

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

PUBLIC HEARING - Amendments to the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code to Establish Specific Regulations that the Code Designates as Local Regulations; Sections 101.1; 103.5; 112.4; 302.4; 302.8; 304.14; 602.3; and 602.4

I CALL TO ORDER

II INVOCATION

III PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Regular Council Meeting - September 8, 2014

V MAYOR'S REPORT

- A. Next Regular Council Meeting – November 10, 2014  
B. Resolution - Safety Statement  
C. Proclamation - October - Domestic Violence Awareness Month  
D. 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  
5. Fire Department - Chief Hendrix

VI MANAGER'S REPORT

VII UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Second Reading - Proposed Amendment to the Zoning Map - Changing the zoning district designation owned by David Bedenbaugh at 532 West Columbia Avenue, Tax Map No. 007027-07-001, consisting of .584 acres from R-2, General Residential District, to C-1, General Commercial District. New uses permitted in the proposed district are to allow commercial uses.  
B. Second Reading - Amendments to the International Property Maintenance Code to Establish Specific Regulations that the Code Designates as Local Regulations

VIII NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approval of Multijurisdictional Drug Enforcement Unit Agreement  
B. Approval of Mutual Aid Agreement Between Lexington County Sheriff's Department & B-L Police Department

IX ADDRESS COUNCIL

- A. Stephen Cain - Town Business  
B. Suzette Scaturo - Citizen Involvement, Lack of Enthusiasm, Entertaining Development, Shrinking of the Town of Lexington, Change in General  
C. Elon Buzhardt - Cat Fiasco, Lack of Character in our Elected Officials, Uninformed, Why our Elected Officials Won't do their Homework?  
D. Pansy Buzhardt - Lack of Growth, Why? Corrupt, Unethical Practices, Misleading Citizens, What About Club 23 Nightmare?

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.*

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

**OCTOBER 13, 2014**

Mayor Crapps opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 P. M. to receive citizen input on the *Amendments to the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code to Establish Specific Regulations that the Code Designates as Local Regulations; Sections 101.1; 103.5; 112.4; 302.4; 302.8; 304.14; 602.3; and 602.4.* Town Manager Luckadoo explained each section after which Cynthia Settle, 106 S. Peachtree Street, asked several questions to clarify Section 302.8, Motor Vehicles. Also, Mrs. Floyd Davis asked how the Town was going to get this information to the community. Mayor Crapps replied through the local newspaper and the local cable channel. Also, Mrs. Geraldine Walters needed clarity on her car that is parked in the back of her house, which she has had no luck getting repaired and has no tag or insurance. Mayor Crapps replied she could put a cloth car cover over the car according to the ordinance. Since no one else addressed Council, Mayor Crapps closed the Public Hearing at 7:15 P. M.

## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

The Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Batesburg-Leesville, held in the courtroom of the Batesburg-Leesville Judicial Complex, was called to order by Mayor Crapps at 7:15 P. M. Members present were Mayor Crapps, Council Member Taylor, O'Dell, Cain, Simpkins, Penick, Mingo, Ricard and Fox.

## **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 September 8, 2014 Regular Council Meeting was held. A motion was made by Council Member O'Dell with a second by Council Member Penick to approve. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES CONT'D.**

VOTE:                    8 Approved                    1 Denied - Council Member Cain

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Crapps reported the next Regular Council Meeting will be November 10, 2014.

Mayor Crapps read the *Safety Statement Resolution*. A motion was made by Council Member Penick with a second by Council Member Simpkins to adopt. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                    9 Approved                    0 Denied

Mayor Crapps read the *Proclamation* declaring *October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month*. A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Mingo to adopt. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                    9 Approved                    0 Denied

**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 there was no meeting.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Council Member Simpkins**

Council Member Simpkins reported the committee met October 2, 2014. The agenda consisted of updates to the committee on various projects throughout the Town. Pennies for Progress was discussed in terms of projects that were earmarked for the Batesburg-Leesville area. It was announced that on October 9th there would be a meeting at Southern Occasions with Joe Mergo, County Administrator, who will be there to make a presentation. Council Member Simpkins stated he was not able to

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONT'D.**

attend but hoped everyone was able to attend to get updated. The Communications Committee reported that they were working on establishing a system of reporting for better communications between the Town, the School District and the community, including Midlands Tech. It was suggested that the School District do an open house for the community. This would allow the citizens to come in and meet the administration and teachers and find out exactly how things are going and how things are being run to get more transparency in the operation of our School District. This was a favorable discussion. Dr. Floyd also updated the Committee on the *common core standards* that were in the process of being implemented in the School District and across the country. They are trying to put together a curriculum that every student at every grade level will be taught the same thing no matter what school they attend. Council Member Simpkins stated this will be quite an undertaking. Reported that Council Member Taylor brought to their attention some community projects for the regional partnerships that were taking place in other communities that brought together various aspects of the community and various groups together to discuss economic development and how the community can better work together to move forward.

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT - Chief Oswald**

Chief Oswald introduced Travis Alewine, the latest graduate from the Academy. Reported that Alewine did his internship here while attending college and returned to work for the Police Department after he turned 21 years old.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT - Chief Hendrix**

Chief Hendrix reported October is fire prevention month and last week was Fire Prevention Week and we reached out to about 600 people in the community, adults and primarily children, focusing on fire prevention at the schools, GLEAMS Head Start, some of the Mother's Morning Out Programs and tomorrow we go to the Big Blue Marble Daycare. We are trying to get all the children at least up through the 5th grade this month. The puppet show was a big hit and so was the fire safety house.

Council Member Penick asked Chief Hendrix if they are installing fire alarms for citizens. Chief Hendrix reported they received a grant several months ago and are

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actively looking for people who have small children, the elderly or anyone in need. The necessary forms to be filled out can be obtained at the Town Hall. Reported he is also trying to get a grant through the State Fire Marshall's office to do a smoke alarm blitz.

**MANAGER'S REPORT - Ted Luckadoo**

Manager Luckadoo reported Council received the Financial Statements for the month of September.

Reported CBD, contractor for the Mitchell Street sidewalk, was back in Town and has all but closed out the Mitchell Street sidewalk job. They paved the sidewalks in the sections that were missing and adjusted the sign in front of Sonics to point in the correct direction. There are a few small items left to finish that was pointed out by Trey Hodges, URS, but for the most part the project is complete.

Reported the Police Department has been awarded a \$35,000 Homeland Security Grant to be used for a new dispatch console.

We have set up a meeting on October 30th with DOT after they contacted us they are ready to move forward with the sidewalk DOT TAP Grant project that we are funded for in the amount of \$400,000. They are ready to have the initial meeting and begin the steps to move forward.

The website has been constructed, at least the template part of it, and are in the process now of getting all the content put into the website. An email was sent out earlier where I talked about getting a hobbyist photographer to come in and do some sit down still pictures with Council and go around the community to take some nice pictures for the website. We hope to launch the new website in about a month and go live.

Biarritz Court is progressing. An issue did arise with some property owners there that set it back a little but we are working on some alternate plans at this time to try to move that project forward with being paved. Presently the tentative schedule is spring.

**MANAGER'S REPORT CONT'D.**

Municode has sent the proof back on the general Code of Ordinances codification that has been going on. Will be trying to set a time with Council to have a work session where we will sit down and go over all the codified changes that Municode said we needed to take a look at.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The second reading on the *Proposed Amendment to the Zoning Map - Changing the zoning district designation owned by David Bedenbaugh at 532 West Columbia Avenue, Tax Map No. 007027-07-001, consisting of .584 acres from R-2, General Residential District, to C-1, General Commercial District* was held. *New uses permitted in the proposed district are to allow commercial uses.* A motion was made by Council Member Penick with a second by Council Member Mingo to adopt. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                    9 Approved                    0 Denied

The second reading on the *Amendments to the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code to Establish Specific Regulations that the Code Designates as Local Regulations; Sections 101.1; 103.5; 112.4; 302.4; 302.8; 304.14; 602.3; and 602.4* was held. A motion was made by Council Member O'Dell with a second by Council Member Mingo to adopt. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                    8 Approved                    1 Denied - Council Member Cain

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approval of the **Multijurisdictional Drug Enforcement Unit Agreement** was held. Chief Oswald stated this agreement had to be signed again because of the change of sheriffs. A motion was made by Council Member Penick with a second by Council Member O'Dell to approve. After a brief discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                    9 Approved                    0 Denied

Approval of the **Mutual Aid Agreement Between the Lexington County Sheriff's Department and the Batesburg-Leesville Police Department** was held. Chief Oswald state this agreement had to be signed again because of the change of sheriffs. A motion

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was made by Council Member Taylor with a second by Council Member Simpkins to approve.  
With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                    9 Approved                    0 Denied

**ADDRESS COUNCIL - Stephen Cain**

Mr. Cain addressed Council concerning Town business.

**ADDRESS COUNCIL - Suzette Scaturo**

Ms. Scaturo was not present to address Council.

**ADDRESS COUNCIL - Elon Buzhardt**

Mr. Buzhardt addressed Council concerning the cat fiasco, lack of character in our elected officials, uninformed, why our elected officials won't do their homework.

**ADDRESS COUNCIL - Pansy Buzhardt**

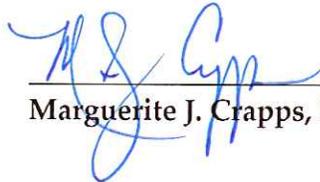
Mrs. Buzhardt address Council concerning the lack of growth, why?, Corrupt, unethical practices, misleading citizens and what about Club 23 nightmare.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Ricard to adjourn at 7:45 P. M. All members were in favor.

**MEDIA & CITIZENS' QUESTIONS**

Approved this 10th day of November 2014.

  
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Marguerite J. Crapps, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk