

MINUTES OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BENTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD MONDAY AUGUST 23, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE BENTON CITY HALL, 1403  
SOUTH MAIN STREET, BENTON, ILLINOIS.

MAYOR KONDRITZ CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER. COMMISSIONER  
MESSERSMITH, COMMISSIONER GARAVALLIA, AND MAYOR KONDRITZ WERE  
PRESENT FOR ROLL CALL. COMMISSIONER STOREY WAS ABSENT.

MAYOR KONDRITZ STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO APPOINT COY COCKRUM  
TO THE POSITION OF PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMISSIONER. COMMISSIONER  
GARAVALLIA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF COY  
COCKRUM TO THE POSITION OF PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMISSIONER. SECOND BY  
COMMISSIONER MESSERSMITH. VOTE WAS TAKEN. YEAS: 3. COMMISSIONER  
MESSERSMITH, COMMISSIONER GARAVALLIA, AND MAYOR KONDRITZ. NAYS: 0.

MAYOR KONDRITZ ASKED COMMISSIONER COCKRUM TO COME BEFORE THE  
COUNCIL TO BE SWORN INTO OFFICE BY JUDGE THOMAS TEDESCHI.  
COMMISSIONER COCKRUM WAS SWORN IN AND THE OATH OF OFFICE WAS  
SIGNED BY JUDGE TEDESCHI, COMMISSIONER COCKRUM, AND MAYOR  
KONDRITZ BEING ATTESTED BY CITY CLERK BROOK CRAIG.

MAYOR KONDRITZ ASKED CODE ENFORCER/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR DAVID  
GARAVALLIA TO PRESENT ITEM (D) DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF TIF  
AGREEMENT WITH ARKAT PROPERTIES, LLC. MR. GARAVALLIA STATED THAT HE  
RECOMMENDED ENTERING INTO A TIF AGREEMENT OF 85% REIMBURSEMENT  
OVER THE REMAINDER OF THE LIFE OF THE TIF. MR. GARAVALLIA STATED THIS  
WAS APPROXIMATELY 9 YEARS. ARKAT PROPERTIES, LLC BUILT KATHALYNAS  
SPINE, SPORT & REHABILITATION ON CHURCH STREET. COMMISSIONER  
GARAVALLIA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE TIF AGREEMENT WITH ARKAT  
PROPERTIES, LLC. SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MESSERSMITH. VOTE WAS  
TAKEN. YEAS: 4. COMMISSIONER MESSERSMITH, COMMISSIONER COCKRUM,  
COMMISSIONER GARAVALLIA, AND MAYOR KONDRITZ. NAYS: 0.

MAYOR KONDRITZ ASKED BOB REA OF S.C.D. REA INSURANCE TO ADDRESS THE  
COUNCIL REGARDING A CYBERSECURITY PROPOSAL. MR. REA STATED THAT  
THE APPLICATION HAD BEEN FILED OUT BY THE CITY AND HE HAS SUBMITTED  
THIS TO A WRITER. HE STATED THAT THERE ARE NOT MANY COMPANIES  
WRITING THIS TYPE OF POLICY FOR MUNICIPALITIES AT THIS TIME. BUT THAT  
CINCINNATI HAD AGREED TO DO SO. THE POLICY WOULD HAVE AN ANNUAL  
AGGREGATE LIMIT OF \$1,000,000.00 AND WOULD COVER RESPONSE EXPENSES,  
COMPUTER ATTACK, LOSS OF BUSINESS INCOME, CYBER EXTORTION, IDENTITY  
RECOVERY, DATA COMPROMISE LIABILITY, NETWORK SECURITY LIABILITY, AND  
MEDIA LIABILITY. THE PREMIUM FOR THIS POLICY WOULD BE \$4,895.00 PER  
YEAR. COMMISSIONER GARAVALLIA STATED THAT SHE HAS BEEN CONTACTED  
BY ANOTHER COMPANY WHO WOULD ALSO LIKE THE CHANCE TO BID ON A  
CYBERSECURITY POLICY FOR THE CITY OF BENTON. COMMISSIONER  
GARAVALLIA MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THIS ITEM UNTIL A LATER DATE.  
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MESSERSMITH. VOTE WAS TAKEN. YEAS: 4.

COMMISSIONER MESSERSMITH, COMMISSIONER COCKRUM, COMMISSIONER GARAVALIA, AND MAYOR KONDRITZ. NAYS: 0.

COMMISSIONER GARAVALIA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2021. SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MESSERSMITH. VOTE WAS TAKEN. YEAS: 3. COMMISSIONER MESSERSMITH, COMMISSIONER GARAVALIA, AND MAYOR KONDRITZ. NAYS: 0. COMMISSIONER COCKRUM ABSTAINED.

COMMISSIONER GARAVALIA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE CONTINUED CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 13, 2021. SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MESSERSMITH. VOTE WAS TAKEN. YEAS: 3. COMMISSIONER MESSERSMITH, COMMISSIONER GARAVALIA, AND MAYOR KONDRITZ. NAYS: 0. COMMISSIONER COCKRUM ABSTAINED.

COMMISSIONER COCKRUM STATED THAT HE HAD NO PURCHASE ORDERS FOR THIS MEETING AND NO LAKE LOT LEASE TRANSFERS.

COMMISSIONER COCKRUM MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR GROUND STORAGE REPAIRS. SECOND BY COMMISSIONER GARAVALIA. VOTE WAS TAKEN. YEAS: 4. COMMISSIONER MESSERSMITH, COMMISSIONER COCKRUM, COMMISSIONER GARAVALIA, AND MAYOR KONDRITZ. NAYS: 0.

COMMISSIONER COCKRUM MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROCESS FOR HIRING OF A WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT EMPLOYEE. SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MESSERSMITH. VOTE WAS TAKEN. YEAS: 4. COMMISSIONER MESSERSMITH, COMMISSIONER COCKRUM, COMMISSIONER GARAVALIA, AND MAYOR KONDRITZ. NAYS: 0.

COMMISSIONER MESSERSMITH STATED THAT HE HAD NO PURCHASE ORDERS FOR THIS MEETING. COMMISSIONER MESSERSMITH STATED THAT HIGHLAND STREET NEXT IN THE BLOCK NEXT TO NORTH BENTON BAPTIST CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED ON AUGUST 26, 2021 FOR A JOSH WILSON CONCERT FROM 5 P.M. TO 9 P.M. COMMISSIONER MESSERSMITH ALSO STATED THAT HE WILL BE CLOSING COLLEGE STREET IN THE BLOCK OF THE FOOTBALL FIELD AT ALL HOME FOOTBALL GAMES. COMMISSIONER MESSERSMITH STATED THAT THE STREET DEPARTMENT WILL BE PROVIDING THE BARRICADES, BUT THE PARENT FOOTBALL CLUB WILL BE IN CHARGE OF SETTING THEM UP AND TAKING THEM DOWN AFTER THE BALLGAME.

MAYOR KONDRITZ ANNOUNCED THAT COMMISSIONER STOREY WOULD NOT BE JOINING US FOR THE MEETING AS HIS FAMILY IS CURRENTLY BEING AFFECTED BY COVID 19. MAYOR KONDRITZ ASKED FOR PRAYERS FOR THE STOREY FAMILY AT THIS TIME.

IN THE ABSENCE OF COMMISSIONER STOREY, ATTORNEY THOMAS MALKOVICH STATED THAT THE BENTON FIRE DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR USE OF THE IBID SYSTEM. THIS MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MESSERSMITH. SECOND BY COMMISSIONER COCKRUM. VOTE WAS TAKEN. YEAS: 4.

COMMISSIONER MESSERSMITH, COMMISSIONER COCKRUM, COMMISSIONER GARAVALIA, AND MAYOR KONDRITZ. NAYS: 0.

ATTORNEY MALKOVICH STATED THAT IS CONTINUING WITH UNION NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

COMMISSIONER GARAVALIA STATED THAT SHE HAD NO PURCHASE ORDERS FOR THE MEETING AND THAT SHE WOULD NEED TO CONTINUE THE MEETING UNTIL FRIDAY TO APPROVE BILLS.

COMMISSIONER GARAVALIA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE PAYROLL FOR THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,144.57 AND ALL OTHER DEPARTMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$61,380.10 FOR A TOTAL PAYROLL OF \$103,524.67. SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MESSERSMITH. VOTE WAS TAKEN. YEAS: 4. COMMISSIONER MESSERSMITH, COMMISSIONER COCKRUM, COMMISSIONER GARAVALIA, AND MAYOR KONDRITZ. NAYS: 0.

COMMISSIONER GARAVALIA STATED THAT SHE JUST WANTED TO MAKE EVERYONE AWARE THAT SHE WOULD BE INCLUDING A PAYMENT TO "DO YOUR PART RECYCLING" FOR SERVICES. SHE STATED THAT THIS IS IN THE BUDGET ALREADY AND THE PAYMENT WOULD BE FOR \$1,200.00. COMMISSIONER GARAVALIA STATED THAT SHE WOULD LIKE THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER INCREASING THIS AMOUNT IN THE FUTURE.

ATTORNEY MALKOVICH STATED THAT HE HAD NO UPDATES FOR THIS MEETING.

MAYOR KONDRITZ STATED THAT HE HAD NO UPDATES OR PURCHASE ORDERS FOR THIS MEETING. MAYOR KONDRITZ ALSO STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE WALK-UP WINDOW, WHICH HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY APPROVED, TO BE COMPLETED IN THE WATER DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER GARAVALIA STATED THAT SHE HAS MET WITH A COMPANY AND IS AWAITING SOME INFORMATION. I

IN MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS, MAYOR KONDRITZ STATED THAT IN LOOKING AT CENSUS NUMBERS, THE CITY OF BENTON'S POPULATION HAS BEEN REDUCED BY 3.9%.

NO OLD BUSINESS.

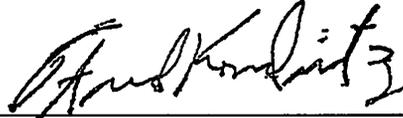
NO NEW BUSINESS.

IN MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC AUDIENCE, MR. TOM CARTER STATED THAT HE IS CONCERNED THAT WITH THE NEW PAYSACLE THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO KEEP PROPERLY TRAINED OPERATORS. MR. CARTER STATED THAT HE FELT THAT MAYOR KONDRITZ DID A GREAT JOB WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF COY COCKRUM TO THE POSITION OF PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMISSIONER. MR. CARTER STATED THAT OTHER THAN HIMSELF, COY IS THE MOST QUALIFIED PERSON FOR THE JOB.

COMMISSIONER MESSERSMITH MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. SECOND BY COMMISSIONER COCKRUM. VOTE WAS TAKEN. YEAS: 4. COMMISSIONER

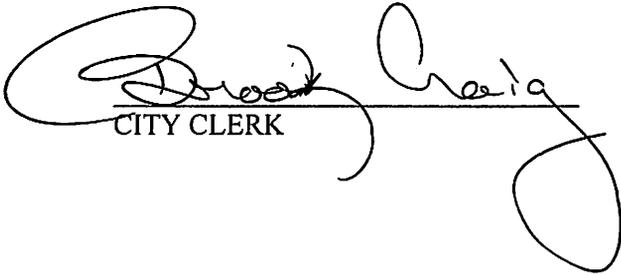
MESSERSMITH, COMMISSIONER COCKRUM, COMMISSIONER GARAVALLA, AND  
MAYOR KONDRITZ. NAYS: 0.

6:45 P.M.



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ATTEST:



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