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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

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 7:00 P. M. Members present were Mayor Crapps, Council Members Taylor, O'Dell, Simpkins, Penick, Mingo and Ricard. Council Member Fox 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 Taylor with a second by Council Member Mingo to approve the agenda. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Adoption of the minutes from the August 10, 2015 Regular Council Meeting was held.

A motion was made by Council Member Penick with a second by Council Member Mingo 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 will be October 12, 2015.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS - Council Member O'Dell

Council Member O'Dell stated he had no report.

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support the many public safety activities and efforts of Batesburg-Leesville's fire and emergency services during Fire Prevention Week 2015. **All Council Members voted in favor of the Proclamation.**

B. A Proclamation was presented proclaiming *September "Library Card Sign-up Month"* in Batesburg-Leesville and encourages everyone to sign up for the "smartest card" at the Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library. **All Council Members voted in favor of the Proclamation.**

C. Mayor Crapps presented the *2015 Safety Statement Resolution*. **All Council Members voted in favor of the Resolution** and all members *present* signed the Resolution.

D. Approval of the Supportive Municipal Judge Agreement Between the Town of Batesburg-Leesville and the County of Lexington was held. Attorney Spradley commented on the Agreement pointing out certain changes. A motion was made by Council Member O'Dell with a second by Council Member Simpkins to approve. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

E. Approval of Expenditures to Purchase Two Fleet Vehicles for the DPW Maintenance Crew was held. Town Manager Luckadoo stated Tim Craps, Fleet Manager and Tim Schumpert have suggested, after evaluating the condition of two vehicles in the DPW Maintenance Crew Department, that the two vehicles be replaced due to extensive repairs that are needed and the increased cost of maintenance for these two vehicles. The first vehicle they suggest replacing is WD11, a 1994 Ford F-350 and the second is WD6, a 1988 Ford F-250. They feel the best replacement for these two vehicles would be a Ford F-250 4x4 with a service body to replace the current WD11 with a cost on state contract of \$28,837, which includes the service body and taxes. They recommend replacing WD6 with a Chevrolet 1500 4x2 at a state contract cost of \$20,411, which includes bed side tool boxes and taxes. This combines to a total cost of

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\$49,248, which would come from the DPW Reserve Fund. A motion was made by Council Member Penick with a second by Council Member O'Dell to make these two purchases. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

F. First Reading on an *Ordinance Amending Section 1-7-7(f) of the General Code of Ordinances* relating to the Town's Election Commission was held. Attorney Spradley stated the Town did an Ordinance in the early 2000's turning over the Town elections to Lexington County. Since all votes and voting materials are turned over to the Lexington County Election Commission following an election, the Town's Election Commission no longer serves a purpose and we should follow State law and dissolve the Election Commission. A motion was made by Council Member Mingo with a second by Council Member Penick to make this change. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

MANAGER'S REPORT - Ted Luckadoo

Manager Luckadoo reported the following:

- Lexington Police Department has informed us that they are purchasing a "Line of Fire Target System" that will be installed at our firing range after the first of the year since they use the range for annual qualifications and when they have new hires that need to qualify. They are spending \$129,200 on the system and the Town will be pouring concrete and running conduit for the power and computer system lines. Chief Oswald will perform all the trenching and installation of conduit that will be required. The concrete will be contracted out and will not cost much due to the minimal amount needed. There will be an agreement between the Town and Lexington Police Department. They have agreed to handle all future maintenance of the system as long as the Town maintains the property, which we already do. Any costs for the Town will be paid from the Police donations that have been received for the range.
- The Police Department has received a Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Grant through the Department of Justice for \$4,796.62, which will fund 50% of the cost to replace 15 bulletproof vests.

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- The Fire Department has received an Assistance to Firefighter's Grant (AFG) through the Department of Homeland Security for \$45,715, which will be used for the purchase and upgrade of (16) 800 mhz radios as part of the new P25 conversion nationwide. With this grant award we will be able to obtain all the radios in this budget cycle and only expend \$10,235.83 of the \$22,000 budgeted.
- Reported that in the past year the Town has secured \$724,391.62 in grant funds towards many projects and capital purchases.
- Fiscal Year 2014/2015 audit by Dooley & Company is underway and should be completed within the next month or two.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

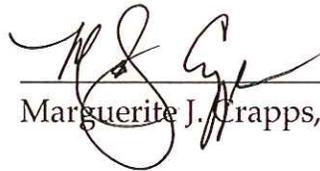
POSSIBLE ACTIONS - None

POTENTIAL ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S MEETING - October 12, 2015 - None

ADJOURNMENT

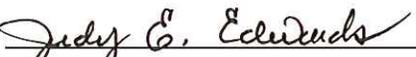
A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Mingo to adjourn at 7:35 P. M. All Members were in favor.

Approved this 12th day of October 2015.



Marguerite J. Crapps, Mayor

ATTEST:



Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk