

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 of the Benton Business Incubator Building at 244 Ridge Avenue on Wednesday, July 16, 2008, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Rose Walton, Lisa Lawrence, Katey McCarthy, Ron Fladseth (7:10 p.m.) and Lori Droessler (7:10 p.m.). Absent: Terry Sheffer. Citizens: none. Village employees present: Darnell Hendricks and Ryan Carver. Consultants and others present: Officer Paul Klang. 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 from the regular meeting held June 18, 2008, were approved as distributed.

Ryan Carver presented a comparison of the estimated versus actual costs for the sewer main/lateral project on Temple and Wilson Avenue. The estimated cost was \$27,073.85 while the actual cost was \$46,645.32 – a difference of \$19,571.47. Carver explained that his original estimate underestimated the cost to install laterals by \$766.54 each. With a total of eleven new laterals this resulted in a cost overrun of \$8,431.94. The \$11,139.53 remaining difference was attributed to weather related factors which resulted in the ditch caving in and needing additional gravel for fill.

The status of the storm sewer installation on Arbor Street was discussed. No timeline had been established yet, however, it is expected it will be done as soon as Temple Avenue is done.

Fladseth arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Carver requested the street committee use a different color paint the next time it does a sidewalk survey as the blue marks on the curbs for sidewalk repairs are now easily confused with the blue marks for curb stops.

Droessler arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Walton reported on the public nuisance committee meeting held July 9, 2008. The committee forwarded 26 nuisances for the police officer's review.

Lawrence reported to the board regarding the status of the new playground equipment for Swift Park. Hendricks was working on getting proposals from several vendors for ideas for new equipment. Lawrence advised she had submitted a grant application to UW-Platteville and Hendricks was working on an application to Alliant Energy. Lawrence is further pursuing donations through private funds. Fladseth recommended a grant application to Hamburger Helper.

McCrea announced that Laura Jenkins has advised her plans to open a new restaurant at 30 West Main Street. The restaurant will be open Monday through Friday from 5:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. The planned name for the restaurant is the Blue Rooster Breakfast Café. The opening date has yet to be determined.

Motion (Walton, Lawrence) to approve operator's licenses for John Scanlan, Christine Burbach and Chris Hoppman. Voice-all ayes. Carried.

The board reviewed the June police report.

By general consent the board approved the first reading of the proposed amendment to the Benton Municipal Code Section 12-1-21 regarding Alternate Side Parking.

By general consent the board approved the first reading of the proposed amendment to the Benton Municipal Code Section 10-7-6 regarding Unsafe Buildings. Chapter 10-7 will be reviewed to confirm that a timeline is included for completion/abatement of the nuisance. If no timeline is provided, a maximum of six months will be provided.

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

Motion (Fladseth, Walton) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Approved 8/20/2008