

**Town of Bentonia
Board Meeting
May 4th, 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, Clint Lancaster, Greg Shaffer, Robert Demus also present were Gary Taylor, Police Chief Nolen Warrington, Cannon Williams and Kim Tyer. Absent: Colby Parks.

Honorable Judge Walker swore in Honorable Judge John Peyton Randolph II as The Municipal Court Judge to preside over the Town of Bentonia on this day the 4th of May, 2021.

The mayor asked why the Town was using two different agencies for bonding of Clerk, Officer, and Mayor, Alderman. Cannon stated that she would check.

The mayor addressed the board of Alderman concerning complaints received from citizens concerning the smell from crawfish shells being dumped in the pitch-in and stated that the pitch in is for house hold trash only and the business dumping the crawfish Shells will be required to get and maintain a dumpster on the premises of the business just like other food establishments are required. A motion was made by Robert Demus, seconded by Patricia Stevens, motion passed with all in favor. The town attorney will be contacted to write a letter concerning this issue to the business owner.

Jamie Appleton was on the agenda but was not present at the meeting. Mr. Gary addressed the mayor and alderman to say that Mrs. Appleton wants permission to open her restraint in the strip mall. The Mayor stated that Mrs. Appleton will need to attend a board meeting and request permission to obtain a privilege license.

The mayor requested to close the regular meeting and open executive session, motion was made by Clint Lancaster and seconded by Robert Demus.

Motion to end executive session and open regular session was made by Clint Lancaster and Greg Shaffer.

Executive session was to discuss personnel. Motion was made to accept Nolen Warrington resignation as police chief and hire Nolen Warrington as a part time officer for the town. Motion was made by Robert Demus and seconded by Clint Lancaster.

Motion was made to place Jonathan Purvis and Jacoby Golden on indefinite suspension from the police department by Patricia Stevens and seconded by Greg Shaffer, motion passed with all in favor.

Motion to advertise for Chief of Police was made by Patricia Stevens and seconded by Clint Lancaster, Motion passed with all in favor.

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

Kim Tyer, Clerk

Roger Burton III, Mayor