

**Town of Bentonia
Board Meeting
September 8, 20220**

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

Motion to open the meeting was made by Colby Parks seconded by Patricia Stevens; motion passed with all in favor. Motion to accept the minutes and bills was made by Clint Lancaster and seconded by Colby Parks; motion passed with all in favor.

Rusty Nash was on the agenda but did not show up for the meeting.

The Mayor gave a brief overview of the status on signs order from the county for Oak Street and Pritchard Avenue. He stated the signs were in and hopefully the county would have the put up within the next week.

Permission was granted for Nolan Warrington to attend the Police Chiefs conference on the Gulf Coast September 2020.

The Mayor asked for a motion to allow Central Yazoo Water Assn to supply the Town of Bentonia with a backup water supply and also for the town to supply Central Yazoo Water Assn a back up water supply. The cost will be approximately 15,000 plus legal fees. This will help with insurance rates for the residents of Bentonia. They will connect to the town on Cathy Drive and also East Rail Road Ave. Motion was made by Clint Lancaster and Colby Parks, motion passed with all in favor.

The Mayor gave a brief overview of the water services on Taylor and the decision that made to allow Mr. Carey Holmes a extension until Oct. 1, 2020 to get each location 208 A&B, and 206 Taylor Street connected to there own meter. If Mr. Holmes family will allow him to connect to the vacant meter on Taylor street, he will not be required to purchase a new meter for that location. It was discussed that each meter purchased would cost \$800 each. Motion was made to allow the extension by Robert Demus and seconded by Clint Lancaster, Motion passed with all in favor.

Motion to close regular meeting and go into executive session was made by Clint Lancaster and seconded by Colby Parks, Motion passed with all in favor.

Motion to close executive session and open regular meeting was made by Robert Demus and seconded by Colby Parks.

The Mayor stated that the Police Chief, Gary Taylor, Cannon Williams, Kim Tyer and the part time officer would received a 3 Percent raise for fiscal year 2020-2021. The Mayor's

new salary would be \$3,900 per year and the Alderman's salary would be \$1200 per year. Mils, water, sewer and all other service fees will remain the same as fiscal year 2019-2020. Motion was made by Clint Lancaster and seconded by Colby Park with Patricia Stevens in Favor and Robert Demus in opposition. Motion passed with the majority in favor.

Budget was reviewed and accepted with a motion by Colby Parks seconded by Clint Lancaster, motion passed.

Larry Allen addressed the Mayor and Board of Alderman concerning the issue with the water connections and meters for 208 and 206 A&B Taylor street to make sure he understood what need to be done and he said he would try to get the issue resolved.

Mr. Gary Taylor asked if all the businesses in town were paying sales tax to the town. The Mayor stated that Bentonia Bugs would have to get the issue resolved that they have been paying sales tax to the county. Cannon stated that she would check to see if the issue had been corrected.

Mr. Gary requested permission to purchase tee shirts for the fire department. \$400.00 was allotted. Motion was made by Patricia Stevens, seconded by Colby Parks. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Colby Parks, seconded by Clint Lancaster, Motion passed.

Kim Tyer, Clerk

Roger Burton III, Mayor