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MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN
TOWN OF BENTON
105 SIBLEY STREET, BENTON, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021 AT 6:00 PM

Call to Order: Mayor Shelly Horton

Pledge: By Alderman Cathcart

Invocation: By Alderman Manningh

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

Also, Present: Attorney Doug Stinson, Stephanie Collier, Chief Collier and guest speakers.

Agenda: Motion by Alderman Carr seconded by Alderman Friday to approve the Regular Session Agenda

Public Comments None
In Favor 5
Oppose 0

Minutes: Motion by Alderman Manning seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the Minutes from March Meeting

Public Comments None
In Favor 5
Oppose 0

OLD BUSINESS:

1. None

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NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Agenda Item 4 moved to 1. Bill Davis with the Bossier Parish Sheriff Department to talk about Project Clean Sweep Saturday, April 17, 2021.**
Officer Davis this is an annual project and already have 189 volunteers this year. This project is for people in the community to clean up their area and we will have a drop off area at the Bossier Parish substation on Viking Drive and then shortly after we will have a cookout. We have bags and t-shirts available for those who sign up to volunteer. Mayor Horton announced that we will have staff available to pick up bags of trash for those who are unable to transport the trash to the drop off location on Viking Drive. This is for the purpose of collecting litter on roadways not household trash. Cleaning up the community. People can sign up at Keeping Bossier Beautiful.com.
- 2. Mr. Glynn Price, Outreach Specialist with Louisiana's U. S. Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance – State Program:** Briefly described the purpose of the programs and provided council with information. This is meant to help citizens who have been directly affected by Covid causing them to be unable to pay their rent and it is a way for landlords to recover their lost rent as well. Then Town of Benton will make the information available to all citizens by posting on the website and in prominent places for the public.
- 3. Mr. Steven Maxwell, Agent with Moreman and Moore Insurance:** To discuss changes to Town Insurance policies. (Renewal Date: 04/30/2021) Mr. Maxwell presented the full renewal of all policies for the Town to include the Workers comp insurance. Mr. Maxwell also presented an alternate policy for the Workers Comp, but the council was not in agreement to make such changes at this time.

Motion by Alderman seconded by Alderman to approve the renewal package of all the insurance policies covered under Moreman and Moore.

Public Comments: None

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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4. Resolution 1 of 2021: A Resolution requesting to amend the project scope of the LGAP grant awarded in 2020 to buy a Police Unit:

Mayor Horton discussed that this Resolution is amending the scope of the project which originally was for purchasing LDR traffic camera systems to coordinate with the Bossier Parish Sheriff Department system. However, the project did not meet the deadline requirements of LGAP and because the Benton Police Department has been having so many issues with the two older police units, we felt like the money would better serve the community by buying a new police unit replacing one of the older dodge chargers that continues to break down.

Alderman Cathcart asked if funds were considered for use in other areas and that the Police Departments budget did not distribute funds for a new unit. Alderman Manning asked what type of project or purchases can these funds be used? Mayor Horton explained that LGAP funds can be used to buy equipment, remodel or repair buildings, purchase vehicles.

Motion by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Carr to adopt Resolution 1 of 2021.

Public Comments: None

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

5. Mayor Horton: Update on 2021 Street Project

We will be having a bid opening on May 4th here at Town Hall for the street project. This is for the construction contract.

6. Request Approval of Monthly Financials and YTD Budget (as of March 31, 2021)

Motion by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Cathcart to approve the Monthly financials and YTD Budget totals.

Public Comments: None

In favor 5

Opposed 0

Motion by Alderman Friday Seconded by Alderman Jones to adjourn the meeting.

In favor 5

Opposed 0

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