



TOWN OF BENTON LOUISIANA

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA TOWN OF BENTON MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024

The Town of Benton Council met in a regular legal session on the 16th 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 Public Hearing to order. 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

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Ordinance 594 of 2024 amending the 2024 General Fund and 1978 Fund budgets

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2024 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 586 OF 2023 THE FINANCIAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 FOR THE TOWN OF BENTON, LOUISIANA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOUISIANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET ACT

BE IT ORDAINED the Board of Alderman of the Town of Benton, Louisiana, enacted Ordinance 586 of 2023 on December 11, 2023, adopting the 2024 General Fund, Water Sewer Enterprise Fund, and 1978 Sales Tax Fund budgets, and

WHEREAS the Board of Alderman does hereby desire to amend the 2024 General Fund budget by the following changes;

Revenues:	General Revenues	From:	(1,939,600.00)	To:	(2,026,350.00)
	Trans from 1978	From:	(810,592.00)	To:	(748,563.00)
	Total Revenues	From:	(2,750,192.00)	To:	(2,774,913.00)
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Expenses:	Administrative	From:	414,859.00	To:	405,113.00
	Mayor	From:	45,860.00	To:	43,905.00
	Council	From;	28,000.00	To:	27,500.00
	Chief of Police	From:	87,650.00	To:	91,080.00
	Police Department	From:	857,091.00	To:	1,030,375.00
	Streets	From:	605,806.00	To:	663,989.00
	Maintenance	From:	120,119.00	To:	108,031.00
	Parks & Recreation	From:	468,175.00	To;	88,250.00
	Benton MPC	From:	73,552.00	To:	56,796.00
	Total Expenses	From:	2,701,112.00	To:	2,516,039.00
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	Net (Profit) / Loss	From:	49,080.00	To:	258,874.00
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	Beginning Balance	From:	(2,745,353.00)	To:	(2,745,353.00)
	End Fund Balance	From:	(2,794,433.00)	To:	(3,004,227.00)

WHEREAS the Board of Alderman does hereby desire to amend the 2024 1978 Sales Tax Fund by the following changes:

Revenues:	1978 Sales Tax	From:	(827,000.00)	To:	(955,243.00)
	Interest Income	From:	(1,200.00)	To:	(28,820.00)
	Total Revenues		(828,200.00)		(984,063.00)
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Expenses:	Transfer to General F	From:	810,592.00	To:	748,563.00
	Transfer Water Sewer	From:		To:	
	Net (Profit) / Loss	From:	17,608.00	To:	235,500.00

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Beginning Balance	From:	(4,798,692.00)	To:	(4,798,692.00)
Ending Balance	From:	(4,816,300.00)	To:	(5,034,192.00)

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Benton, Louisiana, finds and determines that the General Fund and 1978 Sales Tax Fund amendments comply with all requirements set forth in the State of Louisiana Local Government Budget Act R.S. 39:1301 – 1315

No Public Comments Made

2. Ordinance 595 of 2024 adopting the 2025 Budgets

FY 2025 Budgets

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2025 BUDGETS FOR REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE TOWN OF BENTON’S GENERAL FUND, WATER SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND, 1978 SALES TAX FUND, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025; AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF BENTON, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA IN REGULAR SESSION CONVENED THAT:

SECTION 1. The following estimates are hereby adopted to serve as a budget of revenues and expenditures of the General Fund FY 2025:

General Fund Revenues	(1,761,503.00)
<u>Trans in from 1978 Sales Tax</u>	<u>(912,500.00)</u>
Total Revenues	(2,674,003.00)
General Administrative Expenses	421,984.00
Mayor Expenses	45,310.00
Council Expenses	28,000.00
Chief of Police	92,650.00
Police Expenses	981,462.00
Street Expenses	845,000.00
Maintenance Expenses	110,070.00
Parks and Recreation Expenses	60,000.00
<u>Benton Parish MPC</u>	<u>85,569.00</u>
Total General Fund Expenses	2,670,045.00
Net (Profit) / Loss	(3,958.00)
Beginning Fund Balance	\$(3,004,227.00)
Ending Fund Balance	\$(3,008,185.00)

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SECTION 2. The following estimates are hereby adopted to serve as a budget of revenues and expenditures of the Water Sewer FY 2025:

General Administrative Revenues	(821,164.00)
In Water Revenues	(562,269.00)
Out Water Revenue	(1,212,334.00)
In Sewer Revenue	(956,000.00)
Out Sewer Revenue	(418,632.00)
<u>Solid Waste Revenue</u>	<u>(219,730.00)</u>
Total Revenues	(4,190,129.00)
General Administrative Expenses	1,148,129.00
In Water Expenses	580,000.00
Out Water Expenses	629,000.00
In Sewer Expenses	550,500.00
Out Sewer Expenses	1,117,500.00
<u>Solid Waste Expenses</u>	<u>165,000.00</u>
Total Expenses	4,190,129.00
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Net (Profit)/ Loss	(0.00)
Beginning Fund Balance	(9,573,323.00)
Ending Fund Balance	(9,573,323.00)

SECTION 3. The following estimates are hereby adopted to serve as a budget of revenues and expenditures of the 1978 Sales Tax Fund FY 2025:

<u>Revenues</u>	<u>(983,000.00)</u>
Expenditure General Fund	912,500.00
<u>Expenditures Water Sewer</u>	<u>36,739.00</u>
Net (Profit) / Loss	(33,761.00)
Beginning Fund Balance	(5,034,192.00)
Ending Fund Balance	(5,067,953.00)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Benton, Louisianan, 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

NO Public Comments Made

Mayor Horton adjourned the Public Hearing

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**SPECIAL SESSION
AGENDA
TOWN OF BENTON
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024**

The Town of Benton Council met in a regular legal session on the 16th 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 Special Session Meeting to order. 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, Chief Steve Collier, and members of the public. Motion was made by Alderman Friday, seconded by Alderman Carr to approve the special session agenda. Mayor Horton called for any comments, there being none, the following votes were recorded:

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

1. Final Vote to adopt:

**Ordinance 594 of 2024
2024 BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

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Motion was made by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Carr to adopt Ordinance 594. Mayor Horton called for any comments, there being none, the following votes were recorded:

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NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Cathcart

2. Ordinance 595 of 2024

FY 2025 Budgets

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Motion was made by Alderman Friday, seconded by Alderman Carr to adopt Ordinance 595. Mayor Horton called for any comments, there being none, the following votes were 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 adjourn the Special Session the following votes were recorded:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Cathcart

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