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REGULAR SESSION

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MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN
TOWN OF BENTON

105 SIBLEY STREET, BENTON, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, MAY 10, 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 Steve Collier and Stephanie Collier.

Agenda: A motion by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Carr to amend the agenda to add items 6 MPC Appointment.

No Public Comments

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion by Alderman Friday seconded by Alderman Carr to approve the agenda as amended.

Public Comments: None

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

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Minutes: Motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the Minutes from April Meeting

Public Comments None

In Favor 5

Oppose 0

OLD BUSINESS:

1. None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution 2 of 2021: 2021 Street Project # 21006.00 construction contract award.**

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BIDS AND AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE 2021 STREET PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Town of Benton, Bossier Parish, Louisiana by proper notice, solicited bids for the 2021 Street Project, in accordance with Louisiana RS 38:2212;

WHEREAS bids for the 2021 Street Project, were received, opened and tabulated according to law: and

WHEREAS the Balar Engineer have reviewed the bids and have sent a letter of recommendation to accept the lowest bid of \$459,899.40 and award the contract to Earnest Contracting L.L.C.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Benton, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, in legal session convened, does hereby award the 2021 Street Project # 21006.00 construction contract to Earnest Construction L.L.C., for \$459,899.40.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen does hereby authorize the Mayor to execute and administer said contract.

Motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Manning to adopt Resolution 2 of 2021.

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Resolution 2 of 2021 was adopted on the 10th of May 2021 by the following votes:

No Public Comments

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

2. **Chief Steve Collier:** New Hire to fill the full-time vacancy caused by the resignation of Officer Faulk. (Officer Cesar Mora)
Chief Collier introduced Officer Mora and informed council that he has come highly recommended from his previous employer Bossier Parish Sherrif Dept who he was with several years.

Council members welcomed Officer More to the Town of Benton Police Department.

Motion by Jones seconded by Alderman Carr to approve Officer Mora

No Public Comments

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

3. **Chief Steve Collier:** Promotion of Officer Angela Benfield to Benton Police Detective: Chief Collier stated that he is promoting Officer Benfield to Detective.

After some discussion Council members congratulated Officer Benfield for her new position.

Motion by Carr seconded by Alderman Friday to approve Officer Benfield.

No Public Comments

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

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- 4. Chief Steve Collier:** Requesting approval of a new service contract for State Reporting Software. Contact cost is \$150.00 per month for the reporting system and ticket/fine online payment system.
Council inquired about the time frame for the system to be up and ready to go and the training process. Chief Collier stated that once approved it will be ready to go in a week or two. Training will only be one day as it is easier to use than the previous reporting system.

Motion by Manning seconded by Alderman Friday to approve the new reporting system

No Public Comments

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

- 5. Request approval of Monthly Financials and YTD Budget (as of April 30)**

Motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the financials.

Public Comments None

In Favor 5

Oppose 0

- 6. MPC Appointment to fill the vacancy of Mrs. Gracie Jenkins who has served for 25 years on the board.** Mayor Horton stated that we will be holding a ceremony for Mrs. Jenkins at a later date.

Motion by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Cathcart to approve Mr. Michael Jorgeson to serve on the Benton Parish MPC.

Public Comments None

In Favor 5

Oppose 0

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Adjourn Regular Session:

Motion by Alderman Carr seconded by Alderman Manning to adjourn
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Oppose 0

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