

TOWN OF BATESBURG-LEESVILLE  
AGENDA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
May 12, 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 – April 14, 2014

V MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Next Regular Council Meeting – June 9, 2014

B. Poppy Proclamation

C. 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

4. Police Department - Chief Oswald

VI MANAGER'S REPORT

VII UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

VIII NEW BUSINESS - None

IX ADDRESS COUNCIL

A. Elon Buzhardt - Jobs, Water, Sewer Budget, Police Dept., Fire Dept., Growth

B. Pansy Buzhardt - H<sub>2</sub>O, Sewer, Tax Increase, Town Hall, Budget, Police Dept., Fire Dept., Growth

X ADJOURNMENT

XI 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

MAY 12, 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 Crapps at 7:00 P. M. Members present were Mayor Crapps, Council Members Taylor, O'Dell, Simpkins, Penick, Mingo and Ricard. Council Member Cain arrived at 7:04 P. M. 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 MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the April 14, 2014 Regular Council Meeting was held. A motion was made by Council Member O'Dell with a second by Council Member Simpkins to approve. With no discussion held, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                    7 Approved                    0 Denied

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Crapps stated the next Regular Council Meeting will be June 9, 2014 here in the courtroom.

Mayor Crapps read the **Poppy Proclamation** proclaiming May 23rd and 24th, 2014 as **Poppy Days**. A motion was made by Council Member Penick with a second by Council Member Simpkins to approve. With no discussion held, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                    7 Approved                    0 Denied

*Council Member Cain arrived after the vote was taken.*

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**CENTRAL MIDLANDS - Council Member O'Dell**

Council Member O'Dell stated he had no report this month.

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

**Council Member Cain**

Council Member Cain stated there was no E. P. A. C. meeting this month.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Council Member Simpkins**

Council Member Simpkins gave a report on the Economic Development Meeting May 1, 2014.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT - Chief Oswald**

Police Chief Oswald reported there were no major incidences during the Poultry Festival.

Reported he placed the traffic counter at Highway #1 and Daniel Drive so he could get a comparison for a non-Poultry Festival weekend and the Poultry Festival weekend traffic. There were approximately 10,000 cars counted on Highway #1 and for the Poultry Festival weekend 14,400 cars were counted.

Chief Oswald introduced Susana Rodrigues and William Adams, two new officers that graduated from the Police Academy.

Stated that May 15th has been designated nationwide for many years to recognize officers killed in the line of duty. Last year 105 officers nationwide were killed in the line of duty and in 2012 the total officers killed in the line of duty was 125. Officers from the Batesburg-Leesville area that were killed in the line of duty were Tommy Fox, Ben Strickland, Bill Lundy and Tom Kerney.

Mayor Crapps thanked Chief Oswald and all of his department, the assistance he solicited from the Sheriff's Department, Highway Patrol and everyone else for a job well done Thursday-Saturday during the Poultry Festival.

### **MANAGER'S REPORT - Joan Taylor**

Manager Taylor reported Council has received all the financial reports and check registers for the month of April.

May 1st meeting was held with Lexington County in reference to Biarritz Court, a community meeting with the residents was scheduled for May 22nd. The estimated completion time is September 1st if all the paperwork continues on course.

The Budget Workshop was held on May 8th and just a reminder to Council, if you have not already done so, have your questions in this Thursday or come by the Town Hall. The next Workshop is scheduled for May 21st at 6:00 P. M. at the Batesburg District Fire Station.

Manager Taylor turned the floor over to Assistant Town Manager Ted Luckadoo. Mr. Luckadoo gave a report on the Pennies for Progress. He stated that all five (5) projects the Town submitted made the project list and would be completed in the eight (8) year time frame. They are as follows:

- #2 - Year 1 - Hwy. #23 @ Pine Street Intersection - \$920,000
- #8 - Year 4 - Hwy. #23 @ Mitchell Street Intersection - \$805,000
- #43 - Year 7 - N. Oak Street repaving - \$395,000
- #46 - Year 7 - Upgrades to Wastewater Plant - \$4,108,720
- #60 - Year 8 - Sidewalks - N. Lee to Schoolhouse - \$605,000

Reported that Skyline Drive is set to be resurfaced as part of Lexington County project list in Year 8.

Reported on the litter collection by the National Guard unit out of Greenville on May 3, 2014; collected 51 bags of litter weighing approximately 1,500 pounds within two (2) hours on 12-15 miles of roadway. Asked Council members to group up with community members inside their district and adopt some roads within their district. Two (2) miles of roadway is what they asked to be adopted which is six (6) times a year on Saturday mornings.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**

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**NEW BUSINESS - None**

**ADDRESS COUNCIL - Elon Buzhardt**

Mr. Buzhardt was not present to address Council.

**ADDRESS COUNCIL - Pansy Buzhardt**

Mrs. Buzhardt was not present to address Council.

**ADJOURNMENT**

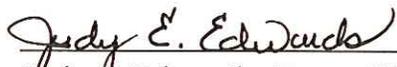
A motion was made by Council Member Penick with a second by Council Member Simpkins to adjourn at 7:21 P. M. All members were in favor.

**MEDIA & CITIZENS' QUESTIONS**

Approved this 9th day of June 2014.

  
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Marguerite J. Crapps, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk