

The Village of Benton Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Village President, Gary McCrea at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Benton Business Incubator Building at 244 Ridge Avenue on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Jessica Polfer, Rose Walton, Terry Sheffer and Cal Robbins Absent: Chuck Wartner Employees: Beverly Hitz Others present: Deputy Mike Gorham, Reg Gill, Mike Fenley Proper notice of the meeting had been posted in four public places; the Village of Benton Business Incubator Building, Benton State Bank, Benton Post Office, and the Zephyr Depot, in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Motion (Robbins, Walton) to approve minutes from the regular village board meeting September 21, 2016 as presented. Voice-all ayes. Carried.

Reg Gill, Lafayette County Sheriff informed the board of minor changes in the agreement for law enforcement services between the Village of Benton and Lafayette County. The board had already approved a five-year agreement at \$39 per hour on June 15th, 2016 for the years 2017-2022. We now have the hard copy of this agreement.

Mike Fenley, Fenley Total Inspections LLC presented his proposed two-year agreement to provide Building inspection services to the Village of Benton. Mike recommended a change to our ordinance that will bring it in line with the UDC. Mike will furnish the state seals and will keep the building inspection information/files in our office. The building permit fees will be paid to the Village. We will keep 10% to cover our administrative costs and the balance will be paid to Fenley Total Inspections LLC. Mike will take phone calls any time of the day and will return them during his regular office hours.

Motion (Robbins, Polfer) to approve the two-year agreement as presented with Fenley Total Inspections LLC, for building inspection services to begin today October 19, 2016. Roll-all ayes. Carried

Deputy Mike Gorham presented his request for a new computer, side lights and car wash tokens for the police squad.

Motion (Polfer, Robbins) to approve the purchase of a Panasonic Toughbook with an upgrade to 8GB SDRAM, plus a Docking Station and power supply with an approximate cost of \$3,000. The purchase of side lights for \$300 and the purchase of car wash tokens as needed. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Deputy Gorham left the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Bev Hitz has received the purchase agreements for lot #13 of Roling Oaks Subdivision and is working on getting the closing set up. The certified survey and title search have been ordered. We have also received an engagement letter from Johnson/Block for the 2016 and 2017 audits.

Terry Sheffer voiced concern about visibility at the intersection of Temple and Main Street by Quality Motors. They have been asked to move the vehicles in their lot back to allow sufficient visibility at this intersection. Bev Hitz will contact Mike Gorham tomorrow to resolve this issue.

Jessica Polfer advised that the BCDC is looking for local projects and there has been a suggestion that they could possibly help to get new playground equipment at the Village Park.

Gary McCrea advised that Luis Lopez, Executive Director, - **Lafayette Development Corporation** has resigned and they are in the process of interviewing to replace him. He also explained the request from the Lafayette County Salvation Army for help in raising funds and how those funds are used.

Motion (Sheffer, Robbins) to approve the donation of \$150 to the Lafayette County Salvation Army. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

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

Motion (Walton Polfer) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.