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COUNCIL WORK SESSION

JANUARY 22, 2018

The Work Session for the Town of Batesburg-Leesville, held in Building B of the Town Hall Complex, was called to order by Mayor Shull at 6:01 P. M. Members Present were Mayor Shull, Council Member Gambrell, Simpkins, S. Mitchell, and J. Mitchell. Council Member Hallman arrived at 6:04 P. M., Council Member Prouse arrived at 6:11P. M., DeLoach arrived at 6:15 P. M., and Council Member Cain arrived at 6:35 P. M.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Council Member Simpkins.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was held.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Simpkins to approve the agenda. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 5 Approved 0 Denied

RECESS

A recess was called by Mayor Shull at 6:04 P. M. for a quick snack. Mayor Shull called for the end of the recess at 6:08 P. M.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

A. Discussion of Strategic Plan Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2018/2019

Manager Luckadoo asked that Council give their top 3-5 priorities for the Strategic Plan for Fiscal Year 2018/2019. The top 5 priorities were:

1. Water
2. New Source of Revenue
3. Staffing Needs (Numerous employees are getting to the age to retire and new people need to be brought in to be trained before they retire).

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A. Strategic Plan Cont'd.

4. Family/Community Activities
5. Update Comprehensive Plan - required by law

B. Discussion of Indigent Defense Services for Town's Municipal Court

After discussion on two candidates, Glenn Walters and Lacey Thompson for this service, a directive was given to the Town Manager by Council to get in touch with Lacey Thompson and offer a \$5,000.00 annual contract for the Indigent Defense Services with certain stipulations.

C. Discussion of Possible Changes to the Town Observed Holidays

Council Member Simpkins stated there were concerns about the Town observing Confederate Memorial Day as a paid holiday and would like to replace it. Options for a replacement were New Year's Eve, Monday after the Poultry Festival or a floating holiday. Council agreed to replace Confederate Memorial Day with the Monday after the Poultry Festival.

D. Discussion of the Town's Promenade Ordinance

Discussion was held on the Town's Promenade Ordinance which states brick ribbon and decorative light poles have to be used along certain streets whenever there is a new businesses or modified business. The reason this came up was because new sidewalks are going in from Angelo's Restaurant to the gas station on the left on Highway #1 and on Highway #23 from Ralph Kennedy's Law Firm to Columbia Farms. This is being handled through a TAP Grant. Mayor Shull stated that nowhere in the plans for these sidewalks does it have brick ribbon or decorative lights. If we change it at this point we won't see the sidewalks in 2018. He further stated that there is one out which says "The Zoning Administrator would have the authority to enforce, alter or waive certain parts of these requirements." Mayor Shull stated this can stay intact but what he wants the Town Manager to do is have some type of a paper trail that says this was waived so that the sidewalks will go ahead and happen and want all of us to think about what we want the Town to look like. Further discussion was held on this.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Gambrell to go into Executive Session at 7:51 P. M. to discuss contractual matters relating to the Town Judge. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Prouse to return to the Work Session at 8:06 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

POSSIBLE ACTION IN FOLLOW-UP TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Simpkins made a motion with a second by Council Member J. Mitchell to direct the Town Manager to form a contractual arrangement with the Town Judge which will allow him to be covered by the Town's health insurance. After discussion, a vote was taken.

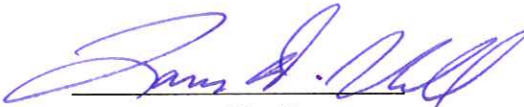
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ADJOURNMENT

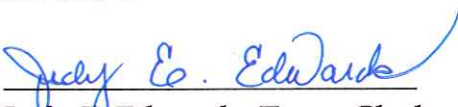
A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member S. Mitchell to adjourn at 8:14 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

Approved this 12th day of February 2018.


Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:


Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk