Town of Bentonia Meeting September 2, 2025

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

Kaleb Lee came before the mayor and board of alderman requesting a resolution to allow professional service and resolution to start the open bids for the water improvement project to implement an emergency redundant water connection with Central Yazoo Water Association. Motion was made by Colby Parks and seconded by Steve Pigg; motion passed with all in favor.

Bene Taylor came before the mayor and board of alderman asking what restrictions did the town have concerning Katrina cottages inside the town limits. Mr. Pigg stated there were lot restriction and setbacks and must be less than 10 years old.

Rusty Nash came before the mayor and board of alderman to discuss issues within the volunteer fire department. Rusty stated that 13 volunteers walked out. One of the following 13 that walked out followed the bylaws. He stated this would be his last time to come before the board about this matter.

The mayor stated that it was not going to be resolved it comes a time when you have to leave it alone and let it rest. She stated it was time to lay your feeling aside before it jeopardizes some one's life. The volunteer fire department is under EOC and Yazoo County. The town is only over its facility. The mayor stated that the volunteer fire department will rebuild.

The mayor expressed her concern over the zoning and asked that the board consider dropping the plan all together and zone commercial on Hwy 49 if the land owners want it zoned commercial. Motion made by Colby Parks and Tamara Boatner, motion passed with all in favor.

The mayor requested the board of alderman allow the paying of bills as they come in to avoid a redundant amount of late fee associated with the delay in processing. Permission was granted to pay bill as they are received, motion made by Greg Shaffer, seconded by Steve Pigg, motion passed with all in favor.

The mayor requested permission to split water/sewer and general funds into two accounts. They are currently located under one bank account, Motion to open a separate checking account for water/sewer was made by Colby Parks and seconded by Steve Pigg, motion passed with all in favor.

Doug Kirkland stated that he was accepting bids for the demolition of two building on West Railroads Ave, the town has sent an ad to the Yazoo Herald advertising for sealed bids.

Monica Willis addressed the mayor and board of alderman and stated that the year restrictions were placed on mobile homes has not been updated to reflect it must be no older than 10 years. Ms. Willis stated the ordinance still shows 5 and is in need to being updated.

The mayor reviewed the budget with the board of alderman and made a revision on police officers fuel allotment. The budget will be placed in three places around town for the publics viewing, budget meeting September 22, 2025 at 6:00 PM at town hall for any question the public may have. A special called meeting with take place on September 29, 2025 to adopt the budget for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Mills will remain at 14 Mils

Tamara Boater asked if the town had received bids to have the tress cut in town. The county should be able to assist with limb trimming.

Motion to adjourn was made by Colby Parks, seconded by Tamara Boatner, motion passed with al in favor.

Kim Tyer, Clerk

Kim Puckett Martin,

Mayor

Robert Demus

Steve Pigg

Tamara Boatner

Colby Parks

Greg Shaffer

Town of Bentonia Special Meeting-Budget Adoption Fiscal Year 20025-2006 September 29th, 2025

The special meeting to adopt the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Kim Martin. Members present Steve Pigg, Robert Demus, Colby Parks and Greg Shaffer. Absent: Tamara Boatner.

The mayor asked if any changes were needed to the purposed fiscal year 2025-2025 budget. Steve Pigg asked if the cost of tearing down 207 & 209 West Railroad Ave had been added. It will be added in the amount of \$30,000 to care of Public Property. Motion was made by Colby Parks and seconded by Robert Demus; motion passed with all in favor.

The mayor asked if there were any more question related to the budget. Motion to adjourn was made by Colby Parks, seconded by Steve Pigg; motion passed with all in favor.

Kim Tyer Clerk Kim Martin Mayor

Board Members

Steve Pigg

Robert Demus

Colby Parks

Greg Shaffer

Public Notice Town of Bentonia – Special Meeting

Budget hearing for the public.

• Location: Town Hall

① Time: 6:00 PM

m Date: Monday, September 22, 2025

The budget hearing was called to order by Mayor Kim Martin at 6 PM on September 22, 2025

Members present:

Steve Pigg

Robert Demus

Tamara Boatner

Absent: Colby Park and Greg Shaffer

Note this was not a mandatory meeting for the Alderman it was a budget hearing for the Public.

Paul Johnson with the BVFD requested several changes be made to the VFD budget and those requests will be made.

Monica Willis asked question related to legal fees and the budget.

After all who wished to express concern was granted the meeting adjourned with Steve Pigg making motion and Robert Demus seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

Kim Tyer

Clerk

Kim Puckett Martin Mayor

Steve Pigg

Robert Demus

Tamara Boatner