

**REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN
TOWN OF BENTON
105 SIBLEY STREET, BENTON, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019 AT 7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Shelly Horton

INVOCATION: By Alderman Gates

PLEDGE: By Alderman Cathcart

PRESENT: Alderman Jackie Carr, Alderman Linda Gates, Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman Donna Wyatt, and Alderman Wayne Cathcart. Also present: Attorney Southerland, and Chief Pilkinton

AGENDA: A motion by Alderman Carr seconded by Alderman Gates to approve the Agenda

Public Comments: None

In Favor 5

Opposed 0

MINUTES: A motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Carr to approve the Minutes

Public Comments: None

In Favor 5

Opposed 0

OLD BUSINESS:

1. None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Chief Charles Pilkinton: Request approval to fill a part-time position by hiring Larry Weaver a retired officer from Eldorado Arkansas

A motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Wyatt to approve the new hire Larry Weaver as a part-time officer

Public Comments: None

AYES: Alderman Jackie Carr, Alderman Linda Gates, Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman Donna Wyatt, and Alderman Wayne Cathcart.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

2. ORDINANCE 559 OF 2019: Chief of Police Salary.

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH COMPENSATION OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE FOR THE TOWN OF BENTON EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 11, 2019.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Benton, in legal session convened, has reviewed the budgets for 2019, and the funds allocated for compensation of services of the Chief of Police, and;

WHEREAS Unless otherwise specified, all wages shall be paid from the General Fund, \$50,690.00 per annum, payable weekly, shall include all benefits.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or part of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption February 11, 2019

A motion by Alderman Carr seconded by Alderman Gates to Introduce and Set for public hearing on February 11

Public Comments: None
In Favor 5
Opposed 0

3. ORDINANCE 560 OF 2019: Town Clerk salary.
Introduce and Set for public hearing on February 11

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH COMPENSATION OF THE TOWN CLERK OF THE TOWN OF BENTON EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 11, 2019.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Benton, in legal session convened, has reviewed the budgets for 2019, and the funds allocated for compensation of services of the Town Clerk, and;

WHEREAS Unless otherwise specified, all wages shall be paid from the General Fund, \$47,500.00 per annum, payable weekly, and shall include all benefits.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or part of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption February 11, 2019

A motion by Alderman seconded by Alderman to approve the Agenda

Public Comments: None
In Favor 5
Opposed 0

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Attorney Southerland and Mayor Horton spoke to Ms. Deason and Council members Ms. Deason owns a home that she is wanting to sell and that a shop was part of the property. However, it a recent survey shows the shop to have been built on town property. Ms. Amanda Deason has requested to purchase the property to sell along with the home. Attorney Southerland explained that if the town made the decision to deem the land as surplus and sell the land that the original owner would have to be involved to prove the building was built in good verses bad faith. Meaning that the person who built it was unaware the land belonged to the town. Ms. Deason stated that she would rather not involve other parities for personal reasons. Mayor Horton requested a motion to either consider deeming the property as surplus or a motion to not sell the property.

A motion was made by Alderman Cathcart to not sell the property seconded by Alderman Carr

Public Comments: None

In Favor 5

Opposed 0

4. Approval of the Budget to date and monthly financials for month ending December:

A motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Wyatt to approve the Agenda

Public Comments: None

In Favor 5

Opposed 0

5. New Service Contract: Unifirst uniform service.

Motion by Alderman Wyatt seconded by Alderman Carr to approve the service contract with Unifirst

Public Comments:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Alderman Jackie Carr, Alderman Linda Gates, Alderman Ron Jones, Alderman Donna Wyatt, and Alderman Wayne Cathcart

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

ADJOURN:

Motion by Alderman Wyatt seconded by Alderman Jones to adjourn the regular session

In Favor 5

Opposed 0

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