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## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Crapps reported the next Regular Council Meeting will be here February 8, 2016.

## **CENTRAL MIDLANDS - Council Member O'Dell**

Council Member O'Dell stated Central Midlands met prior to our last Council Meeting and will meet again in two weeks. He stated he will have a report at the next Council meeting.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & ADVISORY COMMITTEE (E. P. A. C.) Council Member Penick**

Council Member Penick stated E. P. A. C. has not met.

## **JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION - Council Member Penick**

Council Member Penick stated the Commission has not met since our last Council Meeting.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Council Member Simpkins**

Council Member Simpkins reported the Committee met on the 7th. Updates were received from the Town and Chamber of Commerce. The majority of the meeting was the discussion on the four new committees that were formed to better serve the committee and the citizens of Batesburg-Leesville. These committees are to meet and report back to the EDC at the next meeting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Mayor Crapps stated the first citizen to sign up to address an item on the agenda is Mr. Richard O'Sheal, 230 Bobcat Road, Leesville. Mr. O'Sheal stated he was present to address Council concerning the expansion of the Town's water line to residents on Bobcat Road. All of the residents who petitioned the Town are on well water which is not a good quality water and look forward to being served by the Town of Batesburg-Leesville.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT CONT'D.**

Mayor Crapps recognized Mr. Bill Crapps, 120 Bob Sharpe Point, Leesville, who signed up to address Council concerning the expansion of water service to Bob Sharpe Point. Mr. Crapps stated he was present to speak on the petition for water to Bob Sharpe Point. He stated there are 18 houses on the circle, one is already on Batesburg-Leesville water, leaving 17 with 13 signing they would get on the water system. We have had a number of wells that went dry this past summer and others draw water from the lake. There is one well that serves a number of houses and out of that one well there have been 6 cases of cancer with 5 out of the 6 ending with death. Mr. Crapps stated they would appreciate the Town's consideration for water.

Mr. Dustin Spangler, 157 Bob Sharpe Point, Leesville, also signed up to speak on the expansion of water service to Bob Sharpe Point because of the high rate of cancer victims from that well.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The second reading on the *Amendment to Section 7-4.4 of the Town's Zoning Ordinance Relating to "Permitted Special Exceptions"* was held. Council Member Taylor made a motion to amend the ordinance with a second by Council Member Wiszowaty. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:        8 Approved                      0 Denied

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Presentation of the Audit for Fiscal Year 2014-2015**

Amy Ely, Dooley & Company, presented the audit report for the Town of Batesburg-Leesville for the year ending June 30, 2015. She stated the Town received an unqualified opinion which is the best opinion that a town can receive. This means that in their opinion the financial statements of the Town are fairly presented in all material respects. She also reported the following:

- During the year ending June 30, 2015, the Town sold the old Town Hall and issued a new bond. The proceeds were used to purchase the new Town Hall.

**Presentation of Audit Cont'd.**

- The Town also issued a new revenue bond for improvements to the water and sewer system.
- General revenues of the Town, which include property taxes, state revenue, licenses and permits, account for around \$3.7 million in revenue, 56% of the Town's revenue. Program revenue, which includes grants and payment for services, account for around \$2.9 million in revenue, 44% of the Town's revenue. The total revenue for the Town and DPW was approximately \$6.6 million.
- The Town and DPW had total expenses of approximately \$6 million, revenues were adequate to cover all expenses.
- As of June 30, 2015, the Town had assets of \$17 million and liabilities of \$6.6 million. Included in the total liabilities is something new that is required by governmental accounting for this year...net pension liability, which accounts for \$3.8 million. The net pension liability is basically the Town's proportionate share of the State and Police Retirement System's pension liability. The net position of the Town was approximately \$10 million.
- The net position is, over time, a useful indicator of a government's financial position. The Town's financial position is the product of several financial transactions including revenue and expenses, issuance and payment of debt and acquisition and disposal of capital assets. The net position of the Town and Department of Public Works increased by \$575,000, about a 6% increase from fiscal year 2014 to fiscal year 2015. That is a clear indicator that financially the Town is in a much better position as of June 30, 2015 than it was at that time the previous year.
- Encouraged all to review all the various financial reports included in the audit report and to review the notes as they provide valuable information concerning the numbers included in the statements.

Ms. Ely congratulated the Mayor and Town Council on improving the overall net financial position of the Town and look forward to seeing great things to come from the Town of Batesburg-Leesville.

**B. Approval of Funds to Expand Water Service to Un-Served Portion of Bobcat Road**

Council Member Wiszowaty made a motion with a second by Council Member Simpkins to approve expenditures up to \$54,000 from the Department of Public Works Reserve for the installation of new water lines on Bobcat Road to serve 10-18 residents that have requested our service. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:        8 Approved                      0 Denied

**C. Approval of Funds to Expand Water Service to Bob Sharpe Point**

Council Member Wiszowaty made a motion with a second by Council Member Spradley to approve expenditures up to \$19,000 from the Department of Public Works Reserve for Bob Sharpe Point for the installation of new water line to serve up to 21 residents on Bob Sharpe Point that have requested our service. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:        8 Approved                      0 Denied

**D. Approval of Fund Transfer and Expenditure of Funds to Replace HVAC Units and Remodel Courtroom at the Police Department**

Council Member Wiszowaty made a motion with a second by Council Member Spradley for the Police Department upgrades, approving \$35,800 in a line item transfer from the Police Department Vehicles to the Police Department Building Capital line item, to approve Custom Comfort's quote of \$22,050 and Hubert Fox's quote of \$13,000; Custom Comfort will be for new AC and Fox's will be for the new courtroom upgrade. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:        8 Approved                      0 Denied

**E. First Reading - Amendment Updating the Town's Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance to the 2015 State Model Ordinance**

Council Member Wiszowaty made a motion with a second by Council Member Ricard to approve first reading. Manager Luckadoo stated in light of the flood events that have occurred, FEMA and DNR have requested that we update our Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. This only applies to any new construction that would be done in a established flood zone within the Town limits. After discussion, a vote was taken.

**E. First Reading Cont'd.**

VOTE:                    8 Approved                    0 Denied

**MANAGER'S REPORT - Ted Luckadoo**

Manager Luckadoo reported on the following:

- A meeting was held on January 7th between the Town, SCDOT and Infrastructure Consulting Engineers (ICE) to discuss the progress of the SCDOT TAP Grant sidewalk project. The purpose of the meeting was to visit each site and review the plans to see what changes need to be made, with a few things that will need to be altered.
- Advised Council that the sidewalks will go out for bid late spring or early summer of 2017.
- New sidewalks will be constructed down Highway 23 from N. Lee Street to the Walmart intersection, along N. Hendrix Street from Bojangles to Highway 23 then along Highway 23 to the Walmart intersection
- Existing sidewalks will be replaced along Highway 1 from S. Lee Street to China Star Restaurant and new sidewalk constructed from China Star Restaurant to Livingston Place where existing sidewalk is.
- Town Hall will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day Monday, January 18th.
- Reminded Council to be sure and complete their Statement of Economic Interest before March 30, 2016.
- The old Piggly Wiggly property in Batesburg District was recently purchased by Jim Wiszowaty. Plans are for a light industrial, custom cutting tool company that produces custom cutting tools that are used during manufacturing processes Boeing, BMW and Bosch.
- Mr. Wiszowaty is also in the process of purchasing the old B. C. Moore building on Oak Street (Main Street) in the Batesburg District.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - No**

**POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY COUNCIL IN FOLLOW UP TO EXECUTIVE SESSION - None**

**POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 8, 2016 MEETING - NONE**

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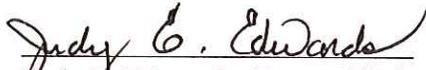
## ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Penick with a second by Council Member Wiszowaty to adjourn at 7:25 P. M. All members were in favor.

Approved this 8th day of February 2016.

  
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Marguerite J. Crapps, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk