

*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.*

## **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**JUNE 19, 2017**

The Special Council Meeting for the Town of Batesburg-Leesville, which was 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 Members Taylor, O'Dell, Simpkins, Penick, Ricard and Wiszowaty. Council Members Cain and Spradley were absent.

## **INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Council Member Simpkins.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was held.

*Manager Luckadoo reminded the Mayor we need to have the Public Hearing before the agenda is approved. Mayor Crapps apologized for this oversight.*

A motion was made by Council Member Penick with a second by Council Member O'Dell to recess in order to hold the Public Hearing. Being no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                      7 Approved                      0 Denied

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Crapps opened the Public Hearing at 7:02 P. M. in order to receive citizen input on the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Proposed Budget for the Town of Batesburg-Leesville. Since no one addressed Council, Mayor Crapps closed the Public Hearing at 7:03 P. M.

## **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING CONT'D.**

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor with a second by Council Member O'Dell to resume the Special Council Meeting at 7:03 P. M. Being no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                   7 Approved                   0 Denied  
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### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member O'Dell with a second by Council Member Wiszowaty to approve the agenda as presented. Being no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                   7 Approved                   0 Denied

### PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA - None

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Second reading on the **Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Proposed Budget for the Town of Batesburg-Leesville** was held. Manager Luckadoo stated the proposed total budget for Fiscal Year 2017/2018 is \$6,943,321. A motion was made by Council Member Penick with a second by Council Member O'Dell to adopt. Being no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                   6 Approved                   1 Denied - Council Member Simpkins

B. Second reading on an *Ordinance to Repeal a Previous Ordinance Adjusting the Annual Compensation of the Mayor and Town Council Members* was held. A motion was made by Council Member Wiszowaty with a second by Council Member Taylor to approve. Being no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                   6 Approved                   1 Denied - Council Member Simpkins

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Council Member O'Dell with a second by Council Member Wiszowaty to go into Executive Session at 7:07 P. M. for the purpose of receiving legal advice concerning matters covered by the attorney-client privilege. Attorney Spradley stated he wanted the record to reflect that he is withdrawing at this point from attending the Executive Session and it will be explained to everyone why once you get into the Executive Session. With no further discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                   7 Approved                   0 Denied

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RETURN TO SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Penick to resume the Special Council Meeting at 7:36 P. M. Being no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                    7 Approved                    0 Denied

Mayor Crapps stated Council received a legal update that was subject to attorney-client privilege from the attorney representing the Town, Mr. Danny Crowe.

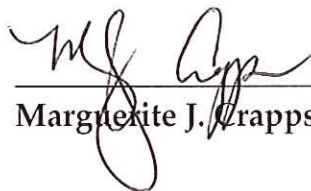
*Council Member O'Dell asked if he could have a moment before we adjourn for the evening to speak at which time he read his letter of resignation effective immediately. (copy attached)*

POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY COUNCIL IN FOLLOW-UP TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

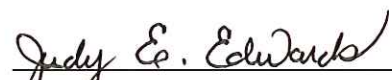
ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Penick to adjourn at 7:38 P. M. All members were in favor.

Approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 2017.

  
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Marguerite J. Crapps, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk

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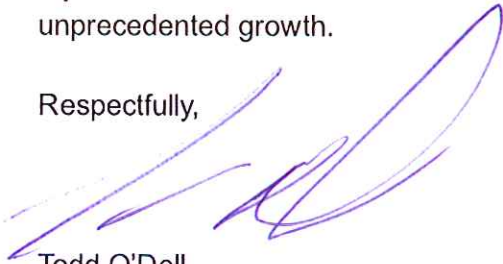
Dear Madam Mayor,

After much thought and careful consideration, I must resign my town council seat, effective immediately.

It has been an honor to represent the citizens of District 2 and the Town of Batesburg-Leesville for the past fourteen (14) years.

My best wishes for the Town and its leaders as you continue to move forward during this time of unprecedented growth.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Todd O'Dell", is written over the word "Respectfully,". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Todd O'Dell