



TOWN OF BENTON

**PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN
105 SIBLEY ST., BENTON, LA
AUGUST 10, 2026, 6:30 PM**

The Town of Benton met in a regular session on the 10th day of August 2026 at 6:30 PM in the Council Chambers Benton Town Hall, 105 Sibley Street, Benton, Louisiana. Mayor James Friday called the meeting to order. The mayor gave the invocation, and Alderman Perry led the Pledge of Allegiance. Debbie Rios called the roll with all members as follows:

Alderman Jackie Carr	ABSENT (no call/no show)
Alderman Tiffany Manning	ABSENT (no call/no show)
Alderman Tammy Brunson	PRESENT
Alderman Arshundae Perry	PRESENT
Alderman Terry Lawrence	PRESENT

Others present included Stephanie Collier, CAO, Robert Gonzalez, Deputy Clerk, Asst. Chief Larry Weaver and members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA APPROVAL:

A motion was made by Alderman Perry and seconded by Alderman Lawrence to approve the Public Hearing Agenda. Mayor called for any comments. There being none, the following votes were recorded:

AYES: Alderman Brunson, Alderman Perry, Alderman Lawrence
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Alderman Carr, Alderman Manning
ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS : ORDINANCE 631 OF 2026 :

2026 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 613 OF 2025, THE FINANCIAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 FOR THE TOWN OF BENTON, LOUISIANA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOUISIANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET ACT

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BE IT ORDAINED the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Benton, Louisiana, enacted Ordinance 613 of 2025 on December 15, 2025, adopting the 2025 General Fund budget, and

WHEREAS the Board of Aldermen does hereby desire to amend the 2026 General Fund Budget by the following changes;

Revenues:	General Revenues	From:	(1,814,046.00)	To:	(1,814,046.00)
	Trans from 1978	From:	(824,000.00)	To:	(824,000.00)
	Total Revenues	From:	(2,638,046.00)	To:	(2,638,046.00)
Expenses:	Administrative	From:	626,147.00	To:	590,166.00
	Mayor	From:	52,610.00	To:	51,610.00
	Council	From;	30,550.00	To:	43,550.00
	Chief of Police	From:	115,910.00	To:	113,710.00
	Police Department	From:	993,600.00	To:	1,011,987.00
	Streets	From:	451,300.00	To:	176,300.00
	Maintenance	From:	103,400.00	To:	99,400.00
	Parks & Recreation	From:	180,000.00	To;	330,000.00
	Benton MPC	From:	85,569.00	To:	85,569.00
	Total Expenses	From:	2,638,046.00	To:	2,502,292.00
	Net (Profit) / Loss	From:	0.00	To:	135,754.00
	Beginning Balance	From:	(2,758,406.00)	To:	(2,758,406.00)
	End Fund Balance	From:	(2,758,406.00)	To:	(2,894,160.00)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Benton, Louisiana, finds and determines that this budget complies with all requirements set forth in the State of Louisiana Local Government Budget Act R.S. 39:1301 – 1315

Mayor Friday called for comments. None were made.

Mayor Friday adjourned the Public Hearing.

All in favor: 3

Opposed: 0

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