

In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, the news media 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 front door of the Batesburg-Leesville Town Hall no later than twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

JANUARY 12, 2015

Mayor Crapps opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 P. M. to receive citizen input on the *Authorization of a General Obligation Bond Not to Exceed Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) for the Purchase of a New Town Hall*. Since no one addressed Council, Mayor Crapps closed the Public Hearing at 7:01 P. M.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Batesburg-Leesville, held in the courtroom of the Batesburg-Leesville Judicial Complex, was called to order by Mayor Crapps at 7:01 P. M. Members present were Mayor Crapps, Council Members Taylor, O'Dell, Simpkins, Penick, Mingo and Ricard. Council Members Cain and Fox were 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 O'Dell with a second by Council Member Mingo to approve. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Adoption of the minutes from the December 8, 2014 Regular Council Meeting was held.

A motion was made by Council Member Penick with a second by Council Member Ricard to adopt. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

ADOPTION OF MINUTES CONT'D.

Adoption of the minutes from the December 10, 2014 Special Council Meeting was held. A motion was made by Council Member O'Dell with a second by Council Member Penick to adopt. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Crapps reported the next Regular Council Meeting would be February 9, 2015 here in the courtroom.

Mayor Crapps read and presented a **Proclamation** to the Batesburg-Leesville High School Panther Band which participated in the London New Year's Day Parade. Accepting the Proclamation was Panther Band Director Dustin King and Assistant Director Cissy Terlizzi. Members of the Band were on hand for this presentation and received a standing ovation.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS - Council Member O'Dell

Council Member O'Dell had no report.

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

Council Member Penick had no report.

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION - Council Member Penick

Council Member Penick stated the last meeting was in November and the Christmas meeting. We refinanced some bonds at a better rate that will save us about \$350,000.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Council Member Simpkins

Council Member Simpkins reported the committee met last Thursday and the agenda basically involved an update on the water plant, Industrial Park and the new Town Hall, which was the main topic of discussion. Reminded everyone that School District Three is sponsoring a community drop-in for all three schools on January 29, 2015. If interested in attending contact Mike Taylor at the Chamber of Commerce to get on the participation list.

POLICE DEPARTMENT - Chief Oswald

Chief Oswald gave a power point presentation on the 2014 Crime Statistics. (copy attached)

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No one signed up to address Council regarding items on the agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The second reading on the *Ordinance to Provide for the Issuance and Sale Not to Exceed Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) General Obligation Bond* was held. A motion was made by Council Member O'Dell with a second by Council Member Taylor to approve. Town Manager Luckadoo explained this bond is for the purchase of the new Town Hall; the two buildings located at 120 W. Church Street, Suite A & B and any renovations needed. With no further discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading on the *Ordinance to Provide for the Issuance and Sale Not to Exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bond* was held. A motion was made by Council Member O'Dell with a second by Council Member Penick to approve. Town Manager Luckadoo stated this bond will cover the cost of installing the water and wastewater infrastructure up to and inside the Batesburg-Leesville Industrial Park. All engineering and design has been completed at this point; all permit

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.

applications have been submitted and approved by SCDHEC. He further stated the latest cost opinion is the construction cost at approximately \$1,420,000. Until bids go out we will not have an exact cost of construction. Bidding will begin on March 9, 2015 and construction is scheduled to begin April 6, 2015 with completion about December 1, 2015. With no further discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

First Reading on the *Ordinance to Amend Title 9 Chapter 2 Section 4 of the General Code of Ordinances Relating to Fireworks*. A motion was made by Council Member Mingo with a second by Council Member Ricard to approve. Manager Luckadoo stated this ordinance will provide clearer regulations related to fireworks and reduce nuisances that are created from fireworks. The fourth of July (10:00 A. M. to 10:00 P.M.), New Year's eve early into New Year's day(10:00 A.M. on December 31st to 1:00 A.M. on January 1st. people will be allowed to shoot fireworks as long as a responsible adult is present. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 6 Approved 1 Denied - Council Member Penick

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Luckadoo reported the Annual MASC Hometown Legislative Action Day is February 4th at the Columbia Marriott with a reception from 5:30 - 7:00 P. M. and asked Council to let him know if they plan to attend.

Reported the Municipal Elected Officials Institute of Government, Sessions A & B, will be held on Tuesday, February 3rd.

Reported the pre-construction meeting with Utility Services, who will be doing the Granite Street Water Tank remediation/repainting, was held with construction to begin next week with a completion expected around April 1st.

Stated we need to consider a workshop later this month to go over the recommended changes from the MuniCode Code of Ordinance codification. First reading on the changes can be at the February meeting and second reading at the March meeting then MuniCode will put into bounded folders and make available on their website.

MANAGER'S REPORT CONT'D.

Reported he had met with SCE&G concerning tree trimming that will be occurring this year around Batesburg-Leesville and stated he had a map showing these areas if anyone would like to view it after the meeting.

Manager Luckadoo introduced Bryan Matthews, Batesburg-Leesville senior, who will be doing School to Work for the Town this semester. He will be working Monday-Friday for approximately an hour until May. He has an interest in possibly being a City/Town Manager one day and wants to learn more about what we do.

Reported on Wednesday we will be presenting our CDBG project at Lexington County to the CDBG selection panel. Application has been made for the remediation of the other two water tanks in Town and we feel confident that we will at least get the Wellington Street Tank approved in this round. If we don't get both tanks approved we will apply for the other tank next year.

Manager Luckadoo introduced Hardee Horne, Government Affairs Manager with Advance Disposal. Mr. Horne was present to discuss issues related to Advance Disposal services as part of their contract with the Town of Batesburg and how he plans to deal with them.

Manager Luckadoo introduced Mr. Bill Shanahan, owner of the Blowfish Baseball Club. Mr. Shanahan was present to speak with Council concerning the proposed new \$3 million baseball stadium to be built on Ballpark Road at the site of the old Wildcat Hollow, the baseball club itself and what they are going to be bringing over from Richland County to Lexington County.

Manager Luckadoo recognized the employee of the year, David Boulware of the Street Department and the Street Department as the Department of the Year. A standing ovation was received.

Fire Chief Jay Hendrix recognized the Officer of the Year, Shane Summer; Firefighter of the year, Davey Taylor and the Medical Lifesaving Award to Dave Bouknight. A standing ovation was received.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Council Member Mingo with a second by Council Member Penick to go into executive session at 8:07 P. M. to discuss negotiations concerning proposed contractual agreements. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Penick to return to the Regular Council Meeting at 8:55 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY COUNCIL IN FOLLOW UP TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Council Member Penick with a second by Council Member Mingo that we accept the new contract for the sale of water to Ridge Spring as presented to us and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

A motion was made by Council Member O'Dell with a second by Council Member Simpkins instructing the Town Manager to enter into a financial advisory agreement with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company and authorize the Town Manager to sign the agreement. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S MEETING

No one requested agenda items be placed on next month's agenda.

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ADJOURNMENT

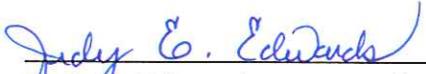
A motion was made by Council Member Mingo with a second by Council Member Ricard to adjourn at 8:58 P. M. All members were in favor.

Approved this 9th day of February 2015.



Marguerite J. Crapps, Mayor

ATTEST:



Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk