

**Town of Bentonia
Board Meeting
December 5th, 2017**

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

Motion was made by Clint Lancaster to adopt the minutes and bills and was seconded by Adam Brooks. Motion passed with all in favor

Keith Whitfield addressed the board and asked for permission to install an ice machine at the end of the Holmes Center. Permission was granted by the board and Mr. Whitfield was advised that the town would need to install a meter prior to and he would need to obtain a privilege license. Adam Brooks made motion and it was seconded by Patricia Ferris with all in favor.

The Mayor requested that a meter be installed at the mobile home located on Pritchard avenue which is also located on the Holmes center property. Clerk Cannon Williams contacted Tim Barker to have both meters installed.

The Mayor advised the board that the clean up on Alvin Ross's property would be begin as soon as we received the written order from the Judge and bids were obtained and proper notification to Mr. Ross has been completed. Bids will be obtained from the following" DB Dump Truck, Taylor and Son, James Douglas and Hancock.

The Mayor told the board that the town had been scammed by Intuit Quick Books and that the town had taken action and hired Enhanced Systems to assist with quick books going forward.

Mr. Gary Taylor address the board concerning truck 44 being out of commission and stated that the fire department would like to purchase a 94-international tanker truck from the MS Forestry Commission for \$100. He also discussed the option of purchasing a 1/2 ton truck for the first responders to use form the Mississippi Department of Wildlife Fishery's and Parks. Batteries for the truck will be obtained from Yazoo County. After one year the title to such vehicles will be reverted to the town. Motion was made by Adam Brooks, seconded by Clint Lancaster with all in favor. Motion passed.

Jason addressed the board and stated the Tahoe was in the shop for radiator repair/replacement and a broke motor mount. They will change the oil and rotate tires while it is out of commission. He also stated that the ford explorer will need tire and he plans to order from the state contract.

Jason stated that Entergy had visited and check the night lights and also the Christmas tree light adapter and stated that the town would need to supply the materials needed and they would install the extension. Kevin Ables with Entergy will see if they will issue a credit for the unused ports for the past 5 years. Motion was made by Patricia Ferris, seconded by Clint Lancaster to allow the purchase of the material needed. Motion passed with all in favor.

Jason discussed affidavits that the town will need to purchase since court will be held quarterly after the first of the year. Motion was made by Clint Lancaster, seconded by Patricia Ferris. Motion passed with all in favor.

Adam Brooks inquired as to why the mobile home on Pritchard Ave. had not been skirted as the owner stated that he would abide by the town ordinance. The Mayor will have Jeff Williamson perform inspections with prior notification given.

The Mayor advised the board that no cut off notices will be mailed. If past due accounts are not paid by the 15th of month. Cut off date is the 16th day of the month going forward.

The Mayor asked for any other business to come before the board. Clint Lancaster made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Patricia Ferris. Motion passed with all in favor

Kim Tyer, City Clerk

Trey Burton, Mayor