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TOWN OF BENTON LOUISIANA

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES TOWN OF BENTON MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2024, 6:00 PM

The Town of Benton Council met in regular and legal session on the 12th day of August 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. Invocation by Alderman Cathcart and Pledge by Alderman Jones. Stephanie Collier, called the roll, with all members as follows:

Alderman Jackie Carr – ABSENT
Alderman Tiffany Manning – ABSENT
Alderman Ron Jones – PRESENT
Alderman James Friday - PRESENT
Alderman Wayne Cathcart -PRESENT

A motion by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Friday to approve the agenda. Mayor Horton called for any comments, there being none the following votes recorded:

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

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:

RESOLUTION 10 of 2024

BE IT RESOLVED that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2024 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Town of Benton:

MILLAGE

General Alimony # 5079001 6.500 mills
Streets #5079002 4.350 mills

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2024, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

No Public Comments were made.

Mayor Horton Adjourned the Public Hearing

Announcement of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Monday, August 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at its regular meeting place, the Town Hall, 105 Sibley Street, Benton, Louisiana, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Benton, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in the Town of Benton, State of Louisiana to authorize the renewal or continuation of an ad valorem tax therein.

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**REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES
TOWN OF BENTON
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Alderman Jackie Carr – ABSENT
Alderman Tiffany Manning – ABSENT
Alderman Ron Jones – PRESENT
Alderman James Friday - PRESENT
Alderman Wayne Cathcart -PRESENT

A motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Jones to amend the agenda by removing items 2.,3., and 5. Mayor Horton called for any comments, there being none the following votes recorded:

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

A motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the agenda as amended. Mayor Horton called for and comments, there being none the following votes recorded:

YEAS: Alderman Jones, Alderman Friday, and Alderman Cathcart
NAYS: None

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ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Carr and Alderman Manning

A motion by Alderman Friday seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the minutes of the July meeting. Mayor Horton called for and comments, there being none the following votes recorded:

YEAS: Alderman Jones, Alderman Friday, and Alderman Cathcart

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Carr and Alderman Manning

OLD BUSINESS:

1. None

NEW BUSINESS:

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A motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Friday to adopt Resolution 10 of 2024. Mayor Horton called for and comments, there being none the following votes recorded:

YEAS: Alderman Jones, Alderman Friday, and Alderman Cathcart

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

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ABSENT: Alderman Carr and Alderman Manning

Removed from agenda: Contract amendment on Balar Engineers for the Belemere Sewer project.

Removed from agenda: South wastewater system:

A motion by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Cathcart to approve Resolution 11 of 2024 authorizing the mayor to sign the contract for Waggoner Group to provide operator services for the Benton Wastewater treatment plants. Mayor Horton called for public comments: Alderman Friday asked Mike Dunaway about the number of ours he spends on our treatments plants and Mayor Horton stated we need someone during working hours while we are open. After some discussion Mayor Horton called for public comments, there being none the following votes recorded:

YEAS: Alderman Jones and Alderman Cathcart

NAYS: Alderman Friday

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Carr and Alderman Manning

TABLED: This item was tabled as Resolution 12 was not ready for introduction. Approval of contract for Balar to make levee improvements to the North Wastewater treatment plant.
(Resolution will be adopted in the September Meeting)

A motion by Alderman seconded by Alderman to approve the town paying the increase in the employee health benefits and the employees portion remain \$11.43 weekly. Mayor Horton called for and comments, there being none the following votes recorded:

YEAS: Alderman Jones, Alderman Friday, and Alderman Cathcart

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Carr and Alderman Manning

A motion by Alderman Jone seconded by Alderman Friday to approve the year-to-date budget and monthly financials. Mayor Horton called for and comments, there being none the following votes recorded:

YEAS: Alderman Jones, Alderman Friday, and Alderman Cathcart

NAYS: None

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ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Carr and Alderman Manning

A motion by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Friday to adjourn:

YEAS: Alderman Jones, Alderman Friday, and Alderman Cathcart

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alderman Carr and Alderman Manning

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