

REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN
TOWN OF BENTON
105 SIBLEY STREET, BENTON, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2019 AT 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Shelly Horton
INVOCATION: Alderman Gates
PLEDGE: Alderman Jones
PRESENT: Alderman Jackie Carr, Alderman Linda Gates, Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman Leithton Allen, and Alderman Wayne Cathcart

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None
IN FAVOR 5
OPPOSED 0

MINUTES: A motion by Alderman seconded by Alderman to approve the minutes

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None
IN FAVOR 5
OPPOSED 0

OLD BUSINESS:

1. None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Years of Service Award to Donna Wyatt: Mayor Horton presented Donne Wyatt with her years of service award for her 8 years as Councilman of District 3

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Donna Wyatt thanked council for the award and for being a part of the Council.
Council also expressed their gratitude for her service.

2. Chief Charles Pilkinton: Award Presentation: Chief Pilkinton stated that he had an officer who had performed a heroic act by saving a baby girls life. Chief Pilkinton read the report of Officer Weaver who was on scene with Officer Sunderland. On Aug. 22, Officer Jeremy Sunderland was dispatched to a medical call regarding an 8-month-old child who was choking and not breathing. Officer Larry Weaver, who arrived on scene, stated in his report that Sunderland “exited his patrol car and ran and took the infant and began first aid. Officer Sunderland checked the infant’s airway and delivered several palm strikes to the child’s back. After checking the airway again, Officer Sunderland repeated the palm strikes in an attempt to dislodge the obstruction. This was repeated several times.” Officer Weaver went on to say

in the report that the child “gasp(ed) and began to cry; the cries began to get louder. It was obvious the obstruction dislodged, and the child was able to breathe better.”

Chief Pilkinton then presented a medal of honor and a plaque from the National American Police Hall of Fame & Museum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Council and Mayor Horton stated how proud they are to have Office Sunderland on staff.

3. Resolution 6 of 2019: CWF Grant application

A RESOLUTION authorizing the submittal of a state grant application to the Office of Community Development and the subsequent appropriation of town funds for Rehabilitation of the Elevated Water Tower project.

WHEREAS the Town of Benton believes itself to be qualified, and is willing and able to carry out all activities described in the state grant application; and,

WHEREAS in this action the Mayor and Board of Aldermen has declared its intent to conduct the Rehabilitation of the Elevated Water Tower project described in the application; and,

WHEREAS in this action the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of Benton will, upon an award and acceptance of the grant, agree to the terms of the grant;

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT: The Town of Benton, Board of Aldermen requests Community Water Enrichment Funds (CWF) available from the Louisiana Office Of Community Development and will comply with state rules for the program, and,

HEREBY AUTHORIZES the Mayor, Shelly Horton, to act on behalf of the Town of Benton to submit and sign an application to the Office of Community Development for CWF funds in the amount of \$35,000.00 for Rehabilitation of the Elevated Water Tower, and

HEREBY AUTHORIZES the Mayor, Shelly Horton, to act on behalf of the Town of Benton to execute contract documents when funds are awarded.

Upon a motion by Alderman Jones duly seconded by Alderman Gates Resolution 6 of 2019 was adopted this 14th day of October 2019 by the following vote :

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PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

AYES: Alderman Jackie Carr, Alderman Linda Gates, Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman Leithton Allen, and Alderman Wayne Cathcart

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. Resolution 7 of 2019: LGAP Grant Application

A RESOLUTION authorizing the submittal of a state grant application to the Office of Community Development and the subsequent appropriation of town funds for funds to purchase equipment.

WHEREAS the Town of Benton believes itself to be qualified, and is willing and able to carry out all activities described in the state grant application; and,

WHEREAS in this action the Mayor and Board of Aldermen has declared its intent to purchase equipment described in the application; and,

WHEREAS in this action the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of Benton will, upon an award and acceptance of the grant, agree to the terms of the grant;

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT: The Town of Benton, Board of Aldermen requests Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) available from the Louisiana Office Of Community Development and will comply with state rules for the program, and,

HEREBY AUTHORIZES the Mayor, Shelly Horton, to act on behalf of the Town of Benton to submit and sign an application to the Office of Community Development for LGAP funds in the amount of \$35,000.00 for equipment, and

HEREBY AUTHORIZES the Mayor, Shelly Horton, to act on behalf of the Town of Benton to execute contract documents when funds are awarded.

Upon a motion by Alderman Carr duly seconded by Alderman Allen Resolution 7 of 2019 was adopted this 14th day of October 2019 by the following vote :

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

AYES: Alderman Jackie Carr, Alderman Linda Gates, Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman Leithton Allen, and Alderman Wayne Cathcart

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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5. Willis Knighton Palmetto Development: Approve providing Water and Sewer service

A motion by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Carr to approve water and sewer service to WK

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

AYES: Alderman Jackie Carr, Alderman Linda Gates, Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman Leithton Allen, and Alderman Wayne Cathcart

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

6. Approval of the month to date financials:

A motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Carr to approve the monthly financials

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

AYES: Alderman Jackie Carr, Alderman Linda Gates, Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman Leithton Allen, and Alderman Wayne Cathcart

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MAYORS COMMENTS: Mayor Horton appointed Alderman Carr to head the committee for selecting the student each year for the Balar / Town Scholarship

ADJOURN:

Motion by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Carr to adjourn the meeting

IN FAVOR 5

OPPOSED 0

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