

**Town of Bentonia
Board Meeting
July 7, 20220**

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, Robert Demus, and Colby Parks, also present were Fire Chief Gary Taylor, Police Chief Nolen Warrington, Clerk Cannon Williams, Clerk Kim Tyer, Town Attorney Matt Eichelberger and members of the community. Absent: Clint Lancaster.

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 Colby Parks and seconded by Greg Shaffer; motion passed with all in favor.

Velma Davis came before the Mayor and Board of Alderman concerning sewer backing up at 105 Cannon Ave. A discussion was held on what the best approach would be get the issue corrected. The Mayor gave a brief overview of the CDBG Grant project that will be correcting sewer issues and reviewed a summary of what would take place at the pump station in front of the apartments and stated that it should correct the issue. The Mayor and Ivan Holder would communicate with Charles Davis to see when would be an appropriate time to stop by and look at the issue.

The Mayor called for Rhonda Hubbard to come before the board. Rhonda Hubbard was not in attendance so the Mayor relayed the purpose of request to be on the agenda. She requests a privilege license to open a snack shop on Cannon Ave. Motion was made by Patricia Stevens and seconded by Colby Parks; motion passed with all in favor.

The Mayor reviewed work that needs to be completed at the lagoon which will consist of rebuilding the control panel to convert single phase power to 3 phase. 2 quotes were received: Harvey Services \$18,105.00 and Scoggins \$ 22336.00. The Mayor stated the pump was replaced last month and has since burn up twice, Scoggins rebuilt under warranty once but will not rebuild under warranty again even though it is less than a month old. Motion was made to except Harvey Services Quote. Mayor stated that funds would come from SB 2002 infrastructure money. Motion was made by Greg Shaffer and seconded by Colby Parks: motion passed with all in favor.

The Mayor spoke with the lady feeding cats at the pitch in. She has permission from Jimmy Holmes to feed the cat on his property.

The Mayor addressed business from the June meeting concerning speed bumps. The Town Attorney, Matt Eichelberger addressed concerns of liability of speed bumps and recommended other alternatives be taken in to consideration. He explained that damage or injury resulting from speed bumps would be a liability for the town and also advised the community if someone was injured or hurt from someone speeding the town would not be liable.

Mayor Burton asked the board of Alderman to consider a three way stop on Oak Street and Woods Circle at the T. He stated signs would also be placed along the road. Speed limit signs, children at play signs and stated that signs would be redundant. Michelle Nash asked if the speed limit on Oak Street could be reduced from 20 to 15 MPH. The Mayor explained that with a 3 way stop it would require all traffic to come to a complete stop and would be enforceable. Niki Jolly asked how the 3 way stop would be affected by the family living on the corner because it is already a tight turn and they are parking in the road. The Mayor stated that issue has been resolved. The Mayor stated that the idea was Alderman Clint Lancaster and that he was just bringing it before the board. Motion was made by Colby Parks and seconded by Patricia Stevens to proceed with a 3 way stop and also signs. Motion passed with all in favor.

Nolen presented the board members with policy and procedures for the Police Department. Motion was made by Greg Shaffer and seconded by Colby Parks to accept the policies and procedures. Motion passed with all in favor. The Mayor stated that Matt Eichelberger would review the policy and procedures and if they were satisfactory the town would adopt them.

The Mayor stated the State Legislator has retired the State of Mississippi flag. The Mississippi State flag has been removed from the flag pole at town hall and will be returned to the vendor who supplied it to the town for display at a museum.

Minnie Jones came before the Mayor and Board of Alderman requesting that sometime be done about a dog belonging to John Dugas who lives at 206 Taylor Street. She stated that the dog chases her and she is fearful for herself and her family. The Mayor asked Nolen Warrington, Chief of Police, to speak with Mr. Dugas concerning the dog.

The mayor asked for any other business to come before the board. Motion was made by Colby Parks and seconded by Robert Demus to Adjourn.

Kim Tyer, Clerk

Roger Burton III, Mayor