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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, MARCH 13, 2023, 6:00 PM

The Town of Benton Council met in regular and legal session on the 13th day of March 2023, at 6:00 p.m., in the Benton Council Chambers, Benton Town Hall, Benton, Louisiana. The Mayor, Shelly Horton, called the Public Hearing to order. The invocation was given by Alderman Manning, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Alderman Cathcart. Mrs. Stephanie Collier, called the roll, with all members present as follows:

Alderman Jackie Carr - Present
Alderman Tiffany Manning - Present
Alderman Ron Jones - Present
Alderman James Friday - Absent
Alderman Wayne Cathcart - Present
Others present were Attorney Neil Erwin, Chief Collier, and members of the public.

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

YEAS: Alderman Carr, Alderman Manning, Alderman Jones, and Alderman Cathcart.
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Alderman Friday

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Motion was made by Alderman Carr, seconded by Alderman Cathcart to approve the February 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, and Alderman Cathcart.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Friday

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Erwin asked about the vehicle policy concerning the cellphone use while driving. And it does not state that hands free devices are allowed to be used. Mayor Horton explained that the trucks are older and do not have Bluetooth capabilities. Alderman Cathcart asked about the need to have a statement on the distance employees can live and have a take home truck.

Mayor Horton stated that maybe everyone needs to look over the policies and we can address these at the next council meeting.

Vehicle Policy: Tabled

Employment at Will policy: Tabled

Background Check policy for new hires: Tabled

Sexual Harassment policy: Tabled

Employee Confidentiality Policy: Tabled

A motion by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Carr to approve the Beer Permit Renewals for Dollar General. The mayor called for public comments. There being none, motion carried with the following votes recorded:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Friday

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A motion by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Carr to approve the Beer Permit Renewals for Brookshires Grocery. The mayor called for public comments. There being none, motion carried with the following votes recorded:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Friday

A motion by Alderman Manning seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the month to date financials. The mayor called for public comments. There being none, motion carried with the following votes recorded:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Friday

No Property Standards Report

Project Updates: Mayor Horton discussed the status of the Sewer rehab Project in the Northwest section of town.

Stephanie Collier - The Town of Benton will be holding a public hearing will be held on April 10, 2023, at 6:00pm a 105 Sibley Street, Benton, for the 2023 millage rate adoption. The mills will be renewed at 7.320 General and 4.90 for Streets.

A motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Manning to adjourn the meeting. The mayor called for public comments. There being none, motion carried with the following votes recorded:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Friday

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