

**Town of Benton
Board Meeting
July 3, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Alderman Town of Benton was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Roger Burton III. The following members were present Clint Lancaster, Colby Parks and Patricia Ferris.: also present were Police Chief Jason Bright, Clerk Kim Tyer and Fire Chief Gary Taylor. Absent: Cannon Williams and Greg Shaffer.

Motion to open the meeting was made by Colby Parks seconded by Patricia Ferris, motion passed.

Minutes and Bills were approved by Colby Parks, seconded by Clint Lancaster, motion passed.

The Mayor stated that the Town would have a run off special election July 10, 2018 to determine who would fill the vacant Alderman position.

Old Business

Mayor stated that we had received a order to proceed with the Ross Properties and were in the process of setting a hearing to discuss final details.

Carey Holmes addressed the board concerning water and sewer illegal connections to the duplex housing unit belonging to Mr. Carey Holmes. Mr. Carey Holmes admitted that he illegally connected the water and sewer to his duplex without paying the necessary fees to establish a water connection and without Town approval and that he also has been receiving public utilities without paying the monthly fees. If the inspection of the sewer main shows that Mr. Holmes damaged the side wall of the manhole to connect to the sewer he will also be responsible to the repair cost (approximately \$900.00) The board of alderman granted Mr. Carey Holmes of deadline of August 1, 2018 to pay the necessary fees:

Copy of Deed or written permission from land owner.

1 Meter	\$500.00
1 Deposit	\$90.00
Back pay for receiving services	<u>\$315.00</u>
TOTAL	\$905.00

Sewer tap fee has been waived at this time and the connection will be to only one of the duplex units and will be inspected to ensure that the water and sewer connections to both units are not tied together. Mr. Carey Holmes agreed to and signed a document stating the above was accurate and he would comply. If Mr. Carey Holmes does not comply the Board of Alderman will comply with state statue and Mr. Carey Holmes will be charged with the following: Trespassing water and sewer, malicious mischief and theft of public utilities.

The Town will send Ms. Owens a letter to come before the court on August 10, 2018

concerning her property on west railroad ave.

Jason requested an executive session to discuss personnel issues;

The mayor asked for a motion to close regular session, motion by Clint Lancaster and seconded by Patricia Ferris, Motion passed.

Motion was made by Clint Lancaster and seconded by Colby Parks to open executive session.

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The Mayor stated that the executive session was to discuss extra help for summer grass cutting. Motion was made by Patricia Ferris to hire Chris Carr at \$10.00 an hour for a maximum of 20 hours a week to assist with grass cutting and watching on the inmates.

Jason stated that they had completed a smoke test and determined that in several areas around town we are continuing to get infiltration in our sewer system.

The mayor asked for any other business to come before the board. A motion was made by Colby Parks and seconded by Clint Lancaster to Adjourn.

Cannon Williams, Town Clerk

Roger Burton III, Mayor