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TOWN OF BENTON LOUISIANA

PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 13, 2020 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Shelly Horton
INVOCATION: Alderman Cathcart
PLEDGE: Alderman Allen
PRESENT: Alderman Linda Gates, Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman Leighton Allen, and Alderman Wayne Cathcart.
ABSENT: Alderman Jackie Carr
AGENDA: Motion by Alderman Jones Seconded by Alderman Cathcart to approve the Public Hearing Agenda

Public Comments: None
In Favor: 4 Ayes
Opposed: 0 Nays

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:

1. Ordinance 563 of 2020:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2 ARTICLE 1 OF THE TOWN OF BENTON CODE PERTAINING TO THE MEETING PLACE AND TIME FOR THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

WHEREAS, Section 2 Article 1 of the Town of Benton code book establishes the time and place for regular monthly meetings of the council meetings at 7:00 P.M. on the second Monday of each month at the town hall; and

WHEREAS, this time is not convenient for the existing Board of Aldermen.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF BENTON, LOUISIANA that:

SECTION 1. Section 2 Article 1 of the Town of Benton code book is hereby amended by adding a section to establish a time and place for the regular monthly meetings to held at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall located at 105 Sibley Street, Benton, Louisiana on the second Monday of every month.

BE IT ORDAINED This ordinance shall become effective after a Public Hearing and adopted in Regular Session on July 13th. Publication will be made to notify the public of the Public Hearing in a newspaper of general circulation.

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Public Comments: None

2. Ordinance 564 of 2020:

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING APPROXIMATELY 199.4 ACRES OF LAND INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF BENTON, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA

(Full copy of this ordinance is available at Town Hall)

Public Comments: None

3. Ordinance 565 of 2020:

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING APPROXIMATELY 22.3 ACRES OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWN OF BENTON INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF BENTON, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA

(Full copy of this ordinance is available at Town Hall)

Public Comments: None

Motion by Alderman Allen Seconded by Alderman Gates to Adjourn Public Hearing

In Favor 4 Ayes

Opposed 0 Nays

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REGULAR SESSION
Minutes
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN
TOWN OF BENTON
105 SIBLEY STREET, BENTON, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, July 13, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Shelly Horton

AGENDA: Motion by Alderman Cathcart Seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the Regular Session Agenda

Public Comments: None

In Favor: 4 Ayes

Opposed: 0 Nays

MINUTES: Motion by Alderman Jones Seconded by Alderman Cathcart to approve the Minutes

Public Comments: None

In Favor: 4 Ayes

Opposed: 0 Nays

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance 563 of 2020: Final Vote

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2 ARTICLE 1 OF THE TOWN OF BENTON CODE PERTAINING TO THE MEETING PLACE AND TIME FOR THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Motion by Alderman Jones Seconded by Alderman Allen to adopt Ordinance 563

Public Comments None

AYES: Alderman Linda Gates, Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman Leighton Allen, and Alderman Wayne Cathcart.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Jackie Carr

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Motion by Alderman Cathcart Seconded by Alderman Allen to adopt Ordinance 564

Public Comments None

AYES: Alderman Linda Gates, Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman Leighton Allen, and Alderman Wayne Cathcart.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Jackie Carr

3. Ordinance 565 of 2020:

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Motion by Alderman Jones Seconded by Alderman Allen to adopt Ordinance 565

Public Comments None

AYES: Alderman Linda Gates, Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman Leighton Allen, and Alderman Wayne Cathcart.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Jackie Carr

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and approval of Engineering Services for 2020 Street Project

Streets in this proposal are Burchett, part of Stinson Carrier, Caddo, 2nd, Industrial Park streets, and the rest of Oakridge total project is estimated to be \$ 764,000.00 and the engineering is estimated at \$ 64,000.00

Motion by Alderman Cathcart Seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the contract with Balar engineers for the 2020 2021 Street Project.

Public Comments: None

AYES: Alderman Linda Gates, Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman Leighton Allen, and Alderman Wayne Cathcart.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Jackie Carr

2. Approval of Beer Permit:

Silver Star:

Motion by Alderman Allen Seconded by Alderman Jones to approve

Public Comments None

AYES: Alderman Linda Gates, Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman Leighton Allen, and Alderman Wayne Cathcart.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Jackie Carr

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3. Discussion and Approval of use of green area at Simpson Park by Soccer League:

Mayor Horton explained that a children Soccer League requested use of the green are located at the Simpson Street Park. This agreement will be like the agreement made with the Benton Dixie League.

Motion by Alderman Cathcart Seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the agreement

Public Comments None

AYES: Alderman Linda Gates, Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman Leighton Allen, and Alderman Wayne Cathcart.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Jackie Carr

4. Renew Lease of 306 Fifth Street to Fire District 4:

Motion by Alderman Allen Seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the Lease Renewal

Public Comments None

AYES: Alderman Linda Gates, Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman Leighton Allen, and Alderman Wayne Cathcart.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Jackie Carr

5. Update on Audit extension and Tax Millage adoption:

Still waiting to hear from the Parish about the final numbers from the reassessment.

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

Motion by Alderman Jones Seconded by Alderman Gates to approve

Public Comments: None
In Favor: 4 Ayes
Opposed: 0 Nays

Motion by Alderman Jones Seconded by Alderman Cathcart to adjourn

In Favor: 4 Ayes
Opposed: 0 Nays

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