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# TOWN OF BENTON LOUISIANA

## PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN  
TOWN OF BENTON

105 SIBLEY STREET, BENTON, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA  
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022, 6:00 PM

**Call to Order:** Mayor Horton

**Invocation:** By Alderman Manning

**Pledge:** By Alderman Jones

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

**Also Present:** Attorney Doug Stinson and Stephanie Collier

**Agenda:** Motion by Alderman Carr seconded by Alderman Friday to approve the Public Hearing agenda

Public Comments:

In Favor: 5

Opposed: 0

### Public Hearing Items:

#### 1. Ordinance 575 of 2022: Centerpoint Energy Franchise Agreement

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., D/B/A CENTERPOINT ENERGY LOUISIANA GAS, THE RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FACILITIES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION, DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF GAS IN THE MUNICIPALITY AND, FOR SUCH PURPOSES, TO USE AND EXCAVATE IN THE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS, STREETS, SIDEWALKS, ALLEYS, SQUARES, COMMONS, GROUNDS, AND OTHER PUBLICLY OWNED AREAS AND LEVYING A FRANCHISE (PRIVILEGE) TAX FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Public Comments None

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**Adjourn:**

Motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Jones to adjourn

In Favor 5

Opposed 0

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**REGULAR SESSION  
MINUTES  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN  
TOWN OF BENTON  
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MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022, 6:00 PM**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Horton

**Agenda:** Motion by Alderman Friday seconded by Alderman Manning to approve the agenda  
Mayor Horton: Remove item 3

Public Comments: None

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**Minutes:** Motion by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Carr to approve the February Meeting  
Minutes

Public Comments: None

In Favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Old Business:**

**1. Ordinance 575 of 2022: Centerpoint Energy Franchise Agreement FINAL VOTE**

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., D/B/A CENTERPOINT ENERGY LOUISIANA GAS, THE RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FACILITIES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION, DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF GAS IN THE MUNICIPALITY AND, FOR SUCH PURPOSES, TO USE AND EXCAVATE IN THE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS, STREETS, SIDEWALKS, ALLEYS, SQUARES, COMMONS, GROUNDS, AND OTHER PUBLICLY OWNED AREAS AND LEVYING A FRANCHISE (PRIVILEGE) TAX FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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Motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Manning to adopt Ordinance 575

Public Comments: None

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**New Business:**

**1. Resolution 5 the Lost River Pre Construction Plat:**

RESOLUTION 5 OF 2022  
LOST RIVER SOUTH UNIT No. 1

WHEREAS the Town of Benton does hereby accept the final plat or Lost River South Unit 1, approved as a final plat under the MPC's regulations and procedures by the Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission (the "MPC") at its regular meeting of March 7, 2022 by a unanimous vote.

WHEREAS the Developer has completed all infrastructure and has been accepted by Resolution dated February 14, 2022, by the Town.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that no lots may be sold and no building permits issued until the final plat is signed by the Mayor and recorded with the Bossier Parish Clerk of Court.

Resolution was read in full and adopted on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022 by the following vote:

Motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Carr to adopt resolution 5

Public Comments: None

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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**2. Appointment to the Benton Parish MPC Board of Adjustments:**

Motion by Alderman Cathcart seconded by Alderman Friday to appoint Andy Modica to the Benton Parish MPC Board of Adjustments

Public Comments: None

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**3. Discussion and requesting approval of SBA Lease Agreement Renewal: Removed**

Motion/Second

Public Comments

Roll Call Vote:

**4. Requesting approval of beer permit renewal for Brookshires:**

Motion by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Carr to approve

Public Comments None

In Favor 5

Opposed 0

**5. 2022 Street Improvement Project status (Capital Outlay Funds):**

Mayor Horton updated council on the street repairs project. He stated that all of the repairs have been made and the total price was just under the amount we were awarded in capital outlay funds.

Public Comments None

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**6. Stinson Road Blighted Property request approval to proceed to demolition:**

Mayor Horton asked to table this until further research can be done on the title

Motion by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Manning

Public Comments None

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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**7. Mayor Horton update on projects:**

Mayor Horton updated council on the levee repair on the Palmetto Treatment Plant and that they are working on it conditional to the weather. Progress has been made. Cypress Black Bayou donated a lot of sb2 rock we will use for the project.

Public Comments: None

**8. Review and Approval of the February 2022 Financials and YTD Budget:**

Motion by Alderman Friday seconded by Alderman Manning to approve

Public Comments None

In Favor 5

Opposed 0

**Comments:**

**Clerk:** The Town of Benton will hold a public hearing on April 11, 2022 for public comments on renewal of ad valorem millage.

**Adjourn**

Motion by Alderman Carr seconded by Alderman Manning to adjourn

In favor 5

Opposed 0

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