

**REGULAR SESSION**  
**MINUTES**  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN  
**TOWN OF BENTON**  
105 SIBLEY STREET, BENTON, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 AT 7:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Shelly Horton

**INVOCATION:** By Alderman Cathcart

**PLEDGE:** By Alderman Jones

**PRESENT:** Alderman Jackie Carr, Alderman Linda Gates, Alderman Ron Jones, and Alderman Wayne Cathcart. Also, Present: Attorney Southerland and Stephanie Collier

**AGENDA:** A motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Jones to Amend the Agenda and remove item 2 Executive Session

Public Comments: None

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

A motion by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Carr to approve the agenda as amended

Public Comments: None

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

**MINUTES:** A motion by Alderman Carr seconded by Alderman Gates to approve the minutes of the August

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

IN FAVOR: 4

OPPOSED: 0

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Appointment to fill vacancy of Alderman District 4:

Citizens who wish to be appointed:

Casandra Lewis Spoke to council about her interest in being appointed. She spoke about her professional experience and working with people. Her response to the question of what her relationship is like with her neighbors and she stated that she has an excellent relationship with her neighbors and the community. She feels she would represent them well and expressed her desire to be an advocate for district 4.

James Friday spoke to council about his interest in being appointed. He stated that he has had several years of service as Alderman for that district and expressed his ability and knowledge in representing the district.

Leithton Allen spoke to council about how his family came to live in Benton. His response to the question of his relationship with his neighbors, was when his family moved in, they held a block party and really came to love the people he now desires to represent.

A motion made by Alderman Jones, and he stated that Alderman Wyatt, prior to having knowledge of others interested in the appointment, requested that council appoint Mr. Allen and asked council to honor her request. The motion was seconded by Alderman Carr

**RESOLUTION 5 OF 2019**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF BENTON, LOUISIANA TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF ALDERMAN DISTRICT 4 OF THE TOWN OF BENTON**

WHEREAS, On August 20, 2019, the Louisiana Secretary of State gave notice of resignation of Honorable Donna Wyatt as Alderman, District 4, Town of Benton, Bossier Parish, and

WHEREAS, the resignation of Honorable Donna Wyatt, whose term had not expired, has caused vacancy of office, effective September 1, 2019, and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to La. R.S. 18:602 2(a), and falling within the guidelines of subsection A, the unexpired term does not exceed eighteen (18) months, which requires no special election.

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State, having given notice to the governing authority, twenty (20) days from the date of resignation to fill the unexpired term of Alderman, District 4, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Benton, Louisiana, in regular session convened, do hereby agree that Mr. Leithton Allen is a qualified citizen, and upon motion duly made by Alderman Ron Jones, seconded by Alderman Jackie Carr, and pursuant to the provisions of Louisiana Law, Leithton Allen, be and is hereby appointed to serve in the position of Alderman, District 4 of the Town of Benton, Louisiana.

This Resolution was read in full and adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019 by the following votes:  
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PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

2. Executive Session: Amended and removed from Agenda

3. Approval of the Budget to date and monthly financials

A motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Carr to approve

Public Comments: None

In Favor 4

Opposed 0

A motion by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Carr to adjourn the meeting

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