

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-30**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BENTON CITY TO  
REVISE PRIOR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TO  
EXCUSE ABSENCES OF MAYOR PRO TEM VANESSA  
COATES**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Benton City has received information from Mayor Pro Tem Vanessa Coates regarding previously unexcused absences from regular City Council meetings on the dates of September 4, 2018, September 18, 2018, October 2, 2018, and October 16, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has elected to excuse the four (4) above-mentioned absences of Mayor Pro Tem Vanessa Coates; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council minutes for the above-mentioned City Council meeting dates should, therefore, be revised to reflect the excused absences. NOW, THEREFORE,

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENTON CITY, WASHINGTON**, hereby resolves as follows:

That Mayor Pro Tem Vanessa Coates is hereby excused from her absences on the regular City Council meetings for the City of Benton City on the dates of September 4, 2018, September 18, 2018, October 2, 2018, and October 16, 2018; and that the City Council Meeting minutes for each meeting session for said dates shall be revised to strike out the word "unexcused" and insert the word "excused" where those words describe the absence of Mayor Pro Tem Vanessa Coates.

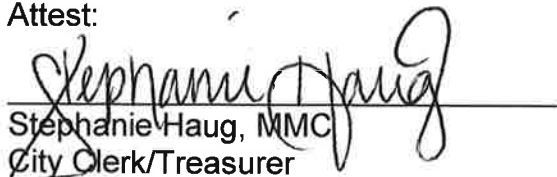
**ADOPTED** this 20 day of November 2018, by the City Council of the City of Benton City, Washington, and signed in authentication of its passage this 20 day of November 2018.

Resolution 2018-30 filed and recorded in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Benton City, Washington, this 20 day of November 2018.



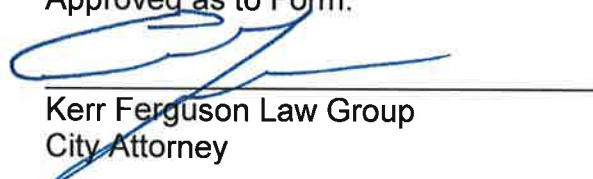
Linda Lehman, Mayor

Attest:



Stephanie Haug, MMC  
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved as to Form:



Kerr Ferguson Law Group  
City Attorney

**City of Benton City  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Lehman called the September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Regular Council meeting at the Community Center to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS** Mayor Lehman led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Council Members Present

**Mary Lettau  
David Sandretto  
Jake Mokler  
Lisa Stade**

Council Members Absent

**Vanessa Coates (excused)**

City Staff Present

**Stephanie Haug, City Clerk/Treasurer  
Margaret Dukes, Part-Time Clerk  
Kyle Kurth, Maintenance Dept. Foreman**

Other Professionals Present

**Alan Rainey, Spink Engineering LLC  
Matthew Sturtevant, Kerr Law Group**

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING JULY 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 AND  
- SPECIAL MEETING JULY 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Councilmember Sandretto:** I have a correction on Page 4. The meeting is PAC rather than TAC.

**Councilmember Lettau:** Madam Mayor, I move to approve meeting minutes from the last regular meeting on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as amended and the special meeting from July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**Councilmember Sandretto:** Second.

**MOTION #1- C. M. Lettau moved and C. D. Sandretto seconded to approve meeting minutes from the last regular meeting on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as amended and the special meeting from July<sup>th</sup> 19, 2018.**

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

**OPENING REMARKS, "HOUSEKEEPING" ITEMS, EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUESTS, ETC. NONE  
APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Councilmember Stade:** Madam Mayor, I move to approve the Agenda for September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**Councilmember Sandretto:** Second.

**MOTION #2 - C. L. Stade moved and C. D. Sandretto seconded to approve the Agenda for September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

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

**VISITOR COMMENTS – NON AGENDA ITEMS NONE  
REGULAR REPORTS**

**1. SHERIFF REPORT – 8/21/18**

**Commander Law:** Statistics for June and July were presented by Commander Law. Both months were fairly flat with no real changes from July 2017. The Sheriff's Department responded to 328 calls for service (333 in 2017). There were 38 case offenses resulting from the 328 calls to service (32 in 2017). During the month, 19 infraction citations were issued. In June, an automobile theft occurred

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**City of Benton City  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Note: Recording volume for the meeting was extremely low, poor quality, and barely audible.**

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Lehman called the September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Regular Council meeting at the Community Center to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS** Windy Welch led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Council Members Present

**Mary Lettau**  
**Dave Sandretto**  
**Jake Mokler**

Council Members Absent

**Lisa Stade** (Excused-Out of Town)  
**Vanessa Coates** (Excused)

City Staff Present

**Stephanie Haug, City Clerk/Treasurer**  
**Margaret Dukes, Part-Time General Clerk**  
**Kyle Kurth, Maintenance Foreman**

Other Professionals Present

**Alan Rainey, Spink Engineering LLC**  
**Matthew Sturtevant, Kerr Ferguson Law Group**  
**Cmdr. John Law, Benton Co. Sheriff's Office**

**Councilmember Sandretto:** Madam Mayor, I move to excuse Lisa Stade from tonight's Council Meeting.

**Councilmember Mokler:** Second.

**MOTION #1-C. D. Sandretto moved and C. J. Mokler seconded to excuse Lisa Stade from tonight's Council Meeting.**

**VOICE VOTE #1-C. D. Sandretto, C. M. Lettau, C. J. Mokler**  
**ALL YEAS. Motion carried.**

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**

**Councilmember Mokler:** Madam Mayor, I motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Regular Council Meeting.

**Councilmember Sandretto:** Second.

**MOTION #2-C. J. Mokler moved and C. D. Sandretto seconded to approve the Meeting Minutes from the September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Regular Council Meeting.**

**VOICE VOTE #2- C. D. Sandretto, C. M. Lettau, C. J. Mokler**  
**ALL YEAS. Motion carried.**

**OPENING REMARKS, "HOUSEKEEPING" ITEMS, EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUESTS, ETC. None**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Mayor Lehman:** Mr. Keith Werner was in an automobile accident so he will not attend tonight's meeting; therefore, the following Items for Discussion need to be rescheduled to the next meeting: 1) Volunteer Dinner and 2) Executive Session.

**Councilmember Sandretto:** I motion to amend the agenda by removing the Volunteer Dinner and Executive Session and reschedule discussion for the October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 Regular Council Meeting.

**Councilmember Mokler:** Second.

**City of Benton City  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Lehman called the October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 Regular Council meeting at City Hall Suite B to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS** Mr. Small led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Council Members Present

**Mary Lettau**  
**Dave Sandretto**  
**Jake Mokler**  
**Lisa Stade (7:22 p.m. Late Arrival)**

Council Members Absent

**Vanessa Coates (Excused)**

City Staff Present

**Stephanie Haug, City Clerk/Treasurer**  
**Kyle Kurth, Maintenance Foreman**

Other Professionals Present

**Keith Warner, City Attorney, Kerr Law Group**  
**Alan Rainey, City Engineer, Spink Engineering LLC**

**Mr. Warner** stated that he will review the statute for Council Member absenteeism in a twelve-month period and provide a review of his findings to Council.

**Mayor Lehman** welcomed everyone to the first Council Meeting at the new location.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Council Member Lettau:** Madam Mayor, I make a motion to approve the Minutes as written from the Regular Council Meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**Council Member Sandretto:** I second.

**MOTION #1 – C. M. Lettau moved and C. D. Sandretto seconded to approve the Minutes as written from the Regular Council Meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

**VOICE VOTE #1 - C. D. Sandretto, C. J. Mokler, C. M. Lettau**  
**ALL YEAS. Motion carried.**

**OPENING REMARKS, “HOUSEKEEPING” ITEMS, EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUESTS, ETC.** None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Council Member Sandretto:** Madam Mayor, I move to approve the Agenda of the September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 regular Council Meeting as written.

**Council Member Mokler:** Second.

**MOTION #2 - C. D. Sandretto moved and C. J. Mokler seconded to approve the Agenda of the September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Regular Council Meeting as written.**

**VOICE VOTE #2 - C. D. Sandretto, C. J. Mokler, C. M. Lettau**  
**ALL YEAS. Motion carried.**

**VISITOR COMMENTS**

**Mr. Tim Small, 1408 Willow Way**, presented a request for Council to review setback requirements within the R-3 Zone because those setbacks are the same size as setbacks in lower density zones. Mr. Small owns property in the R-3 Zone where a single family residence was torn down and the property rezoned. He plans to build a duplex on the property, but current setback requirements limit the size of the structure that he can construct. He stated that the City anticipates that it will generate additional revenue with higher density zones, but current setback requirements are not proof that will occur.

**City of Benton City  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Pro-Tem Jake Mokler called the October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Regular Council meeting to order at City Hall, Suite B at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS** Mr. Bates led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Council Members Present

**Mary Lettau**  
**Dave Sandretto**  
**Jake Mokler**  
**Lisa Stade (Late Arrival 7:23 p.m.)**  
**Vanessa Coates (Excused Absence)**

City Staff Present

**Stephanie Haug, City Clerk/Treasurer**  
**Margaret Dukes, Temporary General Clerk**  
**Kyle Kurth, Maintenance Foreman**

Other Professionals Present

**Eric Ferguson, City Attorney, Kerr Law Group**  
**Alan Rainey, City Engineer, Spink Engineering LLC**  
**John Law, Benton County Sheriff's Office**

**Council Member Lettau:** With the absence of Mayor Lehman and Mayor Pro Tem Vanessa Coates, I make a motion that Council Member Mokler act as Mayor Pro Tem for tonight's Council Meeting.

**Council Member Sandretto:** Second.

**MOTION #1- C. M. Lettau moved and C. D. Sandretto seconded that Council Member Mokler act as Mayor Pro Tem for tonight's Council Meeting.**

**VOICE VOTE #1- C. D. Sandretto, C. M. Lettau, C. J. Mokler**  
**ALL YEAS. Motion carried.**

**Eric Ferguson:** The State Statute states that three unexcused absences shall be considered a vacant seat, but Benton City does not have rules to designate what is and is not considered an excused absence. Mr. Ferguson agreed to review the State Statute that addresses unexcused absenteeism and provide a report to Council on those options at the next meeting.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2018**

**Council Member Lettau:** Madam Mayor, I make a motion to approve the Minutes as written of the Regular Council Meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.

**Council Member Sandretto:** I second.

**MOTION #2 - C. M. Lettau moved and C. D. Sandretto seconded to approve the Minutes as written of the Regular Council Meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.**

**VOICE VOTE #2 - C. D. Sandretto, C. J. Mokler, C. M. Lettau**  
**ALL YEAS. Motion carried.**

**OPENING REMARKS, "HOUSEKEEPING" ITEMS, EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUESTS, ETC.** None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Council Member Sandretto:** Madam Mayor, I move to approve the Agenda of the October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Regular Council Meeting as presented.

**Council Member Lettau:** Second.

**MOTION #3 - C. D. Sandretto moved and C. M. Lettau seconded to approve the Agenda of the October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Regular Council Meeting as presented.**

**VOICE VOTE #3 - C. D. Sandretto, C. J. Mokler, C. M. Lettau**  
**ALL YEAS. Motion carried.**