

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:

1. Resolution 3 of 2019: Adopt Millage Rates.

RESOLUTION 3 of 2019

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2019 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Town of Benton:

MILLAGE

Mill Key # 5079001 GENERAL	7.42 mills
Mill Key # 5079002 STREETS	4.96 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2019, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law. The foregoing resolution was read in full; the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

Public Comments: None

2. LCDBG – Grant Application 2020-2021:

- a) Citizen Participation Plan/ Citizen Complaint Procedure;
- b) the approximate amount of funds available for proposed community development and housing activities; Anticipated that Louisiana will receive approximately \$19.7 million from HUD in CDBG funds. Of that amount, approximately \$14.3 million will be available for the LCDBG Public Facilities Program.
- c) the range of activities that may be undertaken, including the estimated amount of funds proposed to be used for activities that will principally benefit persons of low and moderate income:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Ceiling Amount</u>	<u>Project Severity Due</u>
Sewer Treatment	\$ 1,200,000.00	June 7, 2019
New Sewer Collection	\$ 1,000,000.00	June 7, 2019
Existing Sewer Collection Rehab	\$ 1,000,000.00	June 7, 2019

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Potable Water	\$ 1,000,000.00	June 7, 2019
Streets	\$ 800,000.00	June 7, 2019

Any eligible applicant may apply for the following activities under the current LCDBG program; even those applicants previously funded under public facilities components of the LCDBG program.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Ceiling Amount</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Demonstrated Needs	\$ 300,000.00	None
LaStep	\$ 500,000.00	None

- d) the plans of the applicant for minimizing displacement of persons as a result of activities assisted with such funds and the benefits to be provided to persons displaced as a result of such activities;

If funded, adoption and implementation of a Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan under Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

- e) the applicant's performance in prior LCDBG programs funded by the state;

Prior LCDBG funded Projects of the Town

- *2018 Street Project (Pine Hill Subdivision)*
- *2016 Annie Lou Heights Sewer Rehabilitation Project*

Public Comments: None

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING:

A motion by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Cathcart to adjourn the meeting
 In Favor: 3
 Opposed: 0

Stephanie Collier, CAO
 (Name and Position of Authorized Person)

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 (Name of Taxing District)

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REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES

MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN
TOWN OF BENTON
105 SIBLEY STREET, BENTON, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Shelly Horton

AGENDA: A motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Gates to approve the Regular Session Agenda

Public Comments: None
In Favor: 3
Opposed: 0

MINUTES: A motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the minutes of the April Meeting

Public Comments: None
In Favor: 3
Opposed: 0

OLD BUSINESS

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

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A motion by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Gates to adopt Resolution 3

Public Comments: None

YEAS: Alderman Gates, Alderman Jones, and Alderman Cathcart

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Alderman Carr and Alderman Wyatt

2. Chief Wallace: Industrial Park Land and future site for the Fire District Training Facility

Chief Wallace discussed in detail the future project to construct a Training Facility that will include a burn tower and a classroom facility that can be used for joint training for other surrounding fire departments and police departments. The minimum acres needed for the site is 3 acres and up.

Alderman Cathcart suggested testing soil and other features of the land to be sure it will be suitable land.

Mayor Horton introduced Mr. Rocky Rockett with Bossier Parish Economic Development. Mr. Rocky Rockett discussed the recent survey of the Industrial Park performed by Coyle Engineers showing the total number of acres owned by the Town and the historical data on the land. He also stated he felt the Fire Department Training Center would have a positive impact on increasing interested parties for development of the Industrial Park.

Chief Wallace stated that he is flexible on the location and number of acres.

Mayor Horton stated that this item can be tabled for further exploration of this topic.

A motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Jones to table this item for further exploration.

Public Comments: None

In Favor: 3

Opposed: 0

3. Town Appointee to the Benton Fire District 4 Board of Commissioners:

No nominations were made

A motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Jones to table this item until the next council meeting.

Public Comments: None

In Favor: 3

Opposed: 0

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4. **Approval of Month to date Budgets and Monthly Financials**

A motion by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Gates to approve the monthly financials

Public Comments: None

In Favor: 3

Opposed: 0

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING:

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

Public Comments: None

In Favor: 3

Opposed: 0

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