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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, JUNE 14, 2021, AT 6:00 PM

Call to Order: Mayor Shelly Horton

Pledge: Alderman Manning

Invocation: Alderman Jones

Present: Alderman Jackie Carr, Alderman Tiffany Manning, Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman James Friday

Absent: Alderman Wayne Cathcart

Also Present: Attorney Doug Stinson, Stephanie Collier, and Officer Cesar Mora

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

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:

1. Resolution 3 of 2021:

RESOLUTION 3 of 2021

BE IT RESOLVED that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2021 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Town of Benton:

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MILLAGE

7.32 Mills General Alimony
4.90 Mills Streets

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 2021, 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.

Public Comments: None

Adjourn Public Hearing:

Motion by Alderman Friday seconded by Alderman Carr to adjourn the Public Hearing

In Favor: 4
Opposed: 0

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REGULAR SESSION
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MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021 AT 6:00 PM

Call to Order: Mayor Shelly Horton

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

Public Comments: None
In Favor 4
Oppose 0

Minutes: Motion by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Carr to approve the Minutes from May Meeting

Public Comments: None
In Favor 4
Oppose 0

OLD BUSINESS:

1. None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution 3 of 2021: Final Adoption**

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Motion by Alderman Friday seconded by Alderman Carr to adopt resolution 3
Public Comments: None

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Alderman Jackie Carr, Alderman Tiffany Manning, Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman James Friday

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Alderman Cathcart

2. Discussion of proposed LCDBG Application:

Mayor Horton informed council that there will be a Citizen Participation Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 24 to allow the public any comments they may have on the type of project funds should be applied.

Public Comments: None

3. Discussion of Zoning and Subdivision Regulations Revisions: Pate Done and Carlotta Brown

Mrs. Pat Done spoke to council about the current Subdivisions Ordinance and that the only changes that will be made is to bring it in line with state standards. One of the other changes will be on green areas within subdivisions. The update will set a standard of the size and use of green areas. It also authorized the MPC Director to approve minor plats on changes to lot lines. The new Subdivisions Ordinance will also bring the Town more in line with the Parish regulations. It also addresses that all fees must be paid prior to approval of any masterplan final approval. This will ensure that all developers are following the current standards that were already in place.

Public Comments: None

(Alderman Wayne Cathcart is now present)

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4. Approval of the Town of Benton Official Journal:

Motion by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Friday to approve the Bossier Press Tribune as the Official Journal for the Town of Benton

Public Comments: None

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Alderman Jackie Carr, Alderman Tiffany Manning, Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman James Friday, and Alderman Wayne Cathcart

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

5. Miller Street: Discussion of Miller Street / Mayor Horton

Mayor Horton discussed that Miller Street is in terrible condition and he had planned to amend the current street project to add Miller. He stated that he cannot because Miller is a private owned street and was never dedicated to the Town by the developer. After researching he discovered that the homes on Miller are considered the HOA along with the developer and they would all have to agree to dedicate the street to the town before the town could repair the street. He stated that he will look into it more and update the council at a later date.

6. Request approval of Monthly Financials and YTD Budget (as of May 31)

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

Public Comments: None

In Favor 5

Oppose 0

Adjourn Regular Session:

Motion by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Manning to adjourn

In favor 5

Oppose 0

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Town of Benton Property Standards Board
Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 14, 2021

Mayor Horton called the meeting to order.

Board Members: Jackie Carr, Tiffany Manning, Ron Jones, James Friday, and Wayne Cathcart.
Also Present: Attorney Doug Stinson and Stephanie Collier

Items:

1. 602 Lincoln: Mayor Horton explained that the home was burnt and a danger to the community. Letters have been sent to the property owners. Mayor Horton provided photographs of the property and recommended the property be condemned.

A motion by Mrs. Carr seconded by Mr. Friday to condemn 602 Lincoln

Public Comments: None

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Jackie Carr, Tiffany Manning, Ron Jones, James Friday, and Wayne Cathcart

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2. 702 Carver: Mayor Horton explained that a large tree has fallen on the home. Letters have been sent to the property owners. Mayor Horton provided photographs of the property and recommended the property be condemned.

A motion by Mrs. Carr seconded by Mr. Cathcart to condemn 702 Carver

Public Comments: None

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Jackie Carr, Tiffany Manning, Ron Jones, James Friday, and Wayne Cathcart

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

3. Mayor Horton discussed Kennedey Sawmills and that there has been no response to letters. The Creosote plant will need to be cleared of high grass and debris. The Town will take the necessary steps to clean the property and bill the owners by a lien against the property.

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A motion by Mr. Jones seconded by Mrs. Carr to approve the clean up
Public Comments: None
Roll Call Vote:
Yeas: Jackie Carr, Tiffany Manning, Ron Jones, James Friday, and Wayne Cathcart
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Motion by Mrs. Carr seconded by Ms. Manning to adjourn
In favor 5
Oppose 0

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