

**REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN
TOWN OF BENTON
105 SIBLEY STREET, BENTON, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020 7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Shelly Horton

INVOCATION: Alderman Cathcart

PLEDGE: Alderman Allen

PRESENT: Alderman Carr, Alderman Gates, Alderman Jones, Alderman Allen, and Alderman Cathcart

AGENDA: Motion by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Carr to approve the Agenda

Public Comments: None

In Favor: 5

Opposed: 0

MINUTES: Motion by Alderman Carr, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Minutes of the January meeting

Public Comments: None

In Favor: 5

Opposed: 0

OLD BUSINESS:

1. None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution 1 of 2020: MPC Vacancy of Executive Director

WHEREAS the Executive Director of the Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, Sam Marsiglia has submitted a letter of resignation to the Town of Benton; and

WHEREAS, the resignation of Sam Marsiglia has caused vacancy of office, effective March 4, 2020, and

WHEREAS a recommendation was made by Mr. Marsiglia to appoint Mrs. Carlotta Brown to fill the vacancy as Executive Director.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Benton, Louisiana, in regular session convened does hereby accept the recommendation and does hereby appoint Mrs. Carlotta Brown as the Executive Director of the Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission.

Upon a motion by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Carr Resolution 1 of 2020 is hereby adopted on the 18th day of February 2020 by the following votes:

Public Comments: None

AYES: Alderman Carr, Alderman Gates, Alderman Jones, Alderman Allen, and Alderman Cathcart

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

2. Resolution 2 of 2020 Municipal Wastewater Pollution Prevention (MWPP) Annual Adoption on the North Wastewater Treatment Plant

WHEREAS, each year the Town of Benton completes a Municipal Wastewater Planning Program (MWPP) Annual Report for the State of Louisiana Division of Environmental Quality.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Board of Aldermen of the Town of Benton informs the Water Quality Board that the following actions were taken:

1. Reviewed the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report which is attached to this resolution.
2. Set forth the following actions necessary to maintain permit requirements contained in the Louisiana Pollution Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit, number LA 0038784

Upon a motion of Alderman Cathcart, seconded by Alderman Carr Resolution 2 of 2020 is hereby adopted on the 18th day of February 2020 by the following votes:

Public Comments: None

AYES: Alderman Carr, Alderman Gates, Alderman Jones, Alderman Allen, and Alderman Cathcart

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

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3. Presentation for adoption of Severe Weather / Emergency Preparedness Plan of Action:

Mayor Horton asked that the record reflect that we are in the process of purchasing all the equipment for the mobile unit.

Motion by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Gates to adopt the Severe Weather / Emergency Preparedness Plan of Action

Public Comments: None

AYES: Alderman Carr, Alderman Gates, Alderman Jones, Alderman Allen, and Alderman Cathcart

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

4. Presentation of policy options to amend Ordinance 387 Personnel Policies & Procedures – Holiday Pay:

Motion by Cathcart, seconded by Jones to table.

Public Comments: None

AYES: Alderman Carr, Alderman Gates, Alderman Jones, Alderman Allen, and Alderman Cathcart

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

5. Request approval to purchase a Police Unit: Mayor Horton

Mayor Horton discussed the Police Departments need for police units due to an accident and the age of some of the cars. He stated that the Tahoe's are not available, so the department purchased a truck. Only one unit was budgeted this year for the department, but they need at least one more unit. We are going to pull from the 1978 Sales tax and amend the budget to purchase them a Ford Explorer.

Motion by Alderman Jones, seconded Gates to approve the purchase of a second unit

Public Comments: None

AYES: Alderman Carr, Alderman Gates, Alderman Jones, Alderman Allen, and Alderman Cathcart

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

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6. **Review and Approval of YTD Budget and monthly financials:**

Motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Carr to approve the financials.

Public Comments: None

In Favor 5

Opposed 0

Adjourn: Motion by Alderman Allen seconded by Alderman Carr to adjourn

In Favor: 5

Opposed: 0

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