

**Town of Benton
Board Meeting
August 7, 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, Greg Shaffer, Patricia Ferris and Robert Demus.: also present were Police Chief Jason Bright, Clerk Kim Tyer and Fire Chief Gary Taylor. Absent: Cannon Williams and Colby Parks.

Motion to open the meeting was made by Clint Lancaster seconded by Patricia Ferris, motion passed.

The Mayor swore Alderman Robert Demus in as Alderman at Large.

Minutes and Bills were approved by Greg Shaffer, seconded by Clint Lancaster, motion passed.

Rusty Nash addressed the board concerning a culvert in the woods circle area is in need of repair or replacement. The Mayor stated that we would have the county take a look at it.

Old Business:

Carey Holmes paid \$500.00-meter fee and has an outstanding balance of 1395.00 for delinquent water and sewer, deposit and also \$900.00 fee for illegal tap of The Town of Benton sewer system. Patricia Ferris stated that Mr. Carey Holmes is aware that she agreed to work with him. Robert Demus said he would like to speak with Mr. Carey Holmes concerning the issue and requested a letter stating the balance and if payment has not been received in full by August 15, 2018 the town will move forward with criminal charges: Trespass-water/sewer, Theft of public utilities and Malicious mischief. Motion was made by Clint Lancaster and seconded by Greg Shaffer. Motion passed.

The Mayor stated that the Town had received information needed to proceed with the clean up of Mr. Alvin Ross's property on Wilson street. All three properties will be cleaned up.

Mrs. Owens has started working on her building in town and the Alderman are satisfied with her progress so far.

The Mayor express concern over complaints from citizens about Ms. Loretta Thornton's dogs killing other people's animals in town.

The Mayor reviewed the budget and inquired about rates for town utilities fiscal year 2018-2019. The board voted to raise the following utilities.

Water \$22.50

Sewer \$27.50

Deposit water and sewer \$100.00

Reconnect Fee \$100.00

Water Meter \$700.00

Sewer Tap \$700.00

Mills will remain at 14mils

Motion made by Clint Lancaster and seconded by Greg Shaffer, motion passed.

The Mayor requested an executive session to discuss raises for fiscal year 2018-2019

Patricia Ferris made motion to close the regular meeting and open executive session and seconded by Clint Lancaster. Motion passed.

Greg Shaffer made motion to close executive session and open regular meeting and was seconded by Patricia Ferris.

A motion was made by Clint Lancaster and seconded by Greg Shaffer to increase the Police Chief, Town Clerk's, Mr. Gary and also the part time police officers pay by 3% effective October 1, 2018. The Mayor and Board of Alderman's salary will remain the same.

The Mayor asked for any other business and a motion was made by Clint Lancaster and seconded by Patricia Ferris to adjourn.

Kim Tyer, Town Clerk

Roger Burton III, Mayor