

TOWN OF BATESBURG-LEESVILLE
AGENDA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 10, 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 – January 13, 2014
- B. Special Council Meeting – January 16, 2014

V MAYOR'S REPORT

- A. Next Regular Council Meeting – March 10, 2014
- B. Council Workshop/Training - February 17, 2014
- C. Proclamation - Meals on Wheels
- D. 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 – Council Member Simpkins

VI MANAGER'S REPORT

VII UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Cost of Engineering for the Industrial Park

VIII NEW BUSINESS - None

IX ADDRESS COUNCIL

- 1. Pansy Buzhardt - Water Project, Equal Housing
- 2. Elon Buzhardt - Videographer

X ADJOURNMENT

XI MEDIA & CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS

MAYOR'S REPORT CONT'D.

have served our communities for more than 40 years and the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission's **Meals on Wheels Program** has served our county for 34 years and provides services to over 1,200 older individuals and provides over 140,000 meals to seniors in Lexington County annually.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS - Council Member O'Dell

Council Member O'Dell stated he had no report.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (E. P. A. C.)
Council Member Cain**

Council Member Cain stated he had no report.

POLICE DEPARTMENT - Chief Oswald

Chief Oswald stated he had no report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - Chief Hendrix

Chief Hendrix recognized Chris Hallman as the 2013 Batesburg-Leesville Fire Department Fire Fighter of the Year and John Gall, who was unable to attend because of work, as the 2013 Batesburg-Leesville Fire Department Officer of the Year and Pastor Robert Williamson for his service to the department. Reported the fire department had two (2) structure fires in January and advised all to use caution with heating if the power should go out.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Council Member Simpkins

Council Member Simpkins reported he was unable to attend the meeting last week and asked Council Member Taylor to brief Council on the meeting.

Council Member Taylor reported that Mayor Crapps was in attendance and she gave an update on the water plant, Industrial Park, Pennies for Progress; talked about our

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONT'D. - Council Member Taylor

current sewer plant, the line upgrades and line breaks around Town. Reported the South Carolina Poultry Festival is working on a program to present in the school system on how to motivate our students.

MANAGER'S REPORT - Joan Taylor

Manager Taylor reported Council has received the check registers and Financial Statements for January.

Reported that Norfolk Southern is the hold up on the Mitchell Street sidewalk project.

Reminded Council to complete their Statement of Economic Interest which is due March 30, 2014.

Stated we are working on a date and time for the electronic recycling event in conjunction with Lexington County Solid Waste in Batesburg-Leesville.

Informed Council that the new computers have been installed and up and running in the Town Hall.

Informed Council that we have several pieces of old equipment and property that will be placed up for bid (fire truck, air packs, computers).

Reported that due to inclement weather we are behind on several projects but the removal of the Christmas decorations started today.

Informed Council that Mr. Luckadoo will be attending the South Carolina Economic Development Institute this Thursday and Friday.

Informed Council that Patricia Jones will be filling in for Judy who will be having surgery in the upcoming month.

Council Member Mingo asked the Manager if she had heard back from Norfolk about the Club 23 area and the Manager stated she has not and did not have the call back

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information. Council Member Mingo stated she will make sure she gets this call back information.

Council Member Mingo stated she understood that SLED had been back to the Town Hall and Manager Taylor informed Council that SLED did come in the Town Hall and picked up some documents which included copies of checks pertaining to the ongoing investigation begun last year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Crapps stated next on the agenda was the cost of engineering for the Industrial Park. Mayor Crapps stated that Council was apprised in December of information we received from Lexington County regarding the engineering costs. She stated the reason we cancelled the Work Session was because in discussion with Lexington County we had one figure, then another figure and then another figure and did not want to bring arbitrary information to Council. Information was provided by the County Manager that reflects the same information we received in December that I apprised Council of. The cost of the engineering per the documents that were emailed to her Saturday morning that she emailed to all of Council, save one who she had been instructed not to email any more. Mayor Crapps stated Mr. Luckadoo sent out an memorandum detailing the costs based upon the estimates, the same documents from December, that the cost of engineering is approximately \$55,000 - \$60,000. Alliance has said in the ballpark of \$55,000. This engineering work is for wastewater only inside and outside of the Park. If the engineering is not done now, Lexington County would turn and walk away from us on the Industrial Park. She further stated Council had been dealing with this issue since 1999 and no forward progress has been made and a letter was written to John Fechtel in 1999 promising this work would begin in 2000 and if something was not done in the immediate future, Lexington County Council would withdraw funding earmarked for Batesburg-Leesville and give it to another municipality. A motion was

