

**REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN
TOWN OF BENTON
105 SIBLEY STREET, BENTON, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2019 AT 7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Tem Ron Jones

INVOCATION: by Alderman Cathcart

PLEDGE: by Alderman Carr

PRESENT: Alderman Jackie Carr, Alderman Linda Gates, Mayor Pro Tem/
Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman Donna Wyatt, and Alderman Wayne
Cathcart. Also, Present: Attorney Southerland and Stephanie Collier

AGENDA: A motion by Alderman Wyatt seconded by Alderman Cathcart to
approve the agenda

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None
IN FAVOR: 5
OPPOSED: 0

MINUTES: A motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Gates
to approve the minutes of the July Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None
IN FAVOR: 5
OPPOSED: 0

OLD BUSINESS:

1. None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Alderman Cathcart spoke to council that this project has become a priority due to the number of breaks over the past few years on the water main on Old Palmetto Rd which supplies water to the Methodist Church and two large subdivisions further down on Old Palmetto. Alderman Cathcart stated that while he was in office, the council approve Balar Engineers to engineer the replacement of this main and the contract for their services had already been executed. Mayor Pro Temp Jones recommended that council approve Mayor Horton to take bids for council to review and award the contract at a later date.

A motion by Alderman Wyatt seconded by Alderman Carr to authorize Mayor Horton to advertise for bids to replace water main on Old Palmetto Road.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

AYES: Alderman Jackie Carr, Alderman Linda Gates, Mayor Pro Tem/
Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman Donna Wyatt, and Alderman Wayne
Cathcart.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mayor Horton

2. Mayor Horton: Updates on current projects. Mayor Pro tem Ron Jones recommended that the update on current projects be tabled until the September Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

3. Approval to call a meeting in September of the Property Standards Board on the property located at 113 Mildred. Mayor pro tem Jones commented that everyone is familiar with this property and requested it be brought before the Property Standards Board in September.

A motion by Alderman Wyatt seconded by Alderman Carr to hold a hearing on 113 Mildred at a meeting of the Property Standards Board on September 9th.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

AYES: Alderman Jackie Carr, Alderman Linda Gates, Mayor Pro Tem/
Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman Donna Wyatt, and Alderman Wayne
Cathcart.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mayor Horton

4. Approval of the month to date financial:

A motion by Alderman Wyatt seconded by Alderman Carr to approve the monthly financials.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

AYES: Alderman Jackie Carr, Alderman Linda Gates, Mayor Pro Tem/
Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman Donna Wyatt, and Alderman Wayne
Cathcart.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mayor Horton

Comments:

Alderman Cathcart introduced Mrs. Mattie Preston who is running for senate district 36. Mrs. Preston introduced herself and giving a brief summery of her goals if elected to office.

Alderman Donna Wyatt announced that she will be resigning from her office effective September 1 and will be notifying the Secretary of State of her resignation.

A motion by Alderman Wyatt seconded by Alderman Cathcart to adjourn the meeting.

IN FAVOR: 5

OPPOSED: 0

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