

**Town of Bentonia
Board Meeting
August 4, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Alderman Town of Bentonia was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Roger Burton III. The following members were present Patricia Stevens, Robert Demus, Colby Parks and Clint Lancaster also present were Fire Chief Gary Taylor, Police Chief Nolen Warrington, Clerk Cannon Williams, Clerk Kim Tyler, Town Attorney Matt Eichelberger and members of the community. Absent: Greg Shaffer.

Motion to open the meeting was made by Clint Lancaster seconded by Colby Parks; motion passed with all in favor. Motion to accept the minutes and bills was made by Colby Parks and seconded by Clint Lancaster; motion passed with all in favor.

The Mayor gave a brief overview of the timeline on stop signs for Oak Street, Rosenberg and Old Yazoo and signs for Pritchard Ave. He stated they are expected to be in within the next week or so. Oak Street and Woods Circle will have a 3 way stop at the end where Woods Circle meets Oak Street. A stop sign will be place at the Y on Rosenberg and Old Yazoo. Children at play and speed limit signs will be place on Pritchard Ave.

The Mayor gave a brief overview of the project to upgrade the sewer stations. Tamale and Burton station are complete. Work in progress at the apartment station and a can will be place on the south side of Cannon Ave tomorrow.

It was called to the attention of the Town that Taffany Jones had been without water for approximately a month. It was determined that Carey Holmes had tapped into the meter cutting Taffany Jones tap off. The Mayor spoke with Carey Holmes and Jimmy Holmes about tapping into the meter located at 306 Cannon Ave. It was determined that Carey Holmes had illegally tapped the line. A round table discussion was held concerning the issue and if the Jimmy Holmes would not sign off allowing Carey to use the tap at 306 Cannon Avenue a new meter would have to be purchased.

Mr. Carey Holmes addressed the board and Mayor concerning the issue of the illegal tap and stated that it was him alone and that Jimmy Holmes was not involved. The Mayor told Carey Holmes if Jimmy Holmes would sign off he would be able to use the meter at 306 Cannon Avenue. Carey Holmes stated that the land and meter did not belong to Jimmy Holmes it belong to his sister who has passed away. It was discussed and decided that Carey Holmes would obtain a signature from his sisters' son in order to access the tap at 306 Cannon Ave.

The Town of Bentonia did not charge Taffany Jones for water for the month of July since her line had been disconnected by Carey Holmes.

The Mayor stated that it was time to get the budget ready for fiscal years 2020-2021. Once complete board member would receive a copy and it would need to be adopted at the September meeting.

Nolen discussed issues related to the pitch in and littering and stated that he was writing tickets for littering. Nolen brought forth information on equipment that would help with the littering issue and a motion was made by Robert Demus and seconded by Colby Parks to purchase such equipment.

The Mayor asked for any other information to come before the board. Motion to adjourn was made by Colby Parks and seconded by Robert Demus.

Kim Tyer, Clerk

Roger Burton III, Mayor