

The regular meeting of the Benton Village Board 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 21, 2020 with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Katey Neis, Jill Knight, Chuck Wartner, Cal Robbins and Kenneth Farrey. Absent: Terry Sheffer Village employees present: Beverly Hitz and Ryan Carver. Others Present: Chuck Voight 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.

Motion (Farrey,Robbins) to approve minutes from the regular village board meeting held on September 16th and the special meeting held on September 24th, 2020 as presented.

Voice-all ayes. Carried

Chuck Voight presented an overview of the operations and finances at Cole Acres Pool for 2020. He is concerned about the finances going forward. He will keep us informed of any changes in the current situation.

Ryan Carver reported that the new truck for Eric (streets & parks) should be here next week. He said the utilities are in at the phosphorus building. The backfilling still needs to be done and they doors need to be put on, then it is ready to go for winter. He thinks the total project will be under budget when complete. The concrete pads for the swings at the Village and BCDC parks are in. The equipment for leaf pickup is ready and will begin on Monday. Ryan will speak to Jim and Eric about the placement of street lights on the cul de sac in Roling Oaks Heights.

Jill Knight reported that 7 trees were installed, 4 at the BCDC Park and 3 at the Village Park. The concrete under the picnic tables at the BCDC Park will be done when they do the concrete at the incubator building. The library will be under budget this year and would like to use the money to purchase the empty lot (owned by the bank) next to 29 W Main Street, Raze the property at 29 West Main Street and Purchase the property at 25 West Main Street. Bev Hitz will get the paperwork started, Chuck Wartner will talk to Steve Malone about the cost of the empty lot and Sherri Timmerman is working with Mowry’s to get the cost to Raze the house at 29 West Main Street.

Gary will get ahold of Scott Pedley to get prices on solar speed signs for the Village.

Gary presented a request from the Lafayette County Historical Society for the 2021 budget.

Motion (Robbins,Farrey) to grant the request from the Lafayette County Historical Society for a donation of \$100 in 2021. Voice-all ayes. Carried

Bev Hitz advised the board that we have more than one party interested in the lot at 47 Catherine Street. Ryan Carver reported that there is no water main to that property and he thinks the PSC states that it would be the buyer’s expense to get the water to this property. Bev Hitz will contact the PSC and the Attorney to confirm who would pay for the water and to confirm the process to sell the lot. ***Motion (Robbins,Knight) to sell 47 Catherine Street with the advise of our attorney for a minimum amount set by the Village Board, Roll-all ayes. Carried***

1st Reading of Ordinance #2020-002 to Repeal and Recreate Chapter 356 and Repeal Chapter 187 relating to Floodplain Zoning Regulation and Mapping

1st Reading of Ordinance #2020-003 to Amend Chapter 48, Section 1 relating to Tax Collections

Motion (Neis, Wartner) to approve an Operator's Licenses for Marianne Monahan at the Zephyr Depot. Roll-all ayes. Carried

The claims against the Village were presented for payment.

Motion (Knight, Wartner) to pay the claims against the Village. Roll-all ayes. Carried

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