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by
Stephanie Collier, CAO, Town Clerk



TOWN OF BENTON

**PUBLIC HEARING
AGENDA
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN
105 SIBLEY ST., BENTON, LA
SEPTEMBER 14, 2026, 6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

INVOCATION:

PLEDGE:

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA APPROVAL:

**Motion / Second
Public Comment
Vote**

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS :

- 1. ORDINANCE 631 OF 2026:** Vetoed by the Mayor on 08/12/2026 to amend, adding items presented by Mayor Friday for reconsideration with changes

2026 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 613 OF 2025, THE FINANCIAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 FOR THE TOWN OF BENTON, LOUISIANA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOUISIANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET ACT

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BE IT ORDAINED the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Benton, Louisiana, enacted Ordinance 613 of 2025 on December 15, 2025, adopting the 2025 General Fund budget, and

WHEREAS the Board of Aldermen does hereby desire to amend the 2026 General Fund Budget by the following changes;

Revenues:	General Revenues	From:	(1,814,046.00)	To:	(1,814,046.00)
	Trans from 1978	From:	(824,000.00)	To:	(824,000.00)
	Total Revenues	From:	(2,638,046.00)	To:	(2,638,046.00)
Expenses:	Administrative	From:	626,147.00	To:	597,153.00
	Mayor	From:	52,610.00	To:	51,610.00
	Council	From;	30,550.00	To:	41,550.00
	Chief of Police	From:	115,910.00	To:	113,710.00
	Police Department	From:	992,660.00	To:	1,022,202.00
	Streets	From:	451,300.00	To:	176,300.00
	Maintenance	From:	103,400.00	To:	99,400.00
	Parks & Recreation	From:	180,000.00	To;	330,000.00
	Benton MPC	From:	85,469.00	To:	85,469.00
	Total Expenses	From:	2,638,046.00	To:	2,517,394.00
	Net (Profit) / Loss	From:	0.00	To:	120,652.00
	Beginning Balance	From:	(2,758,406.00)	To:	(2,758,406.00)
	End Fund Balance	From:	(2,758,406.00)	To:	(2,879,058.00)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Benton, Louisiana, 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

Comments

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2. ORDINANCE 632 of 2026

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE TOWN OF BENTON EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK; AUTHORIZING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HANDBOOK; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to formally adopt and approve the Town of Benton Employee Handbook, which establishes policies, procedures, benefits, standards of conduct, workplace expectations, and personnel administration guidelines for Town employees.

SECTION 2. APPROVAL AND ADOPTION

The Town of Benton Employee Handbook, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as fully set forth herein, is hereby approved and adopted as the official personnel policy manual of the Town of Benton.

SECTION 3. ADMINISTRATION

The Mayor, or his/her designee, is authorized and directed to administer, implement, and enforce the provisions of the Employee Handbook and to take all actions necessary to ensure compliance with its terms.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENTS

The Employee Handbook may be amended from time to time by ordinance, provided that any amendment shall be consistent with applicable federal and state laws and shall become effective upon approval by the governing authority unless otherwise specified.

SECTION 5. CONFLICT WITH LAW

Nothing contained in the Employee Handbook shall be construed to create a contract of employment or to alter any employment relationship recognized under applicable law. In the event of any conflict between the Handbook and applicable federal, state, or local law, the applicable law shall control.

SECTION 6. REPEALER

All ordinances, resolutions, policies, or parts thereof that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or repealed by the governing authority of the Town of Benton.

Comments

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING

All In favor

All Opposed

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CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Friday

ROLL CALL:

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MINUTES: August Public Hearing and Special Session

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OLD BUSINESS:

1. ORDINANCE 631 OF 2026: Vote to overturn the veto

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2. **ORDINANCE 632 of 2026:** Mayor requests to table this item

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE TOWN OF BENTON
EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK; AUTHORIZING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
HANDBOOK; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Judy Moncrief, CPA**
Town Auditor
2025 Audit Report

2. **Ordinance 634 of 2026:** Introduce and set for public hearing

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 591 of 2024 BY AMENDING THE RATE TO
BE CHARGED FOR RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE SERVICE FOR THE TOWN OF
BENTON TO CONSUMERS INSIDE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF BENTON**

Motion / Second
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3. **Resolution 7 of 2026**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SERVICE CONTRACT FOR IT SERVICES,
INTERNET, AND PHONE SYSTEM FOR TOWN HALL**

Motion / Second
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4. ORDINANCE 633 OF 2026

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 622 OF 2026 RELATIVE TO
COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL; PROVIDING THAT
COMPENSATION SHALL BE PAID AS A PER DIEM FOR ACTUAL ATTENDANCE
AT REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETINGS**

5. Resolution 8 of 2026

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SERVICE CONTRACT FOR IN-CAR CAMERA
SYSTEM FOR BENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Motion / Second
Public Comment
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6. Consider approval of the Month-to-date financials:

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ADJOURN Regular Session

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