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TOWN OF BENTON
LOUISIANA

REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES

MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN
TOWN OF BENTON

105 SIBLEY STREET, BENTON, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021 AT 6:00 PM

Call to Order: Mayor Shelly Horton

Pledge: By Alderman Jones

Invocation: By Alderman Cathcart

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

Absent: Alderman Jackie Carr

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

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

Public Comments None

In Favor 4

Opposed 0

Minutes: Motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the minutes of December 2020 Meeting

Public Comments None

In Favor 4

Opposed 0

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Old Business:

None

New Business:

1. Appointment of Town Attorney:

Motion by Alderman Friday seconded by Alderman Manning to appoint Attorney Doug Stinson as Town Attorney

Public Comments: None

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Alderman Jackie Carr

2. Appointment of Town Clerk:

Motion by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Friday to appoint Stephanie Collier as Town Clerk

Public Comments: None

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Alderman Jackie Carr

3. Appointment of Mayor Pro Temp

Motion by Alderman Friday seconded by Alderman Cathcart to appoint Ron Jones as Mayor Pro Temp

Public Comments: None

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Alderman Jackie Carr

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4. Benton Parish MPC recommendations for amended plat approvals:

Kenneth O'Briant
Lost River Estates South Unit No. 2
3.6 acres

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

North Caddo Medical Center
Marionneaux Place Unit No. 2
0.662 acres

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

5. Chief Steve Collier, Benton Police Department: Chief Collier introduced Officer Larry Weaver and gave a brief description of Officer Weavers 26 years of experience and that he has promoted him to the Assistant Chief position.

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

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6. Ordinance 571 of 2021: Introduce and set for Public Hearing on February 8th

ORDINANCE NO. 571 OF 2021

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF BENTON BY ADDING THERETO SECTION 24-35 PERTAINING TO PARKING IN LOST RIVER ESTATES SUBDIVISION, AND OTHERWISE PERTAINING THERETO

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Benton, Louisiana, that the Code of Ordinances Chapter 24, Article 2, Section 24-35 of the Town of Benton to read as follows:

Section 24-35. Parking in Lost River Estates

(a) No motor vehicle or non-motorized vehicle (including without limitation, trucks and recreation vehicles), boat, trailer, camper, marine craft, machinery or equipment of any kind may be parked or stored for longer than twelve (12) hours or on a daily basis on any public street of Lost River Estates, unless such vehicle or object is owned or operated by a guest of the adjacent lot owner and such does not extend beyond three (3) days in a thirty (30) day period. Notwithstanding the twelve (12) hour restriction and the guest parking exception, there shall be no overnight parking on any public street of Lost River Estates, Town of Benton, Louisiana.

(b) No person shall stop, stand or park a motor vehicle or non-motorized vehicle as described herein, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with the law, or traffic control device, in any of the following places within Lost River Estates.

1. On a sidewalk or in a neutral area between the street and sidewalk.
2. In front of a public or private driveway.
3. Within an intersection.
4. Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.
5. At any place where parking will obscure or obstruct visibility of any traffic control device.
6. Within forty (40) feet of any intersection whether signed or not.

(c) For purposes of this Ordinance, "Public Street" specifically applies to streets owned and maintained by the Town of Benton within Lost River Estates.

(d) Any vehicle that is parked in violation of this section shall be subject to the following penalties:

1. For a first offense, a written notice of warning shall be issued.
2. For a second offense within the same calendar year as the first offense, said offense shall be punishable by a fine up to \$100.00.
3. For a third or any subsequent offense within the same calendar year as the prior offenses; said offense shall be punishable by a fine up to \$200.00.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held

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invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

Motion by Alderman Friday seconded by Alderman Manning to introduce and set for public hearing on February 8th

Public Comments: Alderman Friday asked about the covenants covering this issue. Alderman Cathcart stated that the streets are owned by the town so the covenants are not applicable.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Alderman Jackie Carr

8. Request Approval of Monthly Financials and YTD Budget (as of December 31, 20)

Motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Manning to approve

Public Comments None

In Favor 4

Oppose 0

Adjourn Regular Session:

Motion by Alderman Friday seconded by Alderman Manning to adjourn

In Favor 4

Oppose 0

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