

Town of Benton
March 3, 2026
220 East Rail Road Ave.
Benton, MS 39040
6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Kim Martin. The following members were present: Steve Pigg, Robert Demus, Colby Parks, Tamara Boatner. Absent: Greg Shaffer.

February 2026 minutes were approved via email February 10, 2026. Motion was made by Robert Demus, seconded by Colby Parks, with Steve Pigg and Tamara Boatner voting in favor. No vote from Greg Shaffer. Motion passed with majority in favor.

February expenditures were approved with Steve Pigg making motion, seconded by Colby Parks, motion passed with all in favor.

Tommy Warren addressed the mayor and board of alderman concerning an issue he and his wife have with the police department. Doug Kirkland, Chief of Police, address the mayor and board of alderman stating the investigation is ongoing.

Andrea Stower addressed the mayor and board of alderman inquiring on what options are available for recreational vehicle plug ins. Tabled until the April meeting. She was advised to bring a copy of her plot plan; survey, deed and any other documents related to recreational vehicles and present it for determination on what options are available.

Nina Demus addresses the mayor and board of alderman inquiring about putting a manufactured home on her mother's (Lee Ethel Houge) lot on Church Street. After a brief discussion and the mayor reviewing the ordinance, it was determined that she would be allowed per town ordinance to place a manufactured home on the lot as long as it meets the additional ordinance requirements. Nina Demus was given a copy of the ordinance and check list and advised she would need to turn in the necessary paperwork required per ordinance for review. Motion made by Steve Pigg, seconded by Robert Demus, motion passed with all in favor.

Bridgett Issacc addressed the mayor and board of alderman asking they partner with her on the brick building across the rail road track on making necessary repairs so the town could assist with cost, grants and provided monetary assistance. The mayor stated the only way the town would be able to partner is if the building was deeded over to the town. She also stated that it is just bad timing because the town is in need of financial assistance in form of grants to build a fire department building to house the fire trucks and equipment. She stated that there are grants out there that available for non-profits and also low interest loans.

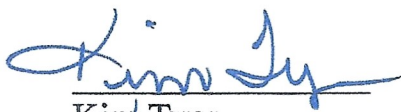
Paul Johnson addressed the mayor and board of alderman with information related to the number of calls for assistance and fires for the month of February 22026, and also discussed the need for a temporary carport structure for housing the fire trucks. Quotes will be obtained and presented for approval. He also expressed the need for 2 or 3 loads of rock for the temporary house to use as a foundation. Colby Parks will get a quote from Hancock's on the rock.

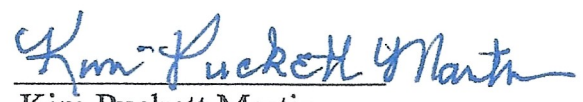
Monica Willis offer the VFD the lot next to her house if needed for a temporary set up if needed. The mayor thanked Monica for her generosity.

Clean up was discussed and Steve Pigg stated he would reach out to the land owner.

A brief discussion was held concerning water school. Alderman who does not have a copy of the certificate of attendance will need to repeat the course.

The mayor asked if any other business needed to come before the board. Motion to adjourn was made by Colby Parks, seconded by Tamara Boatner, motion passed with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM on March 3, 2026.


Kim Tyer
Clerk


Kim Puckett Martin
Mayor

The minutes were approved via email on March 5, 2026 with Tamara Boatner making motion, Colby Parks seconded, with Steve Pigg being in favor. No vote from Greg Shaffer or Robert Demus.





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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Kim Martin. The following members were present: Steve Pigg, Robert Demus, Colby Parks, Greg Shaffer and Tamara Boatner.

Mayor Kim Martin read the minutes and bills were read by Mayor Kim Martin and Clerk Kim Tyer. Motion to accept minutes and bills made by Colby Parks, seconded by Greg Shaffer. Motion passed with all in favor.

Joe Shivers addressed the mayor and board of alderman concerning the tiny house subdivision, started it would be 40 homes, 45 x 80 lot size, small square footage homes with 50 ft roads throughout the subdivision, 2 bed, 1 bath, 640 sq ft. Water and sewer are the main concern. Mr. Shivers stated he is working with the town engineer and a new line bored in under Hwy 49 and a pump would be required. The cost of those will determine if the project moves forward. Mr. Helton and Shivers discussed the need for grants to cover this type of project and that he is already working on the federal and state level. Steve Pigg discussed the lot size required 70 x 140 and stated that a variance would be needed on the lot size in order to allow this project to move forward. Mr. Shivers discussed the need for a commercial variance. Steve Pigg stated that we had turned down Mr. Taylor for a variance. Mr. Shivers stated that he is currently working with central Yazoo water on the water needs. Graham Helton discussed the need for a special use variance. Steve Pigg stated that a decision needs to be made. The mayor expressed her opinion looking at it from a commercial stand point a variation should be allowed for commercial use on this project. The mayor expressed her opinion on metal and stated that it should be astatically pleasing. Monica Willis inquired as to what would happen to the homes after the Exxon project was complete. Monica Willis asked about the possibility of this being a retirement community for seniors. The mayor told Monica Willis that we needed to move on we have a lot on the agenda to cover and requested that Mr. Shiver speak with Monica about her concerns outside of the meeting. Mr. Helton stated that this subdivision is not being built for that project. Steve Pigg made motion to allow the project as long as it does not cost the Town of Bentonla any money, seconded by Greg Shagger, Robert Demus in favor with Colby Parks and Tamara Boatner abstaining from voting, motion passed with the majority in favor.

The mayor gave a brief overview of her discussion with Ron McMaster Jr about obtaining grants to fix the issue at Charles Davis's house and also a grant to provide generators for all the pumping station to prevent raw sewage from spilling over during power outages. He is also working on a grant for the tiny house subdivision. Lee Moore is planning to go to Washington to fight for the grant to cover the bore under the road and pump station. She stated that Ivan Holder had completed a storm debrief for the town of Bentonla after the storm left the town without power for several days.

Marcy Burton addressed the mayor and board of alderman concerning putting a tiny house on his lot on HWY 49. Steve Pigg asked if it would be on the slab and Mr. Burton stated that it would.

It was discussed that the lot size was sufficient and permission was granted with motion being made by Steve Pigg seconded by Tamara Boatner, motion passed with all in favor. Monica Willis addressed the mayor and board of alderman thanking the mayor, Fire Department, Paul Johnson and Harry Stagg for getting her to a kind friend's house during the winter storm. She stated that there was a major error on the December minutes and she requested that they be corrected. She stated that she is not going to debate the law 25-41-11 it's the open meeting acts. Mr. Parrish stated that the minutes must be approved prior to being release to the public and that is absolutely false. She also stated that the mayor said we follow Robert's rule of order and that is not a government entity. Mr. Parrish stated that he read the state statue aloud. She stated that the town had been audited and they could do what they wanted but if you continue to get audited business would not be interested in coming here and it could affect grants and loans. She stated that she was concerned about these errors that continue to get in the minutes and years later people think they are law and they are not. Steve Pigg stated you are the one who turned the town into the state auditor. The mayor requested where the error was. Monica stated that the public cannot view the minutes prior to approval of the board. She stated that we do not need your approval for anything, those minutes are public property and any other document as well. She stated the she wasn't sure if I said they were not available or if I said y'all said. I stated that it was discussed at a board meeting and the minutes would not be released until they have been approved by the board. The minutes are usually typed within 5 days after the meeting. I stated that if you are talking about minutes being on the website know they are available at town hall. I also stated that if you feel the need to report me or whatever you need to do, do that. Colby Parks asked if she was talking about minutes from last month and I stated that Monica wants to read the hand written minutes prior to being approved. Greg Shaffer stated that she has no business reading the minutes prior to them being approved. The mayor stated that you sit at your computer and see what you can cause misery about.

Steve Pigg gave a review of the cut off list and stated that payment needs to be made or services shut off.

Paul Johnson addressed the mayor and board of alderman and gave a brief overview of the call for service. He also discussed progress on the grant per Benny Thompson. The VFD received a truck from Madison County. He discussed a letter for the alderman and public to sign in reference to Kevin Ford and money at the state level.

The mayor called for an executive session to discuss personal issues.

The regular meeting was closed and executive session was opened by Colby Parks, seconded by Steve Pigg.

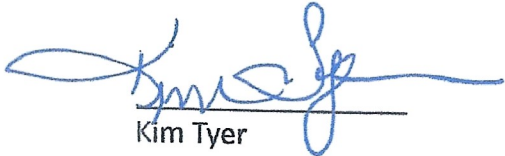
Personnel issue was discussed.

Executive session was closed and regular meeting was opened, motion made by Colby Parks and seconded by Steve Pigg, motion passed with all in favor.

No action was taken from executive session.

Gary Taylor requested a battery charger. The alderman voted to allowed \$200 to purchase a battery charger.

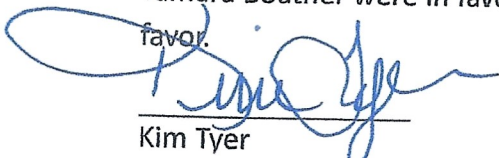
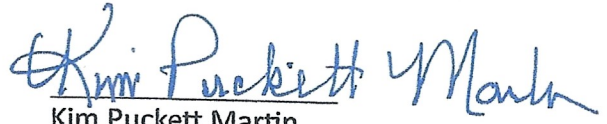
Motion to adjourn was made by Steve Pigg, seconded by Robert Demus, Motion passed with all in favor.


Kim Tyer
Clerk
Kim Puckett Martin
Mayor

Minutes were approved via email on February 10, 2026.

Members Voting in order in which they were received.

Robert Demus making motion to approve the minutes, Colby Parks seconded, Steve Pigg and Tamara Boatner were in favor, with no vote from Greg Shaffer. Motion passed with majority in favor.


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Clerk
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*Town of Bentonina
Meeting
January 6, 2026*

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Kim Martin. The following members were present: Steve Pigg, Robert Demus, Colby Parks and Greg Shaffer. Absent: Tamara Boatner.

Graham Helton addressed the mayor and board of alderman concerning the tiny house subdivision Joe Shivers wants to develop. Mr. Helton stated that he was not affiliated with Mr. Shiver and that he was her to on behalf of Yazoo County Economic Development to make Yazoo better.

Ivan Holder addressed the mayor and board of alderman with information on the town's sewage related to the tiny house subdivision and the need for a site plan to further determine what costs would be associated with the town. He explained what would need to occur to accommodate sewer for the tiny houses. The town would be required to hire an engineer and get a site plan developed and bill Shivers for the cost. Colby Parks made motion, seconded by Robert Demus, Steve Pigg requested a cost Analysis before moving forward.

The mayor expressed concern over the development and stated she would rather have brick and mortar subdivision for Bentonina's growth.

Paul Johnson addressed the mayor and board of alderman requesting permission to hold an antique car cruise in every month March through October which will include having vendors. Robert Demus stated that event insurance would be needed. Motion was made by Colby Parks and seconded by Robert Demus. Motion passed with all in favor.

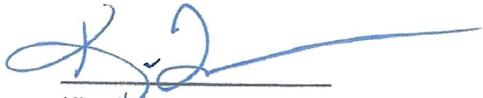
The mayor expressed concern over the pitch ins and scavengers. People are throwing limbs, mattresses and other trash on the ground. The mayor stated that we need better signs to possibly prevent this from occurring. The need for cameras to monitor activity at the pitch ins was discussed with no action being taken at this time.

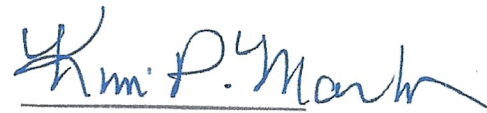
A discussion was held concerning street lights and the need to add a pole at the end of East Railroad Ave. Motion was made by Colby Parks, seconded by Greg Shaffer, motion passed with all in favor. The mayor stated that she would mark the poles that needed bulbs replaced.

Motion was made by Colby Parks to accept the minutes and bills seconded by Greg Shaffer, motion passed with all in favor.

The mayor asked if there was any other business that needed to be discussed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Colby Parks, seconded by Greg Shaffer, motion passed with all in favor.



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