

In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, the news media and the public was notified of the time, date, and place along with a copy of the agenda of this meeting and a notice was posted on the outdoor bulletin board at the Batesburg-Leesville Town Hall and the Town's website no later than twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 11, 2016

Due to an oversight, the Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Batesburg-Leesville, held in Building B of the Town Hall Complex, was called to order by Mayor Crapps at 7:00 P. M. Members present were Mayor Crapps, Council Member Taylor, O'Dell, Simpkins, Penick, Spradley, Ricard and Wiszowaty. Council Member Cain was absent.

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 Wiszowaty with a second by Council Member Penick to approve the agenda.

Mayor Crapps stated because of the oversight, the meeting needs to be suspended. A motion was made by Council Member Spradley with a second by Council Member Wiszowaty to suspend the Regular Council Meeting and go into the Public Hearing at 7:02 P. M.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing was opened to receive citizen input on the *Ordinance to Amend the Utility Base Rates* at 7:02 P. M. Ms. Barbara Harman appeared before Council and asked why the rates were raised. Assistant Town Manager, Seth Duncan, stated the increase is necessary due to critical infrastructure needs at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and throughout the distribution system and need the additional funding to close the gap on the loss of a large water customer. Since no one else appeared before Council, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:04 P. M.

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A motion was made by Council Member Spradley with a second by Council Member Wiszowaty to call the Regular Session back to order at 7:04 P. M.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Crapps stated since there was a motion and second on the floor, and no discussion was held, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Adoption of the minutes from the June 13, 2016 Regular Council Meeting was held. A motion was made by Council Member Wiszowaty with a second by Council Member Ricard to adopt. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Crapps reported the next Regular Council Meeting will be August 8, 2016 here in Council Chambers.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS - Council Member O'Dell

Council Member O'Dell reported Central Midlands approved the final two phases of the Highway #1 widening with construction beginning in the winter of 2017.

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & ADVISORY COMMITTEE (E. P. A. C.)

Council Member Penick

Council Member Penick stated they have not met since last month.

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION - Council Member Penick

Council Member Penick stated the June meeting was cancelled.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Council Member Simpkins

Council Member Simpkins reported the EDC met July 7th with basically discussions on updates previously given the members. No report from the School District; Lexington County reported there will be a millage increase of 2.13% per mil from the County this year; the Town's update was given and discussion was held on the expansion of the Highway #1 extension.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Andy Jennings signed up to address Council but he stated his questions were answered by Tim Schumpert before the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The second reading on the *Ordinance to Amend the Utility Bases Rates* was held. A motion was made by Council Member Wiszowaty with a second by Council Member Spradley to approve. With no discussion, a vote was held.

VOTE: 7 Approved 1 Denied - Council Member Simpkins

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of a Contractual Agreement Between Lexington School District 3 and the Town of Batesburg-Leesville Relating to the School Resource Officer Program is needed for the new school year. The contract, in general, outlines the duties and responsibilities of the officer, primary duty location, reimbursement process/fee structure and effective dates. A motion was made by Council Member Wiszowaty with a second by Council Member Spradley to approve. After discussion, a motion was made by Council Member Wiszowaty with a second by Council Member Simpkins to table until the next meeting.

B. Approval of Mutual Aid Agreement Between Lexington County Sheriff's Department and the Batesburg-Leesville Police Department is needed. Chief Oswald stated this year, a change in statute was made that alters the way these agreements are handled at the County level. The change did not impact the municipal approval process and no other parts of the agreement have been amended. A motion was made

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POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY COUNCIL IN FOLLOW-UP TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Crapps stated there were no actions by Council.

POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR AUGUST 8, 2016 MEETING - None

ADJOURNMENT

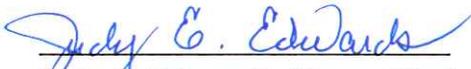
A motion was made by Council Member Wiszowaty with a second by Council Member Ricard to adjourn at 7:31 P. M. All members were in favor.

Approved this 8th day of August 2016.



Marguerite J. Crapps, Mayor

ATTEST:



Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk