

TOWN OF BATESBURG-LEESVILLE
AGENDA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 13, 2014
7:00 P. M.
COURTROOM
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX
660 West Columbia Avenue

I CALL TO ORDER

II INVOCATION

III PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Regular Council Meeting – December 9, 2013
- B. Council Work Session – January 6, 2014

V MAYOR'S REPORT

- A. Next Regular Council Meeting – February 10, 2014
- B. 2012/2013 Audit Report – Keith Dooley – Dooley & Company
- C. Council/Department Heads Committee Report
 - 1. Central Midlands - Council Member O'Dell
 - 2. Environmental Planning Advisory Committee – Council Member Cain
 - 3. Police Department – Chief Oswald
 - 4. Fire Department – Chief Hendrix
 - 5. Economic Development

VI MANAGER'S REPORT

VII UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Second Reading - Changing the zoning district designation for property owned by Jan K. & Robin W. Hall at 648 W. Columbia Avenue, Batesburg-Leesville, SC 29006, TMS #7000-04-009 & 7000-04-008, consisting of 3.13 acres from R-1 to C-1. New uses permitted in the proposed district are to allow commercial uses
- B. Council Appointments

VIII NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approval to upgrade computers at Town Hall
- B. Approval to replace HVAC unit at Haynes Auditorium

IX ADDRESS COUNCIL

- 1. Pansy Buzhardt – Questions for & welcome to new Manager
- 2. Elon Buzhardt – Questions for Manager & new Manager

X ADJOURNMENT

XI MEDIA & CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS

POLICE DEPARTMENT CONT'D.

department felt it would be in the best interest of the dogs to purchase cooling vests for the dogs to keep them from getting overheated while they were on the job. He stated that J. B. Martin, local manufacturer, manufactures the material for bulletproof vests and they donated a roll of the material to the department. A commercial seamstress was hired and she made a Level Three bulletproof vest for a great deal less than the \$1,000-\$2,000 cost of one purchased from a manufacturer. Sgt. Carver brought in Sisko wearing the vest that had been handmade. Chief Oswald next introduced the newest member of the K-9 unit, an eight week old pure bred bloodhound named "Red."

Chief Oswald presented a power point presentation of the **2013 Crime Statistics** in depth for the Batesburg-Leesville Police Department. (attached)

Council Member Mingo arrived during Chief Oswald's report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Hendrix

Chief Hendrix presented a report of the 2013 fire department activities stating that this year had produced an all-time high for the number of calls handled which was 636, an increase of 43 percent. He stated there had been 14 structure fires, ten (10) of which were in the town limits of Batesburg-Leesville. (attached) Informed Council that John Gall had been named **BLFD Officer of the Year** and Chris Hallman was named **Firefighter of the Year**.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Council Member Taylor

Council Member Taylor reported the committee wanted to take a step back and do some long-range planning and then partner with the Town and other organizations to get these plans completed.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Joan Taylor

Reported the Street Department has community service workers that come in on Saturdays and they go out to pick up trash.

MANAGER'S REPORT CONT'D.

Reported that Council has received their Financial Statements and check registers for the month of December.

Reported on the drainage issues in Town due to the recent rain and stated she is working with the Department of Transportation to clean out storm drains to increase water flow.

Informed Council an ad had been placed in the newspaper to hire a Utility Director for the water plant.

Manager Taylor introduced Mr. Ted Luckadoo, the new Assistant Town Manager.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

ATTORNEY – A motion was made by Council Member Penick with a second by Council Member Simpkins to retain Moore, Taylor as the municipal attorney for Batesburg-Leesville. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 1 Denied – Council Member Cain

PLANNING COMMISSION

District 1, Council Member Taylor, stated she was going to retain Rick Holstein;
District 3, Council Member Cain, stated he was going to retain Jennifer Edwards;
District 5, Council Member Penick, stated he was going to retain Andy Jennings and

PLANNING COMMISSION CONT'D.

District 7, Council Member Ricard, stated she was going to retain Barbara Sanders. A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Fox to accept the names presented for the Planning Commission. Mayor Crapps stated she reappoints "Tripp" Bouknight. A motion to add this addition was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Fox. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

BOARD OF APPEAL

District 1, Council Member Taylor, stated she was going to retain Billy Brown; District 3, Council Member Cain, stated he was going to retain Shirley Barr; District 5, Council Member Penick, stated he was going to retain Ethel Etheredge; District 7, Council Member Ricard, stated she appoints Bernette Hamilton and Mayor Crapps stated she was going to appoint Sandy Spradley. A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Penick to adopt. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

District 2, Council Member O'Dell, stated he was going to try to fill his district by next Council Meeting.

LIASION TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mayor Crapps stated she would like to formally create a position for a liaison to the Economic Development Committee from Town Council and would like for that representative to be Council Member Simpkins. A motion was made by Council Member O'Dell with a second by Council Member Taylor to accept. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

NEW BUSINESS

Manager Taylor stated in April 2014, Microsoft will not support Windows XP and Office 2003. There are 9 workstations in Town Hall that will need to be upgraded. The quote received from QS/1, who is our computer software and hardware provider, is \$17,935.88. The cost will be split between the General Fund and Enterprise Fund (\$8,967.94). Since 2009 the Town has earmarked funds for repairs to the Town Hall which have not been used. Currently the Town has \$22,000 and the DPW has \$7,000 and requests that these funds be used to upgrade the equipment. A motion was made by Council Member Penick with a second by Council Member Simpkins to move these budget funds around to replace these 9 computers. With no further discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

Next on the agenda was the approval to replace the HVAC units at the Haynes Auditorium. Manager Taylor stated three quotes were received. On two units Custom Comfort quoted \$10,500; Holsenback quoted \$8,400 and J. R. Fallaw quoted \$8,950. Funds for this can come out of the non-departmental line item, parks and recreation. A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Penick to award the bid to Holsenback to replace two units at the Haynes Auditorium for \$8,400. Manager Taylor is to get information from each company that placed a bid concerning extended warranty and service contract and a Special Council Meeting will be held Thursday, January 16th at 6:00 P. M. to make a decision. After discussion, a motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Penick to table this issue until more information can be obtained.

ADDRESS COUNCIL – Elon Buzhardt

Mr. Buzhardt spoke to Council addressing the issue of jobs in Batesburg-Leesville and welcomed Mr. Luckadoo as the new Assistant Town Manager.

ADDRESS COUNCIL – Pansy Buzhardt

Mrs. Buzhardt welcomed the new Assistant Town Manager, Ted Luckadoo, and wished him well and spoke concerning jobs in Batesburg-Leesville.

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Mingo to adjourn at 8:14 P. M. All members present were in favor.

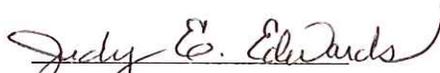
MEDIA & CITIZENS' QUESTIONS

Approved this 10th day for February 2014.



Marguerite J. Cropps, Mayor

ATTEST:



Judy E. Edwards
Town Clerk