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# TOWN OF BENTON LOUISIANA

## PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN  
TOWN OF BENTON

105 SIBLEY STREET, BENTON, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2022, 6:00 PM

The Town of Benton Council met in regular and legal session on the 12th day of November 2022, at 6:00 p.m., in the Benton Council Chambers, Benton Town Hall, Benton, Louisiana. The Mayor, Shelly Horton, called the Public Hearing to order. The invocation was given by Alderman Friday, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Alderman Jones. Mrs. Stephanie Collier, Town Clerk, 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	Absent

Others present were Attorney Neil Erwin, Chief Collier, Stephanie Collier, and Carlotta Brown and members of the public.

Motion was made by Alderman Friday, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the Public Hearing agenda. The mayor called for public comments. There being none, motion carried with the following votes recorded:

YEAS: Alderman Carr, Alderman Ron Jones, and Alderman Friday.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Jackie Manning and Alderman Cathcart

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

#### **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TOWN OF BENTON CODE OF ORDINANCE CHAPTER 130, ARTICLE VII SECTION 130-180**

Mayor Horton called for public comments on Ordinance 579 application made by Jonathan Hodge requesting a change of zoning classification on .96 acres from R-2 (Multi-Family Residential) to B-1 (Business District) for proposed commercial office building. (Corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Pine Street) Approved by the Benton Parish MPC on October 4, 2022. Mr. Jake Olston, representing Mr. Hodge spoke to council about the proposed development and that it would be 6 commercial office spaces, no retail businesses. It was also discussed that hours of operation for a B-1 district is 7am until 7pm. There being no more comments the mayor adjourned the Public Hearing.

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Alderman Jackie Carr – Present  
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Alderman James Friday - Present  
Alderman Wayne Cathcart -Absent

Others present were Attorney Neil Erwin, Chief Collier, Stephanie Collier, and Carlotta Brown and members of the public.

Motion was made by Alderman Carr, seconded by Alderman Friday to approve the Regular Session agenda. The mayor called for public comments. There being none, motion carried with the following votes recorded:

YEAS: Alderman Carr, Alderman Ron Jones, and Alderman Friday.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Manning and Alderman Cathcart

Motion was made by Alderman Friday, seconded by Alderman Carr to approve the Minutes of the October meeting. The mayor called for public comments. There being none, motion carried with the following votes recorded:

YEAS: Alderman Carr, Alderman Ron Jones, and Alderman Friday.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Manning and Alderman Cathcart

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## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TOWN OF BENTON CODE OF ORDINANCE CHAPTER 130, ARTICLE VII SECTION 130-180**

**WHEREAS** the Benton Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission has made a recommendation for the approval of the application made by Jonathan Hodge for a change of zoning classification of a 0.96-acre tract of land from R-2; Multi-Family Residence district to B- 1 Transition Business District for a proposed commercial building development. (Corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Pine Street, Benton, Bossier Parish, Louisiana) (Town Council District 1)

**BE IT ORDAINED BY** the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Benton, in legal session convened, that the Town of Benton Zoning code Chapter 130, Article VII, Section 130-180, be hereby amended by changing the zoning classification from a R-2 to a B-1 on the tract of land located at the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Pine Street, Benton, Bossier Parish, Louisiana; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY** the Board of Aldermen that a public hearing was held and upon a motion made by Alderman Carr, seconded by Alderman Jones Ordinance 579 was adopted November 14, 2022, by the following vote:

A motion by Alderman Carr, seconded by Alderman Jones to adopt Ordinance 579 of 2022 approving the application made by Jonathan Hodge requesting a change of zoning classification on 0.96 acres from R-2 (Multi-Family Residential) to B-1 (Business District) for proposed commercial office building. (Corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Pine Street)

YEAS: Alderman Carr, Alderman Ron Jones, and Alderman Friday.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Manning and Alderman Cathcart

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TOWN OF BENTON CODE OF ORDINANCE CHAPTER 130, ARTICLE VII SECTION 130-180**

Ordinance 580 of 2022 application made by Ryan Estess, Raley & Associates, requesting a change a Zoning Amendment to change the zoning classification of a tract of land being 5.683 acres, more or less, from R-A (Residential Agriculture District) to R-1 (One-family Residence District) located in Section 20, Township 20 North, range 20 West, for proposed residential subdivision, North Benton Heights (north and south of Palmetto Place Apartments)( Council District 1)

Mayor Horton gave a brief description of where this property is and that they are planning a small residential development.

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WHEREAS, Benton Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission has made a recommendation for the approval of the application made by Ryan Estes, Raley and Associates, requesting a change of zoning classification of a tract of land being 5.683 acres, more or less, from R-A (Residential Agriculture District) to R-1 (One-family Residence District) located in Section 20, Township 20 North, range 20 West, for proposed residential subdivision, North Benton Heights (north of Palmetto Place Apartments)( Council District 1).

BE IT ORDAINED BY the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Benton, in legal session convened, that the Town of Benton Zoning code Chapter 130, Article VII, Section 130-180, be hereby amended by changing the zoning classification from a R-A to a R-1 on the tract of land located in Section 20, Township 20 North, range 20 West, for proposed residential subdivision, North Benton Heights (north of Palmetto Place Apartments)( Council District 1).

A motion was made by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Carr to set Ordinance 580 for Public Hearing on December 12, 2022. Mayor Horton called for public comments. There being none, motion carried with the following votes recorded:

YEAS: Alderman Carr, Alderman Ron Jones, and Alderman Friday.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Manning and Alderman Cathcart  
there being none

#### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 575 OF 2021 THE FINANCIAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 FOR THE TOWN OF BENTON, LOUISIANA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOUISIANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET ACT

A motion was made by Alderman Friday, seconded by Alderman Carr to set Ordinance 581 for Public Hearing on December 12, 2022. Mayor Horton called for public comments. There being none, motion carried with the following votes recorded:

YEAS: Alderman Carr, Alderman Ron Jones, and Alderman Friday.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Manning and Alderman Cathcart

#### AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FINANCIAL BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 FOR THE TOWN OF BENTON, LOUISIANA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOUISIANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET ACT

A motion was made by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Friday to set Ordinance 582 for Public Hearing on December 12, 2022. Mayor Horton called for public comments. There being none, motion carried with the following votes recorded:

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YEAS: Alderman Carr, Alderman Ron Jones, and Alderman Friday.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Manning and Alderman Cathcart

A motion by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Friday to approve the beer permit renewal for Trejo's Restaurant. Mayor Horton called for public comments. There being none, motion carried with the following votes recorded:

YEAS: Alderman Carr, Alderman Ron Jones, and Alderman Friday.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Manning and Alderman Cathcart

A motion by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Friday to approve the monthly financials for October and the year-to-date budget reports. Mayor Horton called for public comments. There being none, motion carried with the following votes recorded:

YEAS: Alderman Carr, Alderman Ron Jones, and Alderman Friday.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Manning and Alderman Cathcart

A motion by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Carr to adjourn the Regular Session meeting. Mayor Horton called for public comments. There being none, motion carried with the following votes recorded:

YEAS: Alderman Carr, Alderman Ron Jones, and Alderman Friday.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Manning and Alderman Cathcart

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