

**Town of Bentonina  
Board Meeting  
July 2, 2019**

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

Motion to open the meeting was made by Clint Lancaster seconded by Greg Shaffer, Motion passed with all in favor.

Beene Tyler addressed the mayor and board concerning trash being in her mother's yard and stated that it has to be cleaned up daily. Along with trash they are also having an issue with dog waste. She expressed frustrations because the trash is coming from the store barrels and she stated that they did not have a dog. Her mother is no longer able to continue cleaning up after others in the community. She recommended purchasing plastic container for trash at the businesses in town and supplied the board with information on these containers. Mrs. Tyler also asked if the town had natural gas and recommended that is would beneficial to have. The Mayor stated that members of the Board in the early eighties opted out of the natural gas when the lines were being laid and now it would be cost prohibited to have lines run.

Jay Soday addressed the Mayor and members of the board concerning the dogs running at large in the town and stated that he had been bitten and that he also has to meet his wife at her vehicle to prevent her from being attacked. He stated that the people living near him also have two pit bulls. He stated that something needed to be done immediately. Clint Lancaster stated that he has researched other town leash laws and stated that at this time the town does not have a dog catcher.

Ron McMaster Jr presented the board with proposal for civil engineering services for the CDBG 2019 sewer improvements grant and explained how the monies would be used to update old infrastructure of the 8 pumps stations. Motion was made by Clint Lancaster and seconded by Clint Lancaster to accept the proposal. Motion passed with all in favor. He also stated that the Town had received \$450,000 CDBD grant and \$525,000 from the BP oil spill settlement that will be used in conjunction with the grant money. Mrs. Deborah Dixon, House of Representative, District 63, stated that she would also like to do a site visit.

Machelle Kyles and Stephanie Foster are running for House of Representatives, District 63 and gave a brief overview of their campaign platform.

Deborah Dixon, House of Representative, District 63, reviewed how she has helped the town receive the CDBD Grant and also the BP oil spill settlement monies to assist with restructuring of the sewer system infrastructure.

**Peggy Rucker addressed the Mayor and board of alderman stating that she has ruined a tire due to a man hole cover being left open and upside down. The board of Alderman voted to pay for the expense in the amount of \$306.72. Motion was made by Greg Shaffer and seconded by Clint Lancaster. Motion passed with all in favor.**

**The Mayor requested permission to have a contractor look at the bank plus building to see what repaired are needed and an estimated cost. The town is interested in purchasing the building. Motion was made by Patricia Ferris, seconded by Clint Lancaster. Motion passed with all in favor.**

**The Mayor stated that the blue car that was seized needs to be declared surplus property and the board agreed to have it sold at auction. Motion was made by Clint Lancaster and seconded by Greg Shaffer. Motion passed with all in favor.**

**Motion to except the minutes and bill was made by Greg Shaffer and seconded by Robert Demus. Motion passed with all in favor.**

**Mayor asked for any other business to come before the board. Motion to adjourn was made by Patricia Ferris and seconded by Clint Lancaster.**

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**Kim Tyer, Town Clerk**

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**Roger Burton III, Mayor**