

**Town of Bentonia
Board Meeting
December 4th, 2018**

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 III. The following members were present Clint Lancaster, Patricia Ferris and Robert Demus; 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 open the meeting and seconded by Robert Demus. Motion passed with all in favor.

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

The Mayor spoke to the board concerning Mr. Alvin Ross's property and stated that James Douglas (D&D) was expected to begin work the following week in accordance with the court order. The Mayor also stated that he has spoken with Mr. Ross concerning this issue and told him that his personal property should be removed prior to work starting.

The Mayor requested permission to open an account with Bank of Yazoo in Flora for infrastructure funding in the amount of \$525,219.42 received from Senate Bill 2002. Motion was made by Clint Lancaster and seconded by Patricia Ferris, motion passed with all in favor.

Jason Bright discussed complaints received from Mr. Charles Davis and others around town concerning dogs running at large that belong to Ms. Loretta Thornton and Mr. Charles Lindsey. The Mayor stated that concerned members of the community with issues concerning animals running at large will be required to attend a board meeting to make their concerns known. In Emergency situations the Mayor stated that the animals can be declared a nuisance and the town would have to pay someone to pick them up and that fee would be charged back to the owner of the animal. The Mayor asked Jason Bright, Chief of Police, to speak with Ms. Loretta Thornton and Charles Lindsey concerning their dogs.

Round table discussion was held concerning 18 wheelers running over and busting the water line behind town hall while making deliveries to Planters Supply. Mayor and board requested to have a pipe rail put up to prevent this from happening again. Motion made by Patricia Ferris, seconded by Robert Demus, motion passed with all in favor.

\$200.00 was approved by the board of Alderman to purchase Christmas lights for town decorations. Motion was made by Clint Lancaster and seconded by Robert Demus, motion passed with all in favor.

The Mayor called for an executive session to discuss personnel. Motion made by Patricia Ferris to close regular meeting seconded by Robert Demus.

Motion to open executive session was made by Clint Lancaster and seconded by Robert Demus.

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

Motion was made by Clint Lancaster to Hire Nolan Warrington for night shift officer. Motion was seconded by Robert Demus. Motion passed with all in favor.

Motion to adjourn was made by Robert Demus and seconded by Patricia Ferris, motion passed with all in favor.

Kim Tyer, City Clerk

Roger Burton III, Mayor