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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, NOVEMBER 9, 2020 AT 6:00 PM

Call to Order: Mayor Shelly Horton

Invocation: by Alderman Cathcart

Pledge: by Alderman Allen

Present: Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman Leighton Allen, Alderman Wayne Cathcart
Not Present: Alderman Linda Gates, Alderman Jackie Carr

Agenda: Motion by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Cathcart to approve the Public Hearing Agenda

Public Comments None
In Favor 3
Opposed 0

Public Hearing Items:

1. Ordinance 566 of 2020: Amending the Town Code by adding Chapter 7

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF BENTON, LOUISIANA TO ADD A CHAPTER 7, TITLED "BUSINESSES"

WHEREAS A Codification of the Town of Benton Ordinances has been adopted in accordance with RS: 33:1360, and

WHEREAS Section 1, General Provisions, establishes rules of construction, substantive compliance, and amendatory language for amending the code, and

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Benton desires to provide for these amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BENTON, BOSSIER PARISH, STATE OF LOUISIANA, THAT: Chapter 7 of the Town of Benton Code of Ordinances is hereby created; and

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WHEREAS Chapter 7 shall be titled “Businesses”; and
WHEREAS Chapter 7 shall be reserved for subject matter related to regulations of trades and occupations operating within the Town of Benton.

BE IT ORDANED A public hearing was held on November 9, 2020 and adopted by the following votes:

Public Comments: None

2. Ordinance 567 of 2020: Amending the Town Code Regulations of Mobile Food Vendors
*Due to the length of this ordinance it is available to the public upon request at town hall.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS AND LIMITATIONS FOR THE
OPERATION OF MOBILE FOOD VENDORS WITHIN THE TOWN OF BENTON

Public Comments: None

Adjourn Public Hearing:

Motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Jones
In Favor 3
Opposed 0

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REGULAR SESSION
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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2020 AT 6:00 PM

Call to Order: Mayor Shelly Horton

Agenda: Motion by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Regular Session Agenda

Public Comments None
In Favor 3
Opposed 0

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

Public Comments None
In Favor 3
Opposed 0

Old Business:

1. Final Vote for adoption: Ordinance 566

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF BENTON, LOUISIANA TO ADD CHAPTER 7, TITLED "BUSINESSES"

Motion by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Allen to adopt
Public Comments None

AYES: Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman Leighten Allen, Alderman Wayne Cathcart
ABSENT: Alderman Linda Gates, Alderman Jackie Carr
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

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2. Final Vote for adoption: Ordinance 567

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS AND LIMITATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF MOBILE FOOD VENDORS WITHIN THE TOWN OF BENTON

Motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Jones to adopt
Public Comments None

AYES: Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman Leighten Allen, Alderman Wayne Cathcart

ABSENT: Alderman Linda Gates, Alderman Jackie Carr

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

New Business:

1. Introduce and set for Public Hearing on December 7, 2020.

Ordinance 568 of 2020: An Ordinance for regulating parking on public streets of Lost River Estates Subdivision.

Motion by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Allen to introduce and set for Public Hearing on December 7

Public Comments Mr. Grubb at 413 Lost River Dr. agreed that this has been a long-standing issue.

AYES: Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman Leighten Allen, Alderman Wayne Cathcart

ABSENT: Alderman Linda Gates, Alderman Jackie Carr

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

2. Introduce and set for Public Hearing on December 7, 2020.

Ordinance 569 of 2020: An Ordinance to amend the 2020 General Fund and the 2020 1978 Sales Tax Fund

BUDGET AMENDMENT

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 562 OF 2019 THE FINANCIAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 FOR THE

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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 562 of 2019 on December 9, 2019 adopting the 2020 General Fund, Water Sewer Enterprise Fund, and 1978 Sales Tax Fund budgets, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Alderman does hereby desire to amend the 2020 General Fund budget by the following changes;

Revenues	From: \$(1,722,783.00)	To: \$(1,629,979.05)
Administrative	From: \$ 177,990.00	To: \$ 143,762.00
Mayor	From: \$ 46,700.00	To: \$ 46,330.00
Council	From: \$ 30,900.00	To: \$ 30,150.00
Police	From: \$ 695,500.00	To: \$ 768,450.17
Police Chief	From: \$ 73,190.00	To: \$ 68,740.00
Streets	From: \$ 474,012.00	To: \$ 374,865.00
Maintenance	From: \$ 112,581.00	To: \$ 110,013.00
Parks and Recreation	From: \$ 32,000.00	To: \$ 41,297.00
Benton Parish MPC	From: \$ 46,988.00	To: \$ 46,278.00
Net (Profit) / Loss	\$ (32,922.00)	\$ (93.88)
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ (1,493,678.00)	\$(1,526,600.00)
Ending Fund Balance	\$ (1,526,600.00)	\$(1,526,693.88)

WHEREAS, the Board of Alderman does hereby desire to amend the 2020 1978 Sales Tax Fund by the following changes;

Revenues	From: \$ (591,250.00)	To: \$ (710,093.61)
Transfers to General Fund	From: \$ 457,000.00	To: \$ 414,297.17
Net (Profit) / Loss	\$ (134,250.00)	\$ (295,796.44)
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ (2,783,933.01)	\$ (2,918,183.01)
Ending Fund Balance	\$ (2,918,183.01)	\$ (3,213,979.45)

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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

Motion by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Allen to introduce and set for Public Hearing on December 7

Public Comments None

AYES: Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman Leighten Allen, Alderman Wayne Cathcart

ABSENT: Alderman Linda Gates, Alderman Jackie Carr

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

3. Introduce and set for Public Hearing on December 7, 2020.

Ordinance 570 of 2020: An Ordinance to adopt the receipts and expenditures of the 2021 General Fund, 1978 Sales Tax Fund, and the Water Sewer Enterprise Fund.

FY 2021 Budgets

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2021 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, 2021 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021; 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:

SECTION 1. The following estimates are hereby adopted to serve as a budget of revenues and expenditures of the General Fund FY 2021:

General Fund Revenues	<u>\$(1,891,917.38)</u>
General Administrative Expenses	\$ 200,125.00
Mayor Expenses	\$ 46,210.00
Council Expenses	\$ 30,150.00
Chief of Police	\$ 85,450.00
Police Expenses	\$ 700,500.00
Street Expenses	\$ 647,620.00
Maintenance Expenses	\$ 99,920.00
Parks and Recreation Expenses	\$ 34,500.00
Benton Parish MPC	<u>\$ 46,988.00</u>
Total General Fund Expenses	\$1,891,463.00

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Net (Profit) / Loss	\$ (454.38)
Beginning Fund Balance	\$(1,526,693.88)
Ending Fund Balance	\$(1,527,148.26)

SECTION 2. The following estimates are hereby adopted to serve as a budget of revenues and expenditures of the Water Sewer FY 2021:

General Administrative Revenues	\$ (715,400.00)
In Water Revenues	\$ (544,500.00)
Out Water Revenue	\$ (1,041,000.00)
In Sewer Revenue	\$ (140,000.00)
Out Sewer Revenue	\$ (436,900.00)
Solid Waste Revenue	\$ (175,000.00)
Total Revenues	\$(3,052,800.00)
General Administrative Expenses	\$ 794,586.00
In Water Expenses	\$ 493,500.00
Out Water Expenses	\$ 888,500.00
In Sewer Expenses	\$ 241,500.00
Out Sewer Expenses	\$ 487,000.00
Solid Waste Expenses	\$ 145,000.00
Total Expenses	\$3,050,086.00
Net (Profit)/ Loss	\$ (2,714.00)
Beginning Fund Balance	\$(2,401,758.97)
Ending Fund Balance	\$(2,404,472.97)

SECTION 3. The following estimates are hereby adopted to serve as a budget of revenues and expenditures of the 1978 Sales Tax Fund FY 2021:

Revenues	\$(710,050.00)
Expenditures	\$ 647,500.00
Net (Profit) / Loss	\$ (62,550.00)
Beginning Fund Balance	\$(3,213,979.45)
Ending Fund Balance	\$(3,276,529.45)

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED 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

Motion by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Cathcart to introduce and set for Public Hearing on December 7

Public Comments None

AYES: Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman Leighten Allen, Alderman Wayne Cathcart

ABSENT: Alderman Linda Gates, Alderman Jackie Carr

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

4. Consider approval of Beer License Renewals:

Dixie Mart

Motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Jones to approve

Public Comments None

AYES: Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman Leighten Allen, Alderman Wayne Cathcart

ABSENT: Alderman Linda Gates, Alderman Jackie Carr

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Trejo's Mexican Restaurant

Motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Allen to approve

Public Comments None

AYES: Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman Leighten Allen, Alderman Wayne Cathcart

ABSENT: Alderman Linda Gates, Alderman Jackie Carr

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

5. Approval of the Year to Date Budgets and monthly Financials:

Motion by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Allen to approve

Public Comments None

In Favor 3

Opposed 0

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Adjourn Regular Session:

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In Favor 3

Opposed 0

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