



# **TOWN OF BENTON**

## **LOUISIANA**

### **REGULAR SESSION**

### **MINUTES**

### **TOWN OF BENTON**

### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024**

### **6:00 PM**

The Town of Benton Council met in a regular legal session on the 9th day of December 2024, at 6:00 p.m., in the Benton Council Chambers, Benton Town Hall, 105 Sibley Street, Benton, Louisiana. Mayor Shelly Horton called the Regular Session to order. Stephanie Collier, called the roll, with all members as follows:

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

Alderman Manning gave the invocation, and Alderman Cathcart led the pledge. Others present were Attorney Erwin, Stephanie Collier, and Chief Steve Collier, and members of the public. Motion was made by Alderman Friday, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the agenda. Mayor Horton called for any comments, there being none, the following votes were recorded:

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

Motion was made by Alderman Friday, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the minutes of the November Work Session, Public Hearing, and Regular Session meetings. Mayor Horton called for any comments, there being none, the following votes were recorded:

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

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Mayor Horton stated there is no old business.

New business we have Ordinance 596 of 2024. Mayor Horton gave a brief explanation of this agreement with the Parish.

## **ORDINANCE 596 OF 2024 ANNEXATION**

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN LANDS AND ROADWAYS TO THE TOWN OF BENTON,  
LOUISIANA: DESCRIBING SAID LAND AND ROADWAYS DECLARING SAME A PART OF THE  
TOWN OF BENTON, LOUISIANA

BE IT ORDAINED BY the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Benton, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, does hereby declare that the land and existing roadway hereinafter described is contiguous and adjacent to the Town of Benton, and the Parish of Bossier has requested in writing to the Council that said property be annexed to the Town of Benton for permanent maintenance by the town, and

WHEREAS, it appears to the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Benton, Louisiana, that the hereinafter-described property is subject to annexation to the Town of Benton under and pursuant to the provisions of RS 33:172(A), and that 3500 feet of Palmetto Road from the Town limits to north of Lakeview Drive should be annexed and become a part of the Town of Benton, Louisiana.

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**Exhibit A:** Map

**Exhibit B:** Legal Description

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED upon a motion of Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Manning this Ordinance was introduced and set for Public Hearing and final adoption on the 13 day of January and has been published once in the Bossier Press Tribune on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_ (10 days prior to its adoption) in accordance with LA RS 33: 173-4

Item 2 2024 Budget Amendments and 2025 Budget Adoptions there was an issue with the publications of the budgets, so we have postponed the meeting on the budgets until December 16 2024.

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An award ceremony was held in honor of Mayor Horton, Alderman James Friday, Alderman Ron Jones, and Alderman Cathcart.

Mayor Horton turned over the official gavel to James Friday the new mayor.  
Stephanie Collier presented the following service awards.

James Friday for 13 years of service as Alderman of district 3, from 2005 – 2013 and 2021 – 2024.

Ron Jones for 20 years of service as Alderman of district 4 from 2005 – 2024 and as Mayor Pro Tem from 2011 – 2024.

Wayne Cathcart for 14 years of service as Mayor from 2011 – 2016 and Alderman of district 5 from 2017 – 2024

Shelly Horton for 8 years of service as Mayor from 2017 to 2024.

Motion was made by Alderman Cathcart, seconded by Alderman Manning to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Horton called for any comments, there being none, the following votes were recorded:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Carr

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