

**Town of Bentonia
Board Meeting
February 2, 2021**

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

Motion to open the meeting was made by Colby Parks seconded by Robert Demus; motion passed with all in favor. Motion to accept the minutes and bills was made by Robert Demus and seconded by Patricia Stevens; motion passed with all in favor.

Scott Ward addressed the board concerning issues they are having with a neighbor. It started out as an issue with each other's dogs and has progressed to a state of stalking according to Mr. Ward. He stated that he is planning to contact an attorney concerning the issue. He stated that the neighbor's dogs come close to breaching the fence and are aggressive when he or someone from his family goes in their yard. Mr. Ward wanted to come before the board to tell his side of the story before thing progress any father.

Mayor Burton arrived and took the meeting over. Mayor Pro Tiem Clint Lancaster dropped back to his position as Alderman at that time.

Tommy Irvine was on the agenda to discuss an interlocal agreement with the town but did not show up for the meeting.

The Mayor discussed the bank plus building and stated he has had a couple contractors look at the repairs needed but he has been unable to obtain a quote.

Mayor addressed an issue of sewer overflow that occurred the week prior and stated that Alderman do not have the authority to call out personnel to address an issue. The Mayor is over daily operation and personnel (state statue 21-8-17).

The Mayor discussed the need for a time clock policy for hourly personnel. Motion was made by Clint Lancaster and seconded by Robert Demus; motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor requested an executive session; motion to close regular meeting was made by Clint Lancaster, seconded by Colby Parks, motion passed with all in favor. Motion to open executive session Colby Parks, seconded by Robert Demus, motion to close executive session Clint Lancaster seconded by Greg Shaffer, motion passed with all in favor. Motion to open regular meeting Greg Shaffer, seconded by Robert Demus, motion passed with all in favor. No action was taken in executive session.

The Mayor asked how the board how they were progressing on an issue to address dogs. At this time no ordinance has been brought forth. The Mayor stated that the board of alderman need to meet weekly to address the issue of ordinances for the town.

The Mayor gave a brief over view of the progress on the pump stations and the issue of the overflow in town due to infiltration.

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

Kim Tyer, Clerk

Roger Burton III, Mayor