

TOWN OF BATESBURG-LEESVILLE  
AGENDA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
April 14, 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 – March 10, 2014
  - B. Council Work Session – April 03, 2014
  - C. Special Council Meeting - April 03, 2014
- V MAYOR'S REPORT
  - A. Next Regular Council Meeting – May 12, 2014
  - B. Council/Department Heads Committee Report
    - 1. Central Midlands - Council Member O'Dell
    - 2. Environmental Planning Advisory Committee – Council Member Cain
    - 3. Economic Development – Council Member Simpkins
- VI MANAGER'S REPORT
- VII UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- VIII NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Resolution declaring May 10, 2014 as S.C. Poultry Festival Day
  - B. Resolution prohibiting yard sales during S.C. Poultry Festival weekend (May 9th and 10th)
  - C. Resolution supporting Fair Housing and declaring the month of April as Fair Housing Month
  - D. Resolution declaring the week of May 11-17, 2014 as Industry Appreciation Week
  - E. Approval of Amendments to the Town of Batesburg-Leesville Employee Handbook
  - F. Approval of Tree Removal at the Wilson Street Park
  - G. Approval of Auditing Services for Fiscal Years 2014/2015, 2015/16, 2016/2017, 2017/2018
- IX EXECUTIVE SESSION
- X POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY COUNCIL IN FOLLOW UP TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
- XI ADDRESS COUNCIL
  - A. Melissa Pityk - National Library Week: April 13-19, 2014 & Summer Reading Program:  
June 02 - August 9, 2014
  - B. Elon Buzhardt – Requesting to speak on water, sewer, budget, and Council behavior
  - C. Pansy Buzhardt – Requesting to speak on water, sewer, budget, and Council behavior
- XII ADJOURNMENT
- XIII MEDIA & CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS

*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.*

## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**APRIL 14, 2014**

The Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Batesburg-Leesville, which was held in the courtroom of the Batesburg-Leesville Judicial Complex, was called to order by Mayor Pro Tempore Simpkins at 7:00 P. M. Members present were, Mayor Pro Tempore Simpkins, Council Members Taylor, O'Dell, Cain, Penick and Ricard. Member absent were Mayor Crapps, Council Members Mingo and Fox.

## **INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Rev. Thomas Mims.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was held.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the March 10, 2014 Regular Council Meeting was held. A motion was made by Council Member Penick with a second by Council Member Ricard to adopt. A vote was taken.

VOTE: All present were in favor

Approval of the minutes from the April 03, 2014 Council Work Session was held. A motion was made by Council Member O'Dell with a second by Council Member Taylor to adopt. A vote was taken.

VOTE: All present were in favor

Approval of the minutes from the April 03, 2014 Special Council Meeting was held. A motion was made by Council Member Penick with a second by Council Member Taylor to adopt. A vote was taken.

VOTE: All present were in favor

Regular Council Meeting  
April 14, 2014  
Page 2

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Pro Tempore Simpkins stated the next Regular Council Meeting will be May 12, 2014. He also reminded Council that a Work Session was scheduled for April 23rd at 6:00 P.M. to continue the review of the Rules and Procedures of the governing body.

### **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 received an email from E.P.A.C. He said that they only meet quarterly and if there is no business, they do not meet so there was no meeting scheduled for this quarter.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Council Member Simpkins**

Council Member Simpkins gave a detailed report of the Economic Development March 2014 meeting.

### **MANAGER'S REPORT - Ted Luckadoo**

In the absence of Town Manager Taylor, Assistant Town Manager Luckadoo gave the report. Assistant Manager Luckadoo reported Council has received the Financial Records and Check Registers for March.

He stated that at the prior month's meeting there was discussion about Rainbow Drive and exactly who owned and maintained the road and that after research, Lexington County staff stated that they did own, operate and control that portion of road way. He said staff had talked with the County about the paving of the road and that the County had sent out a petition to the homeowners on that street for them to petition to the County to have it paved.

**MANAGER'S REPORT CONT. - Ted Luckadoo**

He stated that HUD is getting ready to release the funds to begin paving Biarritz Court and hopefully that will begin sometime next month. He said that a meeting is scheduled for May 01st with the County to discuss an exact time line on the paving and easement information for the residents on that street. He stated that the matching portion of the grant had already been paid.

He stated that in reference to FEMA for the winter storm that had occurred February 10th -14th the state had received it's emergency declaration. He said that he attended a meeting with FEMA at the Emergency Operation Center in Lexington County and that the Town is eligible for some funds to be refunded for cost of things such as debris removal, any overtime salary cost and the function of the emergency shelter that was in place that did get utilized by one person. He stated that he had completed the request for public assistance earlier that day, which is the first step. He said that there is another meeting on April 17th at the Emergency Operation Center.

After Assistant Manager Luckadoo gave his report, Council Member Cain asked a series of questions pertaining to the cost of the Industrial Park Project, projected costs for sewer plant upgrades, and about capital improvement funds for the town. Assistant Manager Luckadoo provided Council Member Cain with what information he had available, but did state that most of these projects still did not have finalized calculations.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution declaring May 10, 2014 as S.C. Poultry Festival Day. A motion was made by Council Member O'Dell with a second by Council Member Penick to adopt. A vote was taken.

VOTE: All present were in favor

Regular Council Meeting

April 1, 2014

Page 4

**NEW BUSINESS CONT.**

Resolution prohibiting yard sales during S.C. Poultry Festival weekend (May 9th and 10th). A motion was made by Council Member O'Dell with a second by Council Member Taylor to adopt. A vote was taken.

VOTE: 2 Approved 4 Denied - Council Members Taylor, Cain, Simpkins and Penick

Resolution supporting Fair Housing and declaring the month of April as Fair Housing Month. A motion was made by Council Member Cain to amend the resolution to include a point eight (8) that the Town would repeal its Impact Fees. A motion was made by Council Member O'Dell with a second by Council Member Penick to adopt. Council Member Cain asked to appeal to the parliamentarian because he thought that the motion to amend came before the motion to adopt. The attorney asked for a five (5) minute recess to consult Counsel. A five (5) minute recess was called for the attorney to consult with Council in reference to the question at hand. All in favor. A motion was made by Council Member Penick to come back into session with a second by Council Member O'Dell. All in favor. The attorney advised that the motion to amend failed due to a second. A vote was taken.

VOTE: All present were in favor

Resolution declaring the week of May 11-17, 2014 as Industry Appreciation Week. A motion was made by Council Member Taylor with a second by Council Member Penick to adopt. A vote was taken.

VOTE: All present were in favor

Approval of Amendments to the Town of Batesburg-Leesville Employee Handbook. A motion was made by Council Member O'Dell with a second by Council Member Penick to adopt. A vote was taken.

VOTE: All present were in favor

Approval of Tree Removal at the Wilson Street Park. A motion was made by Council Member Taylor with a second by Council Member Penick to adopt. A vote was taken.

VOTE: All present were in favor

Regular Council Meeting  
April 14, 2014  
Page 5

Approval of Auditing Services for Fiscal Years 2014/2015, 2015/16, 2016/2017, 2017/2018.  
A motion was made by Council Member Penick with a second by Council Member Taylor to adopt. A vote was taken.

VOTE: All present were in favor

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Pro Tempore Simpkins stated there were no contractual matters; therefore, there was no need to go into Executive Session nor possible actions by Council in follow up to Executive Session so they would continue according to the agenda.

### **ADDRESS COUNCIL - Melissa Pityk**

Ms. Pityk appeared before Council to address the subject of National Library Week: April 13-19, 2014 & Summer Reading Program; June 02 - August 09, 2014

### **ADDRESS COUNCIL - Elon Buzhardt**

Mr. Buzhardt appeared before Council to address the subject of Water Sewer, Budget and Council Behavior. Mr. Buzhardt stated that he would like to read a statement into record and asked that it be put on file as record. (Original on file)

### **ADDRESS COUNCIL - Pansy Buzhardt**

Mrs. Buzhardt appeared before Council to address the subject of Water, Sewer, Budget and Council Behavior.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Council Member Penick with a second by Council Member Taylor to adjourn at 8:15 P. M. All members present were in favor.

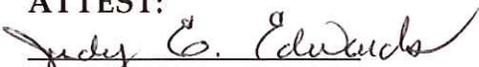
### **MEDIA & CITIZENS' QUESTIONS**

Regular Council Meeting  
April 14, 2014  
Page 6

Approved this 12th day of May 2014.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Marguerite J. Crapps, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Judy E. Edwards, Clerk