

**Town of Benton
Board Meeting
January 7, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Alderman Town of Benton was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Roger Burton III. The following members were present Clint Lancaster, Patricia Stevens, Robert Demus, Colby Parks and Greg Shaffer: also present were Police Chief Jason Bright, Fire Chief Gary Taylor, Clerk Cannon Williams and Clerk Kim Tyer.

Motion to open the meeting was made by Client Lancaster seconded by Patricia Ferris, Motion passed with all in favor.

Motion to except the minutes and bill was made by Clint Lancaster and seconded by Colby Parks. Motion passed with all in favor.

Titus Braboy addressed the mayor and board concerning the upcoming 2020 Census and expressed its importance. If asked if the mayor and board would form a community committee in order to help get the word out. Motion was made by Greg Shaffer and seconded by Client Lancaster.

Cal Soday was on the agenda to discuss the issue related to dogs at large in the community. He called prior to the meeting and stated he was unable to make it.

The Mayor stated that he had spoken with Mr. Carlise concerning the property the he currently owns that houses the town pump house and that it was pending a clear title check.

The Mayor gave and brief overview of the drainage issue on cox drive and stated that he had spoken with Mike Osborne and they would discuss more in depth when Mr. Osborne comes to Benton,

The Mayor stated that he has spoken with MDOT concerning the intersection on hwy 49 and they stated that they had already been contacted.

A round table discussion was held concerning the Police Chief position that will be vacant January 10th, 2020. It was discussed that the town would take application for part time and full-time police officer positions and one position to pick up and oversee the inmates cutting grass, water/sewers projects and for the street department.

The Mayor asked Jason to hire Cole McGinnis once his background was complete.

Kim Tyer, Town Clerk

Roger Burton III, Mayor

