

**Town of Bentonia  
Board Meeting  
January 5, 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 Roger Burton III. The following members were present Patricia Stevens, Greg Shaffer, Colby Parks, Robert Demus and Clint Lancaster also present were Gary Taylor, Police Chief Nolen Warrington, Clerk Cannon Williams, Clerk Kim Tyer.

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

Chief Nolan Warrington addressed the board and mayor to request permission to have the Ford Explorer repaired. He presented a quote from Gray Daniels for repairs in the amount of \$5583.10. Motion was made by Clint Lancaster and seconded by Colby Parks to have the repairs made, motion passed with all in favor.

The Mayor asked the board if they had come up with an ordinance to address the issue of dogs in town. Clint Lancaster stated that he has reviewed several ordinances from other towns and stated that currently no kill shelters are full and will not take anymore animals. There was some discussion on different ways of addressing the dog issue with an ordinance. The Mayor stated that he is receiving complaints ( 2 this week concerning the dogs at 104 Cox Drive) and that the board needed to start having regular meetings once a week to discuss ordinances. The Mayor stated that it's the boards responsibility to develop the ordinances. It was discussed that a fine structured ticket system may work if everyone in town is required to have a collar with name, number and rabies tag on the dog. Ordinance concerning dogs was tabled until such time that the board meets and develop such ordinance.

Velma Davis addressed the Mayor and Board concerning sewage running in her yard for the man hole. She presented the Mayor with photos and he stated that he would show the photos to the town engineer. The Mayor stated that the plan to bore under the road would begin Friday and that a new station would be located on the creek. Mrs. Davis asked if the man hole would still be located in her yard. The Mayor stated yes but dirt would be built up the sides and smoothed out.

Greg Shaffer inquired about Yazoo County being under a mask mandate. The Mayor stated that the County does not set a mask mandate for the Town of Bentonia. The Governors mask mandate leaves it up to the Municipality to make those decisions. Greg stated that he thinks we should be under a mask mandate to look out for our people because the virus is here alive and well. It was discussed that a ticket could be issued or imprisonment if the town chose to mandate and enforce once an ordinance. The mandate was tabled until such time that the board of alderman meet and develop an ordinance.

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

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**Kim Tyer, Clerk**

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**Roger Burton III, Mayor**