



**TOWN OF BENTON
BOARD OF ALDERMAN
105 SIBLEY STREET
BENTON, LOUISIANA**

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

**MEETING HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED DUE TO LACK OF
QUORUM TO TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026, AT 6:30 pm**

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

PLEDGE:

INVOCATION:

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA APPROVAL:

**MOTION / SECOND
PUBLIC COMMENTS
ROLL CALL VOTE**

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:

1. ORDINANCE 625 of 2026

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 461 OF 2008 SETTING THE
SALARY OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF BENTON,
LOUISIANA, FIXING THE MONTHLY SALARY AT \$725.00, AND
REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.**

WHEREAS, the Town of Benton, Louisiana operates as a Lawrason Act municipality governed by the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 33; and

WHEREAS La. R.S. 33:404.1 grants the Board of Aldermen the authority to fix the compensation of municipal officers, including the Aldermen, by ordinance; and

WHEREAS the current monthly compensation for members of the Board of Aldermen is set at \$425.00; and

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WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen has determined that an adjustment in compensation is necessary to adequately reflect the time, duties, and responsibilities required of the office; and

WHEREAS, the Town has determined that the budget allows for this compensation adjustment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Benton, Louisiana, in legal session convened, that:

SECTION 1. The monthly compensation for each member of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Benton is hereby fixed at the sum of Seven Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars and No/100 (\$725.00) per month.

SECTION 2. This salary increase shall be effective upon sufficient funds have been appropriated in the Town's annual budget.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING

Posted on February 25, 2026 at 4:30p by: *Stephanie Collier*, CAO

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**REGULAR SESSION AGENDA
TUESDAY , MARCH 10, 2026 @ 6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA APPROVAL:

**MOTION / SECOND
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ROLL CALL VOTE**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

FEBRUARY 3 WORKSHOP:

**MOTION / SECOND
PUBLIC COMMENTS
ROLL CALL VOTE**

FEBRUARY 9 PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR SESSION:

**MOTION / SECOND
PUBLIC COMMENTS
ROLL CALL VOTE**

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OLD BUSINESS:

1. ORDINANCE 625 of 2026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 461 OF 2008 SETTING THE SALARY OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF BENTON, LOUISIANA, FIXING THE MONTHLY SALARY AT \$725.00, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

**MOTION / SECOND
PUBLIC COMMENTS
ROLL CALL VOTE**

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Discussion of Town Attorney:** Mayor Friday
- 2. ORDINANCE 623 of 2026:** Introduce and set for public hearing on April 13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF BENTON CODE OF ORDINANCE ARTICLE I . IN GENERAL, SECTION 2-6: REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS

WHEREAS the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Benton desires to amend Article I, Section 2-6 of the Town of Benton Municipal Code pertaining to regular monthly meetings; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Benton, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, that Article I, Section 2-6 of the Municipal Code of the Town of Benton be amended to read as follows:

1. Location of Meetings

Regular monthly meetings shall be held in the Benton Town Hall Council Chambers, located at 105 Sibley Street, Benton, Louisiana 71006.

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2. Date and Time of Regular Monthly Meetings

The regular monthly meeting shall be held at 6:30 PM on the **third Monday of each month**.
When a regular monthly meeting falls on a legal holiday, the meeting shall be held at the same location and hour on the next succeeding workday that is not a holiday.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts of ordinances that are inconsistent with or in opposition to the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed in their entirety.
This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication as required by law.

**MOTION / SECOND
PUBLIC COMMENTS
ROLL CALL VOTE**

3. BENTON FIRE DISTRICT 4 BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

**Gerald Huddlston
MOTION / SECOND
PUBLIC COMMENTS
ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Stephanie Collier
MOTION / SECOND
PUBLIC COMMENTS
ROLL CALL VOTE**

4. ORDINANCE 626 of 2026: Introduce and set for public hearing on April 13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 542 OF 2016 SETTING THE SALARY OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE TOWN OF BENTON, LOUISIANA, FIXING THE ANNUAL SALARY AT \$62,400.00, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the Town of Benton, Louisiana operates as a Lawrason Act municipality governed by the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 33; and

WHEREAS La. R.S. 33:404.1 grants the Board of Aldermen the authority to fix the compensation of municipal officers by ordinance; and

WHEREAS the current annual compensation for the Chief of Police is \$58,240.00; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Benton, Louisiana, in legal session convened, that:

SECTION 1. The annual compensation for the chief of police is hereby fixed at the sum of Sixty-two thousand, four hundred dollars and no/100 (\$62,400.00) per year.

SECTION 2. This salary increase shall be effective upon adoption of this Ordinance, and upon the Town's appropriation of sufficient funds in the Town's annual budget.

**MOTION / SECOND
PUBLIC COMMENTS
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5. APPROVE THE MONTH TO DATE FINANCIALS

**MOTION / SECOND
PUBLIC COMMENTS
ROLL CALL VOTE**

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION / SECOND
IN FAVOR / OPPOSED**

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