

**Town of Bentonina
Board Meeting
October 6, 2020**

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 Patricia Stevens, Robert Demus, and Greg Shaffer also present were Fire Chief Gary Taylor, Police Chief Nolen Warrington, Clerk Cannon Williams, Clerk Kim Tyer. Absent: Clint Lancaster and Colby Parks.

Motion to open the meeting was made by Greg Shaffer seconded by Patricia Stevens; motion passed with all in favor. Motion to accept the minutes and bills was made by Patricia Stevens and seconded by Robert Demus; motion passed with all in favor.

Ron McMaster Jr with McMaster and Associates gave a brief over view of the progress on the sewer station upgrade and stated that its approximately 70-75% complete as of September 2020.

Rusty Nash address the Board of Alderman concerning the stop signs for Oak Street and Wood Circle. He stated that the speed bumps were removed over night and wanted to know exactly when the stop sign would be placed. The Mayor stated that the signs were in and that it was the county's responsibility to put them down. Rusty requested permission to contact the county supervisor.

Mr. Carey Holmes address the Mayor and Board of Alderman and requested a 90-day extension on the water meters for the duplex and trailer on Taylor Street. It has been discussed for approximately 3 months now that Mr. Carey Holmes needs to request written permission from a relative to use one meter and pay to purchase one meter so that each unit has its own water meter. Mr. Holmes was granted a 2-week extension to either purchase 2 meters at \$800.00 each or 1 meter at \$800.00 and obtain written permission to use the vacant meter from family. In the event that Mr. Holmes does not meet the expectation and requirements set forth by the State Department of Health as a Landlord all three-housing unit will be turn off at the end of the extension period. Motion was made by Patricia Stevens, seconded by Greg Shaffer, motion passed with all in favor.

Minnie Jones addressed the Mayor and Board of Alderman concerning the possibility of her water being turned off because it is not set up correctly. She stated that her bill is paid to date and she doesn't feel that it would be fair to her. The Mayor explained her landlord Mr. Carey Holmes is responsible for taking the legal steps necessary to have each house hooked up to its own water meter within 2 weeks and if not that all 3 houses, the trailer, and both duplexes water would be turn off.

Motion was made to close regular meeting and go into executive session by Robert Demus and seconded by Greg Shaffer, motion passed with all in favor.

Motion to close executive session and open regular session by Patricia Stevens, seconded by Robert Demus, motion passed with all in favor.

Motion was made to hire Jacoby Golden as a part time police officer, motion was made by Greg Shaffer, seconded by Robert Demus, motion passed with all in favor.

Mr. Gary Taylor addressed the Mayor and Board of Alderman and stated that he had stepped down as Fire Chief and recommended Jason Bright as Fire Chief, Richard Speight as Assistant Fire Chief, Ashley White as Secretary, Hunter Woods as Captain and Robert White as Captain. Motion was made by Robert Demus seconded by Greg Shaffer motion passed with all in favor.

Motion to adjourn was made by Patricia Stevens, seconded by Greg Shaffer, motion passed with all in favor.

Kim Tyer, Clerk

Roger Burton III, Mayor