

**REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN
TOWN OF BENTON
105 SIBLEY STREET, BENTON, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2019 AT 7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Temp Ron Jones

INVOCATION: Alderman Cathcart

PLEDGE: Alderman Gates

PRESENT: Alderman Jackie Carr, Alderman Linda Gates, Alderman Ron Jones, Mayor Pro Temp, and Alderman Wayne Cathcart

ABSENT: Alderman Leithton Allen and Mayor Shelly Horton

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney James Southerland, Stephanie Collier, and Assistant Chief Steve Collier

AGENDA: A motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Carr to approve the Agenda

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None
IN FAVOR 4
OPPOSED 0

MINUTES: A motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Carr to approve the Minutes

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None
IN FAVOR 4
OPPOSED 0

OLD BUSINESS:

1. None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance 561 of 2019 General Fund and 1978 Sales Tax 2019 Budgets amendments

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 558 OF 2018 THE FINANCIAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 FOR THE TOWN OF BENTON, LOUISIANA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOUISIANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET ACT

BE IT ORDAINED that the Mayor has certified there are revenues and/or unencumbered fund balances available for appropriation in excess of those appropriated for specific expenditures in the budget for supplemental appropriation and/or transfer, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Alderman of the Town of Benton, Louisiana, enacted Ordinance 558 of 2018 on December 10, 2018 adopting the 2019 General Fund, Water Sewer Enterprise Fund, and 1978 Sales Tax Fund budgets, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Alderman does hereby desire to amend the 2019 General Fund budget by the following changes;

Revenues	From:	\$(1,803,300.00)	To:	\$(1,592,184.41)
Administrative	From:	\$ 199,600.00	To:	\$ 206,545.00
Mayor	From:	\$ 44,700.00	To:	\$ 46,250.00
Council	From:	\$ 28,900.00	To:	\$ 30,500.00
Police	From:	\$ 609,300.00	To:	\$ 665,131.54
Police Chief	From:	\$ 88,240.00	To:	\$ 74,593.00
Streets	From:	\$ 651,000.00	To:	\$ 448,593.25
Maintenance	From:	\$ 114,765.00	To:	\$ 108,255.00
Parks and Recreation	From:	\$ 20,500.00	To:	\$ 42,370.62
Benton Parish MPC	From:	\$ 46,210.00	To:	\$ 41,562.00
Net (Profit) / Loss		\$ (85.00)		\$ 71,616.00
Beginning Fund Balance		\$ 1,565,209.00		\$ 1,565,294.00
Ending Fund Balance		\$ 1,565,294.00		\$ 1,493,678.00

WHEREAS, the Board of Alderman does hereby desire to amend the 2019 1978 Sales Tax Fund by the following changes;

Revenues	From:	\$ (450,000.00)	To:	\$ (591,250.00)
Transfers to General Fund	From:	\$ 634,000.00	To:	\$ 415,037.41
Net (Profit) / Loss		\$ 184,000.00		\$ (176,212.59)
Beginning Fund Balance		\$ 2,607,720.00		\$ 2,607,720.00
Ending Fund Balance		\$ 2,423,720.00		\$ 2,783,932.59

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Benton, Louisiana, finds and determines that the General Fund and 1978 Sales Tax Fund amendments comply with all requirements set forth in the State of Louisiana Local Government Budget Act R.S. 39:1301 – 1315

A motion by Alderman Carr seconded by Alderman Gates to introduce and set for public hearing on December 9th

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None
 IN FAVOR 4 Ayes
 OPPOSED 0 None

2. Introduce Ordinance 562 of 2019 2020 Budgets for General Fund, Water Sewer, and 1978 Sales Tax funds

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2020 BUDGETS FOR REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE TOWN OF BENTON’S GENERAL FUND, WATER SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND, AND 1978 SALES TAX FUND BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2020 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020; AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF BENTON, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA IN REGULAR SESSION CONVENED THAT:
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SECTION 1. The following estimates are hereby adopted to serve as a budget of revenues and expenditures of the General Fund FY 2020:

General Fund Revenues	<u>\$ (1,722,783.00)</u>
General Administrative Expenses	\$ 177,990.00
Mayor Expenses	\$ 46,700.00
Council Expenses	\$ 30,900.00
Chief of Police	\$ 73,190.00
Police Expenses	\$ 695,500.00
Street Expenses	\$ 474,012.00
Maintenance Expenses	\$ 112,581.00
Parks and Recreation Expenses	\$ 32,000.00
Benton Parish MPC	\$ 46,988.00
Total General Fund Expenses	<u>\$1,689,861.00</u>
Net (Profit) / Loss	\$ (32,922.00)
Beginning Fund Balance	\$1,493,678.00
Ending Fund Balance	\$1,526,600.00

SECTION 2. The following estimates are hereby adopted to serve as a budget of revenues and expenditures of the Water Sewer FY 2020:

General Administrative Revenues	\$ (123,700.00)
In Water Revenues	\$ (518,278.00)
Out Water Revenue	\$ (930,680.00)
In Sewer Revenue	\$ (372,000.00)
Out Sewer Revenue	\$ (441,452.00)
Solid Waste Revenue	\$ (167,000.00)
Total Revenues	<u>\$ (2,553,110.00)</u>
General Administrative Expenses	\$ 232,700.00
In Water Expenses	\$ 572,500.00
Out Water Expenses	\$ 866,750.00
In Sewer Expenses	\$ 285,750.00
Out Sewer Expenses	\$ 177,605.00
Solid Waste Expenses	\$ 183,350.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$2,318,655.00</u>
Net (Profit)/ Loss	\$ (234,455.00)
Beginning Fund Balance	\$2,167,303.97
Ending Fund Balance	\$2,401,758.97

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SECTION 3. The following estimates are hereby adopted to serve as a budget of revenues and expenditures of the 1978 Sales Tax Fund FY 2020:

Revenues	\$(591,250.00)
Expenditures	\$ 457,000.00
Net (Profit) / Loss	\$ (134,250.00)
Beginning Fund Balance	\$2,783,932.59
Ending Fund Balance	\$2,918,182.59

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Benton, Louisianan, 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

A motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Carr to introduce and set for public hearing on December 9th

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None
IN FAVOR 4 Ayes
OPPOSED 0 None

3. Chief Charles Pilkinton: Hire Part-Time Officer
Assistant Chief Steve Collier spoke to council requesting to rehire LaRandal Taylor as a part-time office.

A motion by Alderman Gate seconded by Alderman Carr to approve the rehire of Officer Taylor

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None
IN FAVOR 4 Ayes
OPPOSED 0 None

4. Approve Trejos Beer License

A motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Carr to approve the renewal

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None
IN FAVOR 4 Ayes
OPPOSED 0 None

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5. Approval of the month to date financials:

A motion by Alderman Carr seconded by Alderman Gates to approve the financials

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None
IN FAVOR 4 Ayes
OPPOSED 0 None

Christmas Festival & Parade
Saturday, December 7th
12:00 pm to 7:00 pm

ADJOURN:

A motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Carr to adjourn

IN FAVOR 4 Ayes
OPPOSED 0 None