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REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN
TOWN OF BENTON

105 SIBLEY STREET, BENTON, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022, 6:00 PM

Mayor Horton informed Council of the passing of Roy Martin. He asked that everyone keep his family in their prayers.

Call to Order: Mayor Horton

Invocation: By Alderman Manning

Pledge: By Alderman Jones

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

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

Agenda: Motion by Alderman Manning seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the agenda

Public Comments: None

In Favor: 4

Opposed: 0

Minutes: Motion by Alderman Friday seconded by Alderman Cathcart to approve the January 18th Minutes

Public Comments: None

In Favor: 4

Opposed: 0

Minutes: Motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the January Special Session Minutes

Public Comments: None

In Favor: 4

Opposed: 0

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Old Business:

1. None

New Business:

1. Requesting Approval of the Lost River Estates South Master Plat:

Motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Manning
Public Comments Mr Kelsh spoke to council about the changes that are in progress concerning Lost River development. He stated that 29.25 acres have been divided and sold and will be named Lost River South. Once they are final, he will provide those changes to the council.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Alderman Carr

2. Consideration of Resolution 2 of 2022 acceptance of streets in Lost River Estates South Unit 2:

WHEREAS the Town has received a formal request for the acceptance of the street's infrastructure in Lost River Estates South Unit 2.

WHEREAS Balar Engineers have monitored the construction of said street system on behalf of the town. Balar has made the recommendation for acceptance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Alderman of the Town of Benton convened in regular session does hereby accept the street's infrastructure in Lost River Estates South Unit 2.

Motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Friday

Public Comments None

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Alderman Carr

3. Appointment to the Benton Parish MPC Board of Adjustments:

Mayor Horton introduced Andy Modica who has requested to be appointed to the Board. Mayor Horton asked to table this until the next meeting.

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4. Discussion of Town Property in the Industrial Park and consideration to sell:

Mayor Horton requested the Town have the property appraised.

Motion by Alderman Manning seconded by Alderman Jones to have the property in the industrial park appraised.

Public Comments: None

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Alderman Carr

5. Resolution 3 of 2022: LCDBG Sewer Rehab Local Funds:

WHEREAS, the Town of Benton is submitting an application for a FY 2022 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) for public facility improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Benton has entered into contracts with The Coordinating & Development Corporation for administrative services and BALAR Associates, Inc. for engineering services, and agree that all administrative services/engineering costs will be paid by the Town of Benton; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Benton will pay The Coordinating & Development Corporation an amount of \$36,400 for LCDBG pre-agreement and administrative services and BALAR Associates, Inc. an amount of \$ 137,650.00 for LCDBG engineering services; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Benton will receive 2 bonus points for their monetary contributions: 2 points for paying engineering costs

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Benton, Louisiana, do hereby agree to pay for all engineering and administration fees associated with the implementation of the LCDBG programs out of local funds.

Motion by Alderman Friday seconded by Alderman Manning to adopt

Public Comments: None

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Alderman Carr

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6. **Chief Collier:** Spoke to council about the update to the in-car camera system for the Benton Police units. He stated that the current company has provided a quote for all cars to be updated with a three year payout.
Motion by Alderman Friday seconded by Alderman Manning to approve the new contract
Public Comments None
Ayes: Alderman Tiffany Manning, Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman James Friday, and Alderman Wayne Cathcart
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Alderman Carr

7. Ordinance 575 of 2022: Centerpoint Energy Franchise Agreement

Motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Friday to introduce and set for Public Hearing
Public Comments None
Ayes: Alderman Tiffany Manning, Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman James Friday, and Alderman Wayne Cathcart
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Alderman Carr

8. Review and Approval of the January 2022 Financials and YTD Budget:

Motion by Alderman Friday seconded by Alderman Manning to approve
Public Comments None

In Favor: 4

Opposed: 0

Adjourn

Motion by Alderman Friday seconded by Alderman Manning to adjourn
In favor 4
Opposed 0

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