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MAYOR

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CAO/ TOWN CLERK

# **TOWN OF BENTON**

## **LOUISIANA**

### **REGULAR SESSION**

### **MINUTES**

### **TOWN OF BENTON**

### **MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024, 6:00 PM**

The Town of Benton Council met in regular and legal session on the 10th day of June 2024, at 6:00 p.m., in the Benton Council Chambers, Benton Town Hall, Benton, Louisiana. Mayor Shelly Horton called the Regular Session Meeting to order. Invocation by Alderman Friday and Pledge by Alderman Cathcart Stephanie Collier, called the roll, with all members as follows:

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

Chief Collier, Officer Mora, and Attorney Erwin are also present. Alderman Friday made a motion and was seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the Regular Session agenda. Mayor Horton called for any comments, there being none the following votes were recorded:

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

A motion by Alderman Cathcart was seconded by Alderman Friday to approve the May meeting minutes. Mayor Horton called for any comments, there being none of the following votes were recorded:

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

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 506 of 2013 BY AMENDING THE RATE TO BE CHARGED FOR RESIDENTIAL TRASH SERVICE FOR THE TOWN OF BENTON TO CONSUMERS INSIDE THE CORPORAL LIMITS OF BENTON**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY** the board of aldermen of the Town of Benton, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, in regular session convened, to amend Ordinance 506 of 2013 by amending the rate to be charged to inside residential customers for trash service provided by the Town of Benton, and

**WHEREAS** the rate to be charged to all inside residential customers for a single trash can shall be twenty-three dollars and zero cents (\$23.00) per month, the rate to be charged for residential customers who request a second trash cans shall be thirty-three dollars and zero cents (\$33.00) per month. Trash service shall be billed to inside customers as a line item listed on the monthly utility bill sent from the Town of Benton.

A motion by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Carr to introduce Ordinance 591 of 2024 and set for public hearing on July 8, 2024. Mayor Horton called for any comments, there being none the following votes recorded:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Manning

Mayor Horton explained that there is a new tower company who has expressed intrerst and has made an offer on a long-term lease. A motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Carr to authorize the mayor to negotiate the terms of the lease. Mayor Horton called for any comments, there being none the following votes recorded:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

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Mayor Horton discussed the Lead and Copper report due to DHH in October. He stated that he has received a few quotes from Wagner Engineers and our Meter supplier. He discussed that Wagner is the lowest quote and included all the required reports.

Mayor Horton discussed the meter change-out program and stated that he preferred to have a workshop to discuss the details of the project in more detail.

A motion by Alderman Cathcart was seconded by Alderman Friday to approve the beer permit renewal for Dollar General. Mayor Horton called for any comments, there being none of the following votes were recorded:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Manning

A motion by Alderman Cathcart was seconded by Alderman Friday to approve the month-to-date financials. Mayor Horton called for any comments, there being none of the following votes were recorded:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Manning

A motion by Alderman Friday was seconded by Alderman Jones to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Horton called for any comments, there being none of the following votes were recorded:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Manning

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