

CITY OF BENTON UTILITY COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023, 6:00 P.M.,  
ELECTRIC UTILITY BUILDING  
1827 DALE AVENUE

The City of Benton Utility Commissioners met in regular session Monday, May 15th, at the Electric Utility Building, 1827 Dale Avenue.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Commission Chairman Ferrell.

The invocation was given by Commission Member Ponder.

Commission Chairman Ferrell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

When the roll was called, four Commissioners were present:

Gary Ferrell, Commission Chairman  
Jerry Ponder, Commission Member  
Skylyr Stott, Commission Member  
Brad Johnston, Commission Member

A quorum was declared with 4 members present.

Commission Chairman Ferrell asked if everyone had read the April 17th minutes, and if so, if there was a motion. Commission Member Johnston made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and be filed for future reference. The motion was seconded by Commission Member Stott. Commission Chairman Ferrell called for a voice vote. All commission members present voted in the affirmative. The minutes were approved with 3 affirmative votes.

#### Departmental Reports

##### A. Personnel/Loss Time Incident Report

Mr. Todd Pedersen gave a presentation on the lost time incidents and open positions as well as personnel updates.

##### B. April Financials

Mr. Jimmy Garrett, CFO, quickly went through the April financials and explained each page. He said we are trending in the right direction. Commission Member Johnston made a motion to approve the April financials as submitted. Commission

Member Stott seconded the motion. Commission Chairman Ferrell called for a voice vote. All commission members present voted in the affirmative. The April financials were approved with three affirmative votes. Mr. Garrett explained the need to transfer funds from the Highway 5/Alcoa Road Fund to reimburse the General Fund for the monies already spent on the Highway 5 Project. Commission Member Ponder made a motion to transfer fees from Highway 5 reimbursement fund and Commission Member Stott seconded the motion.

Mr. Garrett explained that the Cycle 1 bills went out and there were some issues with them. He said they caught it, and they were reprinted. He said the corrected bills had some issues. They got a lot of calls and hopefully they have explained it to everyone who called.

#### Old Business

#### Commission Opening

Commission Chairman Ferrell led this discussion. Mr. Ferrell said they have two candidates and a possible third that they need to interview. The commissioners decided to set up an interviews Thursday, starting at 5 p.m.

#### New Business

None

#### Announcements

Commission Chairman Ferrell stated the next regular meeting date would be June 5, 2023. Commission Member Stott said he will not be here but all other members will be in attendance.

Mr. Johnson said he had a couple of things, he said they got a fake email at work testing them on cyber-attacks and span. Have we thought about that? Mr. Pedersen said he did not think that there was any formal training at this time. He asked them to let him follow up with Allied Technology.

He then asked that the note section of the agenda about Covid be removed.

Commission Chairman Ferrell asked if there was any further input from the commission, public or staff.

Commission Member Ponder made a motion to adjourn into executive session to discuss personnel matters at 6:24 p.m. and Commission Member Stott seconded the motion. Commission Chairman Ferrell called for a voice vote. All commission members present voted in the affirmative.

Executive Session reconvened at 7:15 p.m. with no action taken.

Commission Member Ponder made a motion to adjourn with a second by Commission Member Johnston. Commission Chairman Ferrell called for a voice vote. All commission members present voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

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Gary Ferrell, Commission Chairman

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Madeline Wilson, Recording Secretary