

**WORK SESSION
MINUTES**

**MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN
TOWN OF BENTON
105 SIBLEY STREET, BENTON, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017 7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Shelly Horton

PRESENT: Alderman Linda Gates, Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman Donna Wyatt, and Alderman Wayne Cathcart

ABSENT: Alderman Jackie Carr

AGENDA: Motion by Alderman Cathcart, Seconded by Alderman Wyatt to approve the Work Session Agenda

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

FAVOR 4
OPPOSED 0

WORK SESSION ITEMS

1. STREET MASTER PLAN:

Mr. Lee Underwood with Balar Engineers presented to council the revisions made to the Street Master Plan. Reviewing the completed projects and then continued on to the remaining streets. He reminded council members about the LCDBG grant that covers Lincoln, Lois, Carver, Wright, Washington, Mitchell, and Pine (north of Fifth) streets. He stated that the state has made inquiries about the initial project which he felt is a good sign of the project being funded. However, notice of award does not go out until late March or early April. **Mayor Horton** expressed that the Pine Hill area streets (*aforementioned*) are high priority due to their age and the amount of citizens served. Another area he stated that is critical is Old Plain Dealing Road. He informed council that he has a meeting with the Bossier Parish Police Jury to discuss their paying a portion of the construction of Old Plain Dealing Rd due to the majority of traffic is parish traffic. And they have worked with the Town in years past with the maintenance of that street. **Alderman Cathcart** mentioned that the funding source for this project as well as the remaining streets is the street fund generated from sales tax revenues. He asked for more information on street fund account status and the average income to avoid depleting below a specific amount. Other Council members asked various questions, Mr Underwood concluded with expressing his opinion as to waiting for the state to notify about the LCDBG funds. **Mayor Horton** stated that he will review the revisions provided by Balar and will meet with the Parish about Old Plain Dealing Road and will update the council of the outcome at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Motion by Alderman Wyatt, Seconded by Alderman Jones to adjourn the meeting

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

FAVOR 4
OPPOSED 0