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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, JUNE 12, 2023, 6:00 PM

The Town of Benton Council met in regular and legal session on the 12th day of June 2023, at 6:00 p.m., in the Benton Council Chambers, Benton Town Hall, Benton, Louisiana. Mayor Shelly Horton, called the Regular Session to order. Stephanie Collier, called the roll, with all members as follows:

Alderman Jackie Carr – PRESENT  
Alderman Tiffany Manning – PRESENT  
Alderman Ron Jones – PRESENT  
Alderman James Friday - PRESENT  
Alderman Wayne Cathcart -PRESENT

Alderman Cathcart gave the invocation and Alderman Jones led the pledge.  
Others present were Attorney Erwin, Stephanie Collier, Chief Collier, and members of the public.

Motion was made by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Carr to approve the regular session agenda. Mayor Horton called for any comments, there being none 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 Cathcart, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the minutes of the May Meeting. Mayor Horton called for any comments, there being none the following votes recorded:

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

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NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Guest: Tamara Crane, Executive Director of Bossier Council on Aging spoke with the council about the policy changes during Covid and how they have expanded the “Home Meal” program by 48%. They are trying to increase the site participation numbers. They are continuing the Ride Service to those who qualify for grocery shopping and picking up meds etc. Alderman Cathcart asked how do they determine someone’s eligibility for home meals? Mrs. Crane stated that they have to be completely home bound and have no other means of assistance, such as family members living at the same residence. Mrs. Crane also spoke about financial donations and how those are handled and about the meals for the people who do come and how many are ordered. She stated that there are times that more are needed at time. A motion was made by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Jones to approve funds for additional meals for the BCOA. Mayor Horton called for any comments. None were made motion passed by the following votes:

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

Resolution 11 of 2023: LCDBG Love Louisiana Outdoors Simpson Street Park Splash Park construction contract award.

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BIDS AND AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE 2022 / 2023 LCDBG LOVE LOUISIANA PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Benton, Bossier Parish, Louisiana by proper notice, solicited bids for the 2022/ 23 LCDBG Love Louisiana Outdoors Parks Project, in accordance with Louisiana RS 38:2212;

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WHEREAS bids for said project, were received, opened and tabulated according to law;  
and

WHEREAS the Balar Engineer have reviewed the bids and provided a letter of recommendation to accept the lowest bidder Evergreen Landscaping & Management for \$242,700.00 with no alternate.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Benton, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, in legal session convened, does hereby award the 2022/23 LCDBG Love Louisiana Parks construction contract to Evergreen Landscaping and Management, for \$242,700.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen does hereby authorize the mayor to execute and administer said contract.

Motion was made by Alderman Manning, seconded by Alderman Friday to adopt Resolution 11 of 2023. Mayor Horton called for any comments, there being none the following votes recorded:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Resolution 12 of 2023: 2023 Street Project (Simpson Street) construction contract award.  
A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BIDS AND AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE 2023 STREET PROJECT SIMPSON STREET

WHEREAS, the Town of Benton, Bossier Parish, Louisiana by proper notice, solicited bids for the 2023 Street Project Simpson Street, in accordance with Louisiana RS 38:2212;

WHEREAS, bids, were received, opened, and tabulated according to law; and

WHEREAS the Balar Engineer have reviewed the bids and provided a letter of recommendation for acceptance of the lowest bidder Specialty Trackhoe and Dozer of \$484,778.50.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Benton, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, in legal session convened, does hereby award the 2023 Street Project Simpson Street to Specialty Trackhoe, for \$484,778.50.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen does hereby authorize the mayor to execute and administer said contract.

Motion was made by Alderman Friday, seconded by Alderman Jones to adopt Resolution 12 of 2023. Mayor Horton called for any comments, there being none the following votes recorded:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Resolution 13 of 2023: LCDBG Wastewater Collection Project construction contract award.  
A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BIDS AND AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE  
2022/23 LCDBG WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Town of Benton, Bossier Parish, Louisiana by proper notice, solicited bids for the 2022/23 LCDBG Wastewater Collection System Project, in accordance with Louisiana RS 38:2212;

WHEREAS, bids, were received, opened, and tabulated according to law; and

WHEREAS the Balar Engineer has reviewed the bids and provided a letter of recommendation for acceptance of the lowest bidder Suncoast Infrastructure, Inc. for \$726,510.00.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Benton, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, in legal session convened, does hereby award the 2022/23 LCDBG Wastewater Collection System Project construction contract to Suncoast Infrastructure, Inc. for \$726,510.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen does hereby authorize the mayor to execute and administer said contract.

Motion was made by Alderman Cathcart, seconded by Alderman Manning to adopt Resolution 13 of 2023. Mayor Horton called for any comments, there being none 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 Cathcart, seconded by Alderman Carr to approve the month to date financials. Mayor Horton called for any comments, there being none 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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