

REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN
TOWN OF BENTON
105 SIBLEY STREET, BENTON, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Shelly Horton

INVOCATION: By Alderman Wayne Cathcart

PLEDGE: By Alderman Ron Jones

PRESENT: Alderman Jackie Carr, Alderman Ron Jones, and Alderman Wayne Cathcart

ABSENT: Alderman Linda Gates and Alderman Donna Wyatt

AGENDA: A motion by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Carr to approve the
Regular Session Agenda

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

IN FAVOR: 3 AYES

OPPOSED: 0 NAYS

MINUTES: A motion by Alderman Cathcart, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the
February Public Hearing Minutes

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

IN FAVOR: 3 AYES

OPPOSED: 0 NAYS

Motion by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Carr to approve the February
Regular Session Minutes

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

IN FAVOR: 3 AYES

OPPOSED: 0 NAYS

Motion by Alderman Carr, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the February
Special Session Minutes

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

IN FAVOR: 3 AYES

OPPOSED: 0 NAYS

OLD BUSINESS:

1. None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Subdivision of land (M. Hollis): Approval of three plats on a subdivision of land Located on Lee Street

A motion by Alderman Ron Jones seconded by Alderman Jackie Carr to approve three plats

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

AYES: Alderman Jackie Carr, Alderman Ron Jones, and Alderman Wayne Cathcart

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Alderman Linda Gates and Alderman Donna Wyatt

ABSTAIN: None

2. RESOLUTION 5 OF 2017: A resolution to inform the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality of the Town of Benton Water Pollution Prevention Audit Report

A motion by Alderman Wayne Cathcart seconded by Alderman Ron Jones to adopt resolution 5 of 2017

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

AYES: Alderman Jackie Carr, Alderman Ron Jones, and Alderman Wayne Cathcart

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Alderman Linda Gates and Alderman Donna Wyatt

ABSTAIN: None

3. RESOLUTION 6 OF 2017: A resolution to accept the Water and Wastewater Infrastructure of Lost River Estates North Unit No. 2

A motion by Alderman Wayne Cathcart seconded by Alderman Ron Jones to adopt resolution 6 of 2017

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

AYES: Alderman Jackie Carr, Alderman Ron Jones, and Alderman Wayne Cathcart

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Alderman Linda Gates and Alderman Donna Wyatt

ABSTAIN: None

4. RESOLUTION 7 OF 2017: A resolution to amend the lease agreement with SBA Communications Corporation

Mayor Horton explained that after some discussion with Attorney Southerland he feels there needs to be more research on the details of this lease change and asked to Table this Resolution until they are able to work through some of the questions.

A motion by Alderman Ron Jones seconded by Alderman Jackie Carr to table this until more information can be gathered.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

AYES: Alderman Jackie Carr, Alderman Ron Jones, and Alderman Wayne Cathcart

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Alderman Linda Gates and Alderman Donna Wyatt

ABSTAIN: None

5. RESOLUTION 8 OF 2017: A Resolution to approve financial support for the Benton Chapter of the Bossier Council on Ageing

Mayor Horton explained that the wonderful work of the Bossier Council on Aging has been a success in our community and foresee an increase in attendance. The expected increase of participation will mean a need for an increase of meals. They have asked that the Town contribute up to \$300.00 per month to cover the costs for the additional meals. Mayor Horton also stated that because we are using public funds Attorney Southerland confirmed that it is a legal contribution.

A representative from the Bossier Council on Aging spoke to council about the expected increase in participation and gave the council costs per meal information. Also she announced that they will be offering senior's transportation two days per week for grocery shopping, picking up meds, etc. They will also be opening an hour earlier Monday through Thursday at the Benton chapter.

Council members expressed their gratitude to the Bossier Council on Aging staff for bringing this program to Benton and how it has made a difference in our senior's lives.

Alderman Cathcart asked Bossier Council staff about it being an anticipated need and that the number of participants changes from day to day. He stated that if possible they provide the town with a list of number of meals needed on an "as needed" basis. That way the Town doesn't just pay them \$300.00 every month but only paying for the meals as needed. The Bossier Council Staff agreed.

A motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Carr to adopt Resolution 8 in supporting the funds for Bossier Council on Aging.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

AYES: Alderman Jackie Carr, Alderman Ron Jones, and Alderman Wayne Cathcart

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Alderman Linda Gates and Alderman Donna Wyatt

ABSTAIN: None

Mayor Horton recognized Officer Bates for a "Job Well Done". Mayor Horton explained that Officer Bates provided assistance to a homeless man by personally paying for a hotel room for a few nights.

A motion by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Carr to adjourn the Meeting.

IN FAVOR 3

OPPOSED 0