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# TOWN OF BENTON LOUISIANA

## REGULAR SESSION MINUTES MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN TOWN OF BENTON 105 SIBLEY STREET, BENTON, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023, 6:00 PM

The Town of Benton Council met in regular and legal session on the 9th day of January 2023, at 6:00 p.m., in the Benton Council Chambers, Benton Town Hall, Benton, Louisiana. The Mayor, Shelly Horton, called the Regular Session to order. The invocation was given by Alderman Friday, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Alderman Jones. Mrs. Stephanie Collier, called the roll, with all members present as follows:

Alderman Jackie Carr – Not Present

Alderman Tiffany Manning – Not Present

Alderman Ron Jones - Present

Alderman James Friday - Present

Alderman Wayne Cathcart -Present

Others present were Stephanie Collier, Attorney Neil Erwin, Chief Collier, and members of the public.

Motion was made by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Cathcart to amend the agenda by adding Chief Wallace on property donation and fire rating. The mayor called for public comments. There being none, motion carried with the following votes recorded:

YEAS: Alderman Carr, Alderman Manning, Alderman Jones, Alderman Friday, and Alderman Cathcart.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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Motion was made by Alderman Friday, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the agenda as amended. The mayor called for public comments. There being none, motion carried with the following votes recorded:

YEAS: Alderman Carr, Alderman Manning, Alderman Jones, Alderman Friday, and Alderman Cathcart.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion was made by Alderman Friday, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the December meeting minutes. The mayor called for public comments. There being none, motion carried with the following votes recorded:

YEAS: Alderman Carr, Alderman Manning, Alderman Jones, Alderman Friday, and Alderman Cathcart.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Horton welcomed the students attending the meeting.

Mayor Horton called on Sarah Collier, Director of the Festival Committee. Sarah spoke to the council and stated that this year's Christmas festival was a success. She thanked all the staff members, Hope, Kathy, Brenda, and Christa, and all the men at the maintenance barn that assisted. Mayor Horton presented a certificate of appreciation to Mrs. Brenda Jones for serving on the festival committee for 15 years.

Mayor Horton introduced the Property Standards Officer, Mark Crouch. Mark Crouch spoke to council about the Property Standards program, and he felt it is a much-needed program and he stated he is glad the council has put it in place.

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Mayor Horton spoke to the council about a drainage issue in McKenzie Place subdivision. He stated that he is working with the parish on resolving this issue. The Subdivision is inside town and where it drains is in the Parish. Mayor Horton stated he will update Council when there is more information.

Mayor Horton called for Chief Wallace to come and speak. Chief Wallace stated that they have been working on the fire rating for some time now and the report should be coming out soon. He spoke some about his needing to collaborate with the MPC. He also presented a letter stating the Fire Districts intentions once the land is donated.

Mayor Horton called for a motion to approve the monthly financials and year-to-date budget. Motion was made by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Cathcart to approve the December meeting minutes. The mayor called for public comments. There being none, motion carried with the following votes recorded:

YEAS: Alderman Carr, Alderman Manning, Alderman Jones, Alderman Friday, and Alderman Cathcart.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Mayor Horton Adjourned the meeting

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