

BENTON PARISH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

Monday, September 14, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.
Police Jury Chambers
204 Burt Boulevard, Benton, Louisiana

MEMBERS PRESENT

Martha Reyenga
Grace Jenkins
Shonta Neal
John Bokenfohr
Steve Vercher

OTHERS PRESENT

Sam Marsiglia
Carlotta Askew-Brown
Kurt Nixon
Jack and Shanna Lafield
Jeff Raley

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

Martha Reyenga, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

(A) Carlotta Askew-Brown, Assistant MPC Director, called roll and stated a quorum was present.

(B) Public Hearings

1. BP-13-15 – The application of Jack and Shanna Lafield for a Minor Plat approval for a one (1) acre tract of land located at 110 Foley Trail. Bossier Parish, LA.

Jack and Shanna Lafield were present to represent the plat and discussed with the board the reason for applying for the Minor Plat.

Sam Marsiglia, MPC Director, stated to the board that the Minor Plat had been amended to include an access easement to an existing manufactured home to the rear of the proposed 1 acre lot.

Steve Vercher stated that the need for the access easement was the only issue he saw with the plat.

As there were no questions from the public, Martha Reyenga, Chairman, called for a motion.

A motion to approve the Minor Plat was made by John Bokenfohr and was seconded by Grace Jenkins. A roll call vote was held and the motion carried unanimously.

(C) Preliminary Hearings

1. T-5-15 – The application of Raley and Associates requesting Preliminary Plat Approval for Lost River Estates North, Unit 2 located in Benton, LA.

Jeff Raley, Engineer for the developer, was present to represent the Preliminary Plat and explained to the board that it was a continuation of the existing subdivision. He stated that the plat was consistent with the approved masterplan and was an additional 20 lots.

As there were no questions from the public, the chairman called for a motion.

A motion to approve the Preliminary Plat was made by John Bokenfohr and was

seconded by Shonta Neal. A roll call vote was held and the motion carried unanimously.

2. BP-12-15 – The application of Nixon Engineering requesting Preliminary Plat Approval for Jamestowne Subdivision, Unit 2 located in Bossier Parish, LA.

Kurt Nixon, Engineer for the developer, was present to represent the developer and stated that this plat was a continuation of the masterplan and was Unit 2 of the development and that it was 48 lots.

As there were no questions from the public, the chairman called for a motion.

A motion to approve the Preliminary Plat was made by John Bokenfohr and was seconded by Shonta Neal. A roll call vote was held and the motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING

1. Approval of Minutes

Discussion was held by the chair to consider approval of the minutes of the August 3rd, 2015 meeting. Grace Jenkins made a motion to accept the minutes as written and was seconded by John Bokenfohr. A roll call vote to approve the motion to approve the minutes carried unanimously.

2. Old Business-Discussion was held by Sam Marsiglia to amend the 2016 Benton MPC Budget for the purpose of reducing the funding levels to the Town of Benton and Bossier Parish Police Jury to match the 2015 budget.

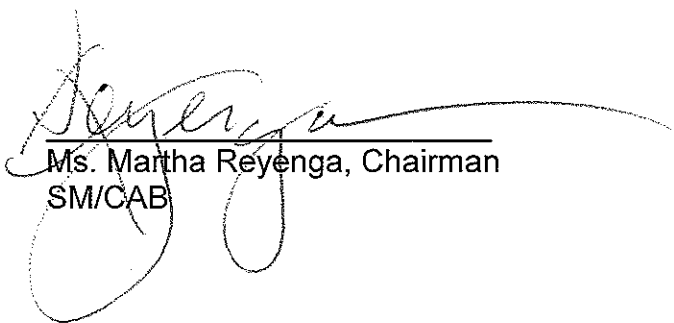
Martha Reyenga clarified which line item would be reduced to accomplish this and called for a motion.

A motion to approve the budget amendment was made by John Bokenfohr and seconded by Shonta Neal. A roll call vote was held and the motion carried unanimously.

3. New Business- Discussion was held concerning the status of a proposed addition to an existing business located within the Town of Benton.

4. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Shonta Neal and seconded by Grace Jenkins. The motion carried unanimously.



Ms. Martha Reyenga, Chairman
SM/CAB