

TOWN OF BATESBURG-LEESVILLE
AGENDA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 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 – February 10, 2014
- B. Council Work Session – February 17, 2014

V MAYOR'S REPORT

- A. Next Regular Council Meeting – April 14, 2014
- B. 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. E. Columbia Avenue Sidewalk Expansion

VIII NEW BUSINESS - None

IX ADDRESS COUNCIL

- 1. Amanda Tarbell Ballenger, 358 W. Columbia Avenue - Water Bills
- 2. Elon Buzhardt - Water, Sewer, Video, Impact Fees
- 3. Pansy Buzhardt - Water, Sewer, Impact Fees, Video, Pennies for Progress, Growth
- 4. Sarah A. Merriweather - Water Issue & High Bill
- 5. Suzette Scaturo, 757 W. W. Loman Road - Residential Growth, Water & Sewer Issues
- 6. Steve Cain - Town Business

X ADJOURNMENT

XI MEDIA & CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS

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 was absent; therefore, no report was given.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Council Member Taylor

Council Member Simpkins was absent; therefore, Mayor Crapps deferred the report to Council Member Taylor.

Council Member Taylor reported that the E.D.C. did meet and that there was discussion about recognizing the industry that is located currently in Town as they approach the new Industrial Park. She stated that there was a brief discussion about Pennies for Progress and where they stood with that. She said that unfortunately she was not prepared to make the report but she wanted to state that they had met on the prior Thursday.

MANAGER'S REPORT - Joan Taylor

Manager Taylor reported Council has received the Financial Records and Check Registers for February.

MANAGER'S REPORT CONT.

Reminded Council that the Statement of Economic Interest is due by March 30th not April 15th as it had been in the years past.

Stated that she would like to introduce to Council and the members present, Tim Schumpert, who is now on board as the Utilities Director and that she looks forward to working with him.

Stated that she had a letter that she would like to place into record. She stated that it was received today and that it had come from the Office of the Solicitor, Mr. Donnie Myers' Office. She stated that she would like to read it at that time. She stated that it is addressed to Lieutenant Fred Pugh with SLED in reference to a SLED case that had been opened up by a Batesburg-Leesville Town Councilman. Manager Taylor read the letter and stated that she would like to have it read into the record. (Original on File.)

Council Member Cain addressed Manager Taylor and stated that some time ago Council had discussed paving Rainbow Drive. He asked Manager Taylor where things were with Rainbow Drive. Manager Taylor stated that she had just received some letters from a citizen in reference to it and that she would have to go back to see where things were and what Council had approved. Council Member Cain stated that this was before Biarritz Court. Manager Taylor questioned what year it was discussed. Council Member Cain stated that it was a couple of months ago. Manager Taylor stated that when they were done with Biarritz that they would move forward with Rainbow Drive, at Council's directions. Council Member Cain asked if Rainbow Drive was next in line. Manager Taylor stated if that was what Council voted on, yes.

Council Member Cain asked Manager Taylor if she was aware that there was a leak at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Manager Taylor asked if he meant the leak behind the main building. Council Member Cain stated, yes. Manager Taylor said that she was aware of it. Council Member Cain asked if she was aware that the leak lasted for six (6) months. Manager Taylor stated that she did. Council Member Cain stated that this was treated water that ran on the ground for six months. He asked Manager Taylor what corrective actions did she take being aware of it. Manager Taylor stated that it was during a time when there were personnel issues and were short-staffed and it was taken and noted and staff got to it as quickly as possible.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Crapps stated next on the agenda is Unfinished Business, Sidewalk Expansion on East Columbia Avenue. Mayor Crapps asked Manager Taylor if she had information on the expansion of the sidewalks on East Columbia Avenue to present. Manager Taylor stated that there was a memo that was put in Council's packets. Manager Taylor stated that in reference to a sidewalk on East Columbia Avenue, Assistant Manager Ted Luckadoo had looked into a grant to possibly get more money to put in more sidewalks and they could look into it possibly being used for a match. Manager Taylor asked Assistant Manager Luckadoo if he had any information that he would like to add. Assistant Manager Luckadoo stated that it was shown in the memo that he had prepared that the Town currently has Seventy-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Nine dollars and Twenty-Seven cents (\$77,939.27) in the Town Savings that has been earmarked for Existing Sidewalk Repair. He stated that there is a stretch of sidewalk on East Columbia Avenue from the Ace Hardware, China Star restaurant portion down to the Black Dog Inn that meets up at Livingston Place. He stated that there are a couple of options. He said that it is the intent to put in for a Transportation Alternative Program Grant through the Department of Transportation for up to Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000). He stated that Council really has a couple of options tonight. He said that they could approve the Seventy-Seven Thousand (77,000) now to do the sidewalk on East Columbia Avenue. He stated that it would just have to be taken from Existing Sidewalk Repair and turn it into New Sidewalk Installation by re-earmarking it or it could be put on hold to see what occurs with applying for the Department of Transportation Grant for up to Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) and make a decision again in July. He stated that the grant is an Eighty/Twenty match so if the Town were to get Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000), they would need Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) from the Town to match for the grant. He said that the Seventy-Seven Thousand (77,000) could be left alone until something is heard back and then they could look at doing further sidewalk expansion in other areas of the Town as well. He stated that the options are to either reallocate it to New Sidewalk Installation or wait for the grant and use that for the matching portion; or, Council could make the motion to use the funds for any of the options and give him or Joan the ability based on what comes back from the grant to do what they feel they can do with the money. Mayor Crapps questioned if what he was saying was that as of now, the money is earmarked for Sidewalk Repair. Assistant Manager Luckadoo stated, yes, Sidewalk Repairs. Mayor Crapps stated that it would

require a motion to address new sidewalk as in that in front of China Star and Black Dog Inn. Assistant Manager Luckadoo stated, correct or use it for the match for the grant. Councilman Penick asked Assistant Manager Luckadoo if he knew how many were applying for the grant. Assistant Manager Luckadoo said that he had no idea at this time. He stated that he knows that the decision is made around July and sometime within the next month, they would need to get the grant application in for review. Assistant Manager Luckadoo stated that it is up to Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000). He said that they could come back with One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) but even if it came back at One Hundred Thousand (100,000) that is more than Seventy-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$77,000). Councilman Penick made to motion to postpone spending the dollar amount on the Sidewalk Repair for several months, apply for the grant and re-earmark the funds with a second by Council Member Mingo. A vote was taken. All present were in favor

NEW BUSINESS - None

ADDRESS COUNCIL - Amanda Tarbell Ballenger

Mrs. Ballenger appeared before Council to address the subject of water bills.

ADDRESS COUNCIL - Elon Buzhardt

Mr. Buzhardt stated that he would like to yield his time to Mrs. Pansy Buzhardt. Mayor Crapps advised him that time is no longer allowed to be yield. Mrs. Buzhardt stated that policy had not been changed. Mayor Crapps stated that as the one presiding over the meeting, according to Robert's Rules, she could decide if it was yielded. Council Member Mingo stated that this was an issue that Council had discussed, that had been tabled and was suppose to be addressed again but it was never brought back. Mayor Crapps stated that it is not an ordinance. Council Member Mingo questioned Manager Taylor and Attorney Spradley if it had been an issue that was tabled that was going to be brought back to Council after it was re-written.

Mayor Crapps asked that Council Member Cain be removed from the meeting

Council Member Mingo excused herself from the meeting at that time.

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Council Member Cain is removed from the meeting at that time.

Council Member Penick called for recess for fifteen (15) minutes.

Council Member Penick made the motion to come back into session.

ADDRESS COUNCIL - Pansy Buzhardt

Mrs. Buzhardt appeared before Council to address the subject of Water, Sewer, Impact Fees, Video, Pennies For Progress, Growth.

ADDRESS COUNCIL - Sarah Merriweather

Mrs. Merriweather appeared before Council to address the subject of Water Issue & High Bill.

ADDRESS COUNCIL - Suzette Scaturo

Mrs. Scaturo stated that she would like to pass on her opportunity to speak.

ADDRESS COUNCIL - Steve Cain

Mr. Cain was not present to speak.

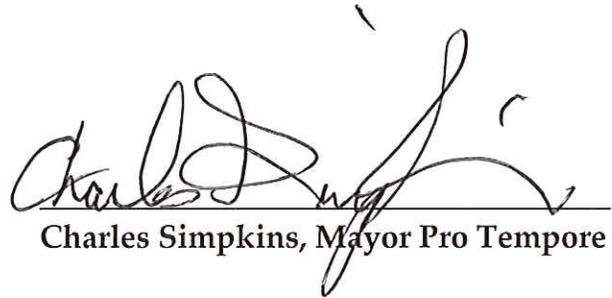
ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Penick with a second by Council Member Fox to adjourn at 7:39 P. M. All members present were in favor.

MEDIA & CITIZENS' QUESTIONS

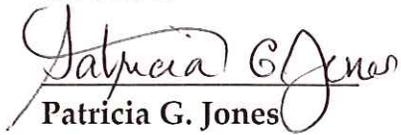
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Approved this 14th day of April 2014.



Charles Simpkins, Mayor Pro Tempore

ATTEST:



Patricia G. Jones