

**Town of Bentonia
Board Meeting
Sept 5, 2019**

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 Clint Lancaster, Greg Shaffer, Patricia Stevens, Robert Demus and Colby Parks.: also present were Police Chief Jason Bright and Clerk Kim Tyer.

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

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

Mayor gave a brief overview of the process on the bank plus building. He stated that the appraiser was waiting on a mold survey.

The Mayor advised alderman who have not attended water school on the adverse effects of not attending.

The Mayor requested that the Alderman start working on town ordinances to address the numerous complaints received about dogs running at large and also requested that a decision be made concerning the pit bull ordinance and also enforcing such ordinance. Decision was made to enforce pit bull ordinance and requested that the pit bull be removed from the Town of Bentonia immediately.

Round table discussion concerning the purchase of a meter check valve for bulk rate water.
Bulk water rates will change to \$500.00 deposit
\$500 for the 1st 10,000 gallons
\$14.00 per thousand after the 1st 10,000 gallons

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

The Mayor stated that the town would use House Bill 991 to collect outstanding debt owed to the town.

Jason requested a full-time position to watch inmate labor. The full-time position was denied due to budget restraints.

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

Motion was made by Greg Shaffer to close executive session and open regular session, seconded by Patricia Stevens, motion passed with all in favor.

Motion was made by Clint Lancaster and seconded by Robert Demus that no employee of the Town of Bentonia would receive a raise for fiscal year 2019-2020.

The final budget was approved. Motion by Clint Lancaster and seconded by Greg Shaffer, motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor asked for any other business to come before the board. Motion to adjourn was made by Patricia Stevens and seconded by Clint Lancaster.

Kim Tyer, Town Clerk

Roger Burton III, Mayor