

The public hearing of the Benton Village Board was called to order by Village President, Gary McCrea, at 6:30 p.m. at 244 Ridge Avenue in the conference room of the Benton Business Incubator building on Wednesday, December 06, 2006, with the following members present: Rose Walton, Lori Droessler, Cal Robbins, and Gary McCrea. Absent: none. Village employees present: Darnell Hendricks (6:30 p.m.). Visitors/Citizens present: none. Consultants present: none. In compliance with the open meeting law, proper notice of the meeting had been posted in four public places; Benton State Bank, Benton Post Office, Benton Business Incubator Building and the Zephyr Depot. A short discussion was held regarding the budget. *Motion (Walton, Robbins) adjourn budget public hearing.* Roll-All ayes. Carried.

The regular meeting of the Benton Village Board was called to order by Village President, Gary McCrea, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room in the Benton Business Incubator Building at 244 Ridge Avenue on Wednesday, December 06, 2006, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Rose Walton, Lori Droessler, Cal Robbins, Ann Neis (7:02 p.m.) and Ron Fladseth (7:14 p.m.). Absent: Terry Sheffer. Village employees present: Darnell Hendricks and John Perkins. Consultants present: none. Citizens/others present: none. In compliance with the open meeting law, proper notice of the meeting had been posted in four public places; the Zephyr Depot, Benton State Bank, Benton Post Office, and the Benton Business Incubator Building.

The minutes of the regular meeting held November 20, 2006, and special meeting held November 21, 2006, were approved by general consent.

Perkins provided an update on the status of the repair/replacement of the fire siren previously located at 148 Third Avenue. The old siren has been repaired, however, it has not been reinstalled. Perkins reviewed bids from Federal Signal for new sirens if the repair does not hold up or if an additional siren is installed in the Roling Oaks subdivision. By general consent it was agreed to postpone the decision on purchasing a new siren at this time, and wait to see if this siren is going to continue functioning. By general consent the board approved an increase in the wages for the fire department secretary from \$100.00/year to \$150.00/year starting in 2007.

Walton asked if Carver could provide an update regarding a complaint involving a sewer backing up at 82 South Van Buren Street. Hendricks will have Carver contact the property owner and report back at the next regular meeting.

Walton requested that the curb stop at 63 South Bean Street be lowered. Hendricks will forward this request to Carver, the water utility superintendent.

McCrea informed the board that the Lafayette Development Corporation had hired a new director, Joanne Ehasz.

McCrea asked the board to be thinking about volunteering for a Village of Benton long range planning committee he will be setting up in January 2007.

Wastewater Treatment Operator, Carver, had provided estimates and recommendations for repairing/replacing sewer mains on Third Street and Third Avenue. *Motion (Neis, Droessler) to repair the sewer main on Third Street as proposed for an estimated cost of \$637.73, and replace the sewer main on Third Avenue from Second Street to Third Street with street repairs to be done with blacktop. It was further motioned that laterals, if ok, not be replaced.* Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Robbins, Fladseth) to approve the certified survey map of the Northwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 9, T1 N, R1E, in the Village of Benton –redefining lines for three lots

along Cross Street and First Avenue Extension. Roll-Walton (yes), Droessler (abstain), Neis (yes), Robbins (yes), Fladseth (yes), McCrea-(yes). Vote-five yes, one abstention. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the 2007 General Fund Budget. *Motion (Droessler, Walton) to approve the 2007 General Fund Budget for final adoption.* Roll-all ayes. Motion carried.

By general consent it was agreed to approve a rental agreement between the Village of Benton and Alan Droessler for \$125.00/acre for the business park land.

Motion (Neis, Walton) to approve providing a credit of \$300.00 for the sewer charges on Swindler's Ridge utility bill. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Robbins, Fladseth) to approve the second reading of an ordinance to amend section 10-9-2 (3) (1) of the Municipal Code of the Village of Benton amending the driveway ordinance to allow a 30 foot driveway at the property line. Voice-all ayes. Carried.

The claims against the Village were presented for payment. *Motion (Walton, Fladseth) to pay the claims against the Village.* Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Robbins, Neis) to adjourn. Roll-all ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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