

**Town of Bentonina
Board Meeting
December 15, 2020**

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

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

Kim and Joseph Martin came before the board requesting that something been done about their neighbors' dogs constantly barking. Kim Martin played a recording she had recorded of the dogs barking and stated that it is constant and they are unable to enjoy being outdoors. The board stated they will have an ordinance to address nuisance dogs at the next meeting and will vote to adopt. Kim Martin stated that the dogs are jumping the fence and getting in her yard. Patricia Stevens and Clint Lancaster both stated that they can hear the dogs barking at their house as well.

Velma Davis was on the agenda but did not show up for the meeting.

Simon Stubblefield addressed the Mayor and Board of Alderman concerning occupancy of businesses in town. He has been appointed as the County Fire Marshal and requested permission to assign occupancy limits to businesses inside the city limits. It was discussed that the Governor is allowing 75% occupancy at this time during the COVID-19 pandemic. Occupancy fines range from businesses being closed for a week to fines being issues and will be enforced by the Town of Bentonina. Motion to allow 75% occupancy was made by Clint Lancaster, seconded by Patricia Ferris. Motion passed with all in favor.

It was discussed that Carey Holmes had paid \$100 of the \$268.08 owed to the town for a water meter on Taylor Street. Carey Holmes had been given 2 months to get this paid. Motion was made to cut the water off to the 3 dwelling in question by Clint Lancaster and seconded by Greg Shaffer, motion passed with all in favor.

Cannon Williams questioned where the addresses on Taylor Street came from and stated that in her opinion, they were incorrect. She stated that she would contact emergency management to see if the issue could be resolved.

Mr. Gary Taylor stated that the town would not have inmates until after the first of the year.

The Mayor asked for any other business to come before the town. Motion to adjourn was made by Clint Lancaster and seconded by Patricia Stevens, motion passed with all in favor.

Kim Tyer, Clerk

Roger Burton III, Mayor