What is status of that – Regulations

Mr. Ferguson – Currently in moratorium - Several cases – MRSC updates – Wenatchee – Cities have authority – Regulations, bans or moratoriums - Fife trying to streamline to Supreme Court – Save money – Big fight – Will cities be forced to abide by 502 even if not desired

Councilwoman Stade – Ran into someone who grows marijuana – Didn't see allowing changing the cartel – Prosser auction

Mr. Ferguson – Word on the street – "It's very expensive and not very good weed"

Councilwoman Stade – Looking at security – Cities get 1% if that – Kids have enough trouble making decisions – Legalization makes it more prevalent – More acceptable – Another dimension of temptation for kids to overcome

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS – (1266/2/932*)

Heather Duncan – Benton City Chamber of Commerce - WinterFest – December 13th – Fun Run – 9 a.m. – Lions Club - 1k/5k – Encourage Santa attire – 5k – Bazaar and talent show – Santa Clause - At school – 5 p.m. – Lighted parade – Tree lighting after – Cocoa and cookies – City Park - Pre-registration preferred – If you can light it – Bring it

Councilwoman Meredith – Flyers to school?

Councilwoman Stade – Rain – Coeur d'Alene – Raining and freezing – Parade still went on!

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Carnahan (1383/3/286*)

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

Councilwoman Lettau: I second.

MOTION #10- C. C. Meredith moved and C. M. Lettau seconded to adjourn the December 2nd, 2014 Regular Council Meeting at 7:35 p.m.

VOICE VOTE #10- C. L. Lehman, C. M. Lettau, C. L. Stade, C. C. Meredith, C. M. McLeod
ALL YEAS. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. (1400/2/276*Audio recording ends)



Lloyd Carnahan
Mayor, City of Benton City



Stephanie Haug, CMC
City Clerk-Treasurer

Date: 12-16-14