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PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN
TOWN OF BENTON
105 SIBLEY STREET, BENTON, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2021, AT 6:00 PM

Call to Order: Mayor Shelly Horton

Pledge: Alderman Friday

Invocation: Alderman Jones

Present: Alderman Manning, Alderman Jones, Alderman Friday, and Alderman Cathcart

Also Present: Chief Collier, Stephanie Collier, and Attorney Doug Stinson

Agenda: Motion by Alderman Friday seconded by Alderman Manning to approve the
Public Hearing Agenda
Public Comments: None
In Favor 4
Oppose 0

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:

1. ORDINANCE 572 OF 2021: Schedule of Fines

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF BENTON CODE
CHAPTER 24, ARTICLE III BY ADDING SECTION 24-60,
SCHEDULE FEES

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Alderman of the Town of Benton, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, that Chapter 24, Article III: Speed Limits, be amended by adding section 24-60: Schedule of Fees.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that it shall be unlawful for any person to violate any of the provisions of this section. These violations shall constitute traffic infractions punishable according to the schedule of fees:

1 – 15 MPH Over the posted speed limit:	\$137.50
16 – 25 MPH Over the posted speed limit:	\$167.50
26 + MPH Over the posted speed limit:	\$217.50
General speed law:	\$167.50
Careless Operation:	\$275.00
Child Restraint 1 st offense:	\$137.50
Child Restraint 2 nd offense:	\$237.50

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED court costs shall be paid in addition to the fines except when prohibited by Louisiana Statutes. This schedule shall supersede all previous schedules of offenses and fines and shall be applicable to all violations issued upon final passage of this Ordinance. Said payment constitutes a guilty plea and waiver of trial.

Public Comments: Alderman Jones stated for the record that all fines in residential areas are double fines. Chief Collier stated that it is already in the code.

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING:

Motion by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Manning to adjourn
In Favor 4
Opposed 0

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REGULAR SESSION
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MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2021, AT 6:00 PM

Call to Order: Mayor Shelly Horton

Agenda: Motion by Alderman Manning seconded by Alderman Cathcart to approve the Regular Session Agenda

Public Comments None
In Favor 4
Oppose 0

Minutes: Motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Friday to approve the Minutes from July 12 Meeting

Public Comments None
In Favor 4
Oppose 0

OLD BUSINESS:

2. ORDINANCE 572 OF 2021: Schedule of Fines (Final Adoption)

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CHAPTER 24, ARTICLE III BY ADDING SECTION 24-60,
SCHEDULE FEES

Motion by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Friday to adopt Ordinance 572

Public Comments None

Ayes: Alderman Manning, Alderman Jones, Alderman Friday, and Alderman Cathcart

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Alderman Carr

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. Cook and Morehart: 2020 Audit Report

Vickie Case went over the audit results and the one finding on the 1978 sales tax budget amendment which was because of the overlapping payments made for a street project. She also spoke to council about the general fund and water sewer funds and that the council needs to consider raising the water sewer rates in small amounts every few years so there is not a huge spike all at once.

2. Chief Collier: Requesting approval of new hire to fill full-time vacancy

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Chief Collier explained that Mr. Ritch is unable to be her due to he tested positive for Covid.

Motion by Alderman Manning seconded by Alderman Jones to table until Mr. Ritch can attend.

Public Comments: None

In Favor 4

Oppose 0

Approval of Promotion of Cesar Mora

Motion by Alderman Friday seconded by Alderman Jones to approve promotion

Public Comments: None

Ayes: Alderman Manning, Alderman Jones, Alderman Friday, and Alderman Cathcart

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Alderman Carr

3. Discussion and approval of Water Plant Project:

Motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Jones to approve having engineering firm complete drawings for prep for bids.

Public Comments: None

Ayes: Alderman Manning, Alderman Jones, Alderman Friday, and Alderman Cathcart

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Alderman Carr

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4. Request approval of Monthly Financials and YTD Budget (Period ending July30,2021)

Motion by Alderman Friday seconded by Alderman Manning to approve the financials

Public Comments: None

In Favor 4

Oppose 0

ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION:

Motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Friday to adjourn

In Favor 4

Oppose 0

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