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PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN
TOWN OF BENTON
105 SIBLEY STREET, BENTON, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023, 6:00 PM

The Town of Benton Council met in regular and legal session on the 11th day of September 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 Friday, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Alderman Manning. Mrs. 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 -ABSENT

Others present were Stephanie Collier, Attorney Neil Erwin, Chief Collier, eleven (11) students, and other members of the public.

Motion was made by Alderman Friday, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the Public Hearing 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 Friday.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Cathcart

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PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

Public Hearing for Ordinance 853 of 2023 amending Chapter 130, Article 7, Section 130-182 of the Town of Benton Code of Ordinances

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Town of Benton, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, convened in regular session that Chapter 130-Zoning, Article 7-Zoning Amendments, Section 130-182 be amended to reflect the Zoning Classification of a tract of land being .0275 acres more or less, from B-2 (Neighborhood Business) to a B-3 (Community Business and Central Business District) on the following described property: Located in the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 31, Township 20 North, Range 13 West, physical address 6382 Highway 3, Benton, Louisiana for a proposed used car lot. (Town Council District 4), (Police Jury District 3)

The mayor called for public comments. There being none, motion was made by Alderman Carr seconded by Alderman Jones to adjourn the Public Hearing.

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Motion was made by Alderman Manning, seconded by Alderman Friday 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 Friday.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Cathcart

Motion was made by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Manning to approve the August 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 Friday.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Cathcart

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OLD BUSINESS

Final vote for adoption of Ordinance 853 of 2023 amending Chapter 130, Article 7, Section 130-182 of the Town of Benton Code of Ordinances

Motion was made by Alderman Friday, seconded by Alderman Manning to adopt Ordinance 853 of 2023. 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 Friday.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Cathcart

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Ordinance 854 of 2023 amending Chapter 130, Article 7, Section 130-182 of the Town of Benton Code of Ordinances set for Public Hearing on October 9th, 2023.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Town of Benton, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, convened in regular session that Chapter 130-Zoning, Article 7-Zoning Amendments, Section 130-182 be amended to reflect the Zoning Classification of a tract of land being 2.77 acres, more or less, from R-1 (One Family Resident District) to a B-3 (Community Business and Central Business District) Located in Section 30, Township 20 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana (Town Council District 3) (Police Jury District 3).

Motion was made by Alderman Carr, seconded by Alderman Friday to introduce and set for public hearing Ordinance 854 of 2023 on October 9, 2023. 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 Friday.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Cathcart

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Stephanie Collier spoke to the council about the renewal of a previous bond that created a millage for street repairs on all taxable property in the town. This will be renewed by public vote. She provided the council with a timeline of the renewal process. She also asked that the council decide at the next meeting as to what millage they wish to renew at the 4.96 mills (approved at the last election) or the 4.90 mills (current levy.)

Mayor Horton explained to the students attending what a property tax mill is and how it is calculated.

Mayor Horton stated that a council workshop will be held September 21 at 6pm to discuss the Water and Wastewater rate increase. James Hagan with Balar will be presenting the study Balar performed on the water rates.

Motion was made by Alderman Manning, seconded by Alderman Carr to approve the budget-to-date and monthly financials for August. 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 Friday.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Cathcart

Mayor Horton updated council members about some of the active projects and upcoming preconstruction conferences on the Park Splash Pad and the 2023 Streets Project for Simpson Street

Motion was made by Alderman Friday, seconded by Alderman Manning to adjourn the Regular Session 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 Friday.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

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