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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, JANUARY 8, 2024, 6:00 PM

The Town of Benton Council met in regular and legal session on the 8th day of January 2024, at 6:00 p.m., in the Benton Council Chambers, Benton Town Hall, 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 – ABSENT
Alderman Ron Jones – PRESENT
Alderman James Friday - ABSENT
Alderman Wayne Cathcart - ABSENT

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

YEAS: Alderman Carr, Alderman Jones, and Alderman Cathcart

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Friday and Alderman Manning None

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

1. **Ordinance 587 of 2023** an Ordinance amending Chapter 130, Article 7, Section 130 – 182 of the Town of Benton Code of Ordinances

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Town of Benton, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, convened in regular session that Chapter 130-Zoning, Article 7-Zoning Amendments,

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Section 130-182 be amended to reflect the Zoning Classification of a tract of land being 0.40 acres more or less, from R-2 (Multiple Family Residence District) to a B-3 (Community Business and Central Business District) for a proposed office/warehouse strip center on the following described property:

A tract of land comprised of lots 7 and 8 of block 28 of the town of benton, a portion of the southern half of the fourth street right of way abandoned by Ordinance 262 of 1994, and a portion of the western half of the alleyway abandoned by Ordinance 144 of 1983, located in section 29, township 20 north, range 13 west, Town of Benton, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, physical address 108 North Sibley Street, Benton, Louisiana. (Town Council District 2), (Police Jury District 3)

No Comments were made.

2. ORDINANCE 588 of 2023 AMENDING ORDINANCE 559 OF 2019 ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE FOR THE TOWN OF BENTON

WHEREAS the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Benton, in legal session convened, has reviewed the budgets for 2024, and the budgeted funds for compensation for services of the Chief of Police, and;

WHEREAS the Board of Alderman has determined that the compensation of the Chief of Police shall set and paid on a weekly basis and shall be paid from the General Fund.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the Chief of Police shall be compensated \$1,120.00 weekly (\$58,240.00 annually) effect upon final adoption on January 8, 2024.

No Comments were made.

A motion by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Cathcart to adjourn the Public Hearing. Mayor Horton called for any comments, there being none the following votes recorded:

YEAS: Alderman Carr, Alderman Jones, and Alderman Cathcart

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Friday and Alderman Manning None

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

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Alderman Tiffany Manning	ABSENT
Alderman Ron Jones	PRESENT
Alderman James Friday	ABSENT
Alderman Wayne Cathcart	ABSENT

Others present were Attorney Erwin, Stephanie Collier, Chief Collier, Officer Mora, and members of the public. Motion was made by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Carr to approve the agenda. Mayor Horton called for any comments, there being none the following votes recorded:

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NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

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OLD BUSINESS:

A motion made by Alderman Carr seconded by Alderman Jones to adopt Ordinance 587 of 2023. an Ordinance amending Chapter 130, Article 7, Section 130 – 182 of the Town of Benotn Code of Ordinances Mayor Horton called for any comments, there being none the following votes recorded:

YEAS: Alderman Carr, Alderman Jones, and Alderman Cathcart

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Friday and Alderman Manning None

A motion made by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Carr to adopt Ordinance 588 of 2023. An Ordinance amending ordinance 559 of 2019 establishing the compensation of the Chief of Police of the Town of Benton. Mayor Horton called for any comments, there being none the following votes recorded:

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NAYS: None

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NEW BUSINESS

A motion by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Cathcart to introduce and set for public hearing Ordinance 589 of 2024

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$55,000.00 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT GRANT FUND FOR PREMIUM PAY ALLOWANCES TO ELIGIBLE FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN OF BENTON

Mayor Horton called for any comments, there being none the following votes recorded:

YEAS: Alderman Carr, Alderman Jones, and Alderman Cathcart

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Friday and Alderman Manning None

A motion made by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Carr to approve the month to date financials and budget. Mayor Horton called for any comments, there being none the following votes recorded:

YEAS: Alderman Carr, Alderman Jones, and Alderman Cathcart

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Friday and Alderman Manning None

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