

**SPECIAL 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 Wyatt, Seconded by Alderman Cathcart to approve the  
Agenda

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

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OPPOSED       0

**SPECIAL SESSION**

**1. RESOLUTION 1 of 2017**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PARISH WIDE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN  
UPDATE**

WHEREAS, the Town of Benton has participated in the process to update a Disaster Mitigation Act (DMA) compliant Hazard Mitigation Plan based on the FEMA guidance available in the How To Guides; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Benton wishes to participate in the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update prepared by the Bossier Parish government under the oversight of a Steering Committee comprised of parish wide representatives; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Benton, Bossier Parish, and local representatives have participated in the mitigation planning process; and

WHEREAS, appropriate opportunity for input by public and community officials has been provided through press releases, open meetings and availability of draft documents; and

WHEREAS, the updated plan has been recommended for adoption by the Steering Committee; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the updated plan is required prior to further consideration for FEMA funding under the following programs:

Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM)  
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)  
Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program

The resolution was offered by Alderman Wyatt, seconded by Alderman Gates. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 23<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Alderman Jackie Carr

ABSTAIN: None

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

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