

**Town of Bentonia
Board Meeting
February 5, 2019**

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, Robert Demus, Colby Parks and Patricia Ferris; also present were Police Chief Jason Bright, Clerk Kim Tyer, Fire Chief Gary Taylor. Absent: Greg Shaffer and Cannon Williams

Motion was made by Colby Parks to open the meeting and seconded by Robert Demus. Motion passed with all in favor.

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

Old Business:

The Mayor gave a brief overview of the old business starting with the railing to be installed behind town hall. Jason stated that it has been too wet to install.

Quote to repair the roof at town hall is pending.

Clean up of Mr. Alvin Ross's property pursuant to the court order and Mississippi Code of 1972, Miss. Code Ann 21-19-11, lot 104, 106 and 110 cost to the town will be levied against Mr. Ross's Ad Valorem Taxes. Motion was made by Colby Parks and Seconded by Clint Lancaster, motion passed with all in favor.

Bricks falling from the building beside the fire department is pending a quote to bring them down to the level of the fire house.

Clean up letters are being sent out.

The town will send out letters concerning past due bills and give those at default an opportunity to attend the next board meeting to discuss prior to the 90 days to pay in full begins. June 4th 2019 is the deadline.

CD in the amount of \$102,940.50 with Bank of Yazoo is up for renewal. Motion was made by Clint Lancaster to let the CD roll over and was seconded by Colby Parks, Motion passed with all in favor.

It has come to the attention of the town that Mr. Carey Holmes duplex water and sewer connections are tied together. It is required that each unit have a separate connection.

Jimmy Holmes sewer at the trailer located on Pritchard Ave has been leaking and he

has been notified by the town to have it repaired. Jason stated that Mr. Holmes was in the process of repairing it Tuesday, February 5, 2019.

The Mayor stated that he and Mr. McMaster visited the water and sewer stations and found that the grinder pump lock had been cut off near the strip mall and the main line going to the lagoon was also leaking.

Jeff Williamson gave a brief overview of the water system for 2018 and stated that the town will continue working on installing water meters.

Jeff Williamson also expressed concern over installing metal pipe behind town hall and stated that it would be best to replace the old existing line with a new more flexible type pipe. Permission was granted to request quotes. Motion made by Colby Parks and seconded by Clint Lancaster, motion passed with all in favor.

Jeff Williamson stated that the town was out of compliance with dissolved oxygen at the lagoon due to no aeration.

The Mayor requested an executive session to discuss personnel. Motion was made by Robert Demus and seconded by Patricia Ferris to close the regular meeting and open executive session.

Motion to close executive session and open the regular meeting was made by Clint Lancaster and seconded by Robert Demus.

Motion was made by Patricia Ferris and seconded by Colby Parks to hire Douglas Kirkland as a part time police officer. 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