

**Town of Bentonia
Board Meeting
July 6, 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, Jace Creel, Coly Parks and Kim Martin also present was Gary Taylor and members of the community. Absent: Greg Shaffer

Mayor Clint Lancaster was sworn in by Mayor Burton at 6:00 PM. At this time Mayor Lancaster swore in the Alderman: Patricia Stevens, Jace Creel, Colby Parks and Kim Martin.

Motion to accept the minutes and bill from June 2021 Colby Parks, seconded by Patricia Stevens, motion passed with all in favor.

Richard Sanders addressed the mayor and board concerning the blue festival and requested that the board address the volume of the music during the blues festival. The mayor stated that we currently do not have an ordinance to address the issue since it is being held on private property. Richard Sanders stated that the festival might be on private property but they should not be allowed to imposed there will on others.

Kim Martin inquired as to where the money from the festival goes and also stated that parking is an issue when the festival is going on. The mayor stated that the festival holders are not responsible for where people park.

The mayor discussed the issues with the pitch in and reviewed an ordinance that will address the dog issue and discussed what needs to be addressed when the Alderman set an ordinance.

Kim Martin stated that the people living behind here do not clean up and dog feces runs through a ditch in her yard and under the railroad to Robert Demus's house when it rains. Kim Martin stated they just filled the ditch in to prevent the issue.

The mayor gave an over view of sewer pumps that are down. The one by the apartments has over flowed and a spill report will be completed Ivan Holder. The pump at Geneva Burtons and the one across 49 near the tamale shop is also down. He stated that the town should have enough senate bill money to cover the repairs.

The mayor stated that he would like to obtain quotes for new Town of Bentonia signs and plans to replace the flag outside of town hall with a new flag.

Motion was made to close regular secession and go into executive session by Patricia Ferris and seconded by Colby Parks, motion passed with all in favor.

Motion to end executive session and open the regular meeting was made by Colby Parks and seconded by Patricia Ferris, motion passed with all in favor.

No action was taken from the executive session.

Motion to adjourn was made by Colby parks and seconded by Patricia Stevens, motion passed with all in favor.

Kim Tyer, Clerk

Clint Lancaster, Mayor