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REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES

MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN
TOWN OF BENTON

105 SIBLEY STREET, BENTON, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021 AT 6:00 PM

Call to Order: Mayor Shelly Horton

Pledge: By Alderman Cathcart

Invocation: By Alderman Manning

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

Also Present: Attorney Doug Stinson, Chief Collier, Stephanie Collier, and members of the
public.

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

Public Comments None
In Favor 5
Oppose 0

Minutes: Motion by Alderman Carr seconded by Alderman Friday to approve the Minutes
from February Meeting

Public Comments None
In Favor 5
Oppose 0

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OLD BUSINESS:

1. None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Winter Storm After Action Report:**

Ian Snellgrove with Homeland Security spoke to council on the data collected concerning the winter storm and how it affected Bossier Parish. Mr. Snellgrove highlighted the priorities and how those needs are assessed during the winter storm and water crisis caused by the storm.

Colonel Barattini spoke to council about how they were able to assist medical facilities and municipalities by supplying bottled water and had special units stationed in key areas of the Parish for those who needed transportation for medical purposes.

Ben Rauchenbaugh with Manchac Engineering who manages the Bossier City Water System recounted the events during the winter storm and how it caused a water outage in Bossier City, Benton, and other systems. He stated that prior to the storm Bossier has started infrastructure improvements that will reduce if not prevent such events in the future.

2. **Taxpayers for better government: (summary)** Kathy Lofflin, speaking on behalf of Taxpayers for Better Government, discussed issues surrounding the Cypress Lake Board of Commissioners and then described the purpose of their group. She said that there are qualified individuals who have expressed their interest in the Cypress Lake Commission seat appointed by the Town. She also stated how important it is that the council be more selective when making future appointment and to considered qualified candidates, take resumes, and interview them prior to being considered for the appointment.

Council members stated that they would take that into consideration.

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3. Request approval of Beer License renewal for Country Junction Store

Motion made by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Carr to approve

Public Comments None

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. Request Approval of Monthly Financials and YTD Budget (as of February 28, 2021)

Motion made by Alderman Friday seconded by Alderman Carr to approve

Public Comments:

In favor

Opposed

Adjourn Regular Session:

Motion by Alderman Friday seconded by Alderman Carr to adjourn

In favor 5

Opposed 0

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