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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, SEPTEMBER 12, 2022, 6:00 PM**

The Town of Benton Council met in regular and legal session on the 12th day of September 2022, at 6:00 p.m., in the Benton Council Chambers, Benton Town Hall, Benton, Louisiana. The Mayor, Shelly Horton, called the Public Hearing meeting to order. The invocation was given by Alderman Cathcart, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Alderman Friday. Mrs. Stephanie Collier, Town Clerk, called the roll, with all members present as follows:

Alderman Jackie Carr  
Alderman Tiffany Manning  
Alderman Ron Jones  
Alderman James Friday  
Alderman Wayne Cathcart

Others present were Attorney Neil Erwin, Chief Collier, Mr. Gary Joiner, Stephanie Collier, and members of the public.

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

YEAS: Alderman Jackie Carr, Alderman Tiffany Manning, Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman Friday, and Alderman Wayne Cathcart.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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Mayor Horton called for any comments or questions on Plans 2, 3, and 4 of the Council District reapportionments. Mayor Horton reminded council and the public that plans 4 preserves the two minority majority districts whereas plans 2 and 3 do not. Mr. Joiner explained how the census blocks work when redrawing district boundaries and that the neighborhood of McKinzie Place is the area that had to be included in district 5. Mayor Horton asked if there were any further questions. There being none.

Mayor Horton called for a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. A motion made by Alderman Cathcart, seconded by Alderman Manning to adjourn the Public Hearing. Mayor Horton called for any public comments. There being none, motion carried with the following votes recorded:

YEAS: Alderman Jackie Carr, Alderman Tiffany Manning, Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman Friday, and Alderman Wayne Cathcart.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

YEAS: Alderman Jackie Carr, Alderman Tiffany Manning, Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman Friday, and Alderman Wayne Cathcart.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion was made by Alderman Carr, seconded by Alderman Cathcart to approve the minutes of the August 2022 meeting. The mayor called for public comments. There being none, motion carried with the following votes recorded:

YEAS: Alderman Jackie Carr, Alderman Tiffany Manning, Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman Friday, and Alderman Wayne Cathcart.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Mayor Horton explained that item 1, proclamation recognizing the Benton Middle School Archery Team will be presented at the October 11 meeting.

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Mayor Horton called for a motion to approve plan 4 as the redistricting of council districts. A motion was made by Alderman Friday and seconded by Alderman Manning to approve plan 4 for the new boundaries of the five council districts. The mayor called for public comments. There being none, motion carried with the following votes recorded:

YEAS: Alderman Jackie Carr, Alderman Tiffany Manning, Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman Friday, and Alderman Wayne Cathcart.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Alderman Jones made the motion to introduce and set for public hearing on October 10th, Ordinance 578 of 2022 Motion was seconded by Alderman Carr.

AN ORDINANCE DEFINING THE FIVE ELECTION DISTRICTS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF BENTON, BOSSIER PARISH

The mayor called for public comments. There being none, motion carried with the following votes recorded:

YEAS: Alderman Jackie Carr, Alderman Tiffany Manning, Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman Friday, and Alderman Wayne Cathcart.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Mayor Horton discussed the LGAP contracts have been signed and the original grant is for the cameras and Maintenance trucks are needed at this time. A motion was made by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Carr to approve Resolution 13 of 2022:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A SUBMITTAL BE MADE TO THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REQUESTING APPROVAL TO AMEND TO THE TOWN OF BENTON LGAP CONTRACT TO PURCHASE A NEW MAINTENANCE TRUCK

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YEAS: Alderman Jackie Carr, Alderman Tiffany Manning, Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman Friday, and Alderman Wayne Cathcart.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Chief Collier introduced Officer Talley for approval as a reserve officer to work one weekend per month. Officer Talley briefly discussed his background and his current employment as a PTSD Counselor, and he was also a Trainer at the Bossier Parish Police Academy. After some discussion with council members a motion was made by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Manning to approve Officer Talley as a Reserve Officer with the Benton Police Department. The mayor called for public comments. There being none, motion carried with the following votes recorded:

YEAS: Alderman Jackie Carr, Alderman Tiffany Manning, Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman Friday, and Alderman Wayne Cathcart.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

The mayor called for questions to be made on the financials. There being none a motion made by Alderman Friday seconded by Alderman Manning to approve the financials. The mayor called for public comments. There being none, motion carried with the following votes recorded:

YEAS: Alderman Jackie Carr, Alderman Tiffany Manning, Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman Friday, and Alderman Wayne Cathcart.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Mayor Horton called for a motion to adjourn the Regular Session. A motion made by Alderman Friday, seconded by Alderman Manning to adjourn the meeting. All in favor: 5 Ayes and 0 Nays

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