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CENTRAL MIDLANDS - Council Member O'Dell

Council Member O'Dell reported Central Midlands met on March 24. The highlight was a presentation on disaster response and resiliency by Jim Posser who is currently the director of the Charlotte Council of Governments. At the time of the 2008 catastrophic flooding in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, he was the Cedar Rapids City Manager. The flooding impacted over 5,000 residential properties, the city's central business district and all of the city's core services buildings. The city's response and coordinated recovery efforts were nationally recognized and offer valuable lessons for the Midlands as we continue to work towards rebuilding and creating a more resilient community. A shared community vision, a community strategic plan, is what provided the framework to guide the recovery plans. Council Member O'Dell stated he thought a strategic plan for our Town is a great opportunity and encourages the Manager and Town Council to explore those possibilities.

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION - Council Member Penick

Council Member Penick reported they had a brief meeting; made a transfer of funds from one part of the budget to another; took care of a personnel action and received an update from the administrator.

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

Council Member Penick

Council Member Penick stated he was unable to attend but Manager Luckadoo went in his place. Manager Luckadoo reported VC3 has put in an application to extend their wastewater treatment facility. The committee met and discussed this expansion, no one saw any negative impacts downstream for expanding the wastewater treatment plant, which doesn't affect the Town, this will be Saluda and the river on the other side of Town. They made a recommendation to Central Midlands Council of Government Boards to approve that expansion.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Council Member Simpkins

Council Member Simpkins reported the committee did meet but there was no new business but discussion of previous business. County Councilman Brigham informed us that the County Delegation would meet in Batesburg-Leesville in September and encouraged all who can to attend.

POLICE DEPARTMENT - Chief Oswald

Chief Oswald introduced Jacob Watson, the newest officer who finished the academy a few weeks ago.

SPECIAL EMPLOYEE PRESENTATION

Mayor Crapps and Town Council presented Police Chief Wallace Oswald with an engraved award for his 40 years of dedicated service to the Town of Batesburg-Leesville and its citizens. Mayor Crapps stated it was very unusual for someone of Oswald's caliber and character to stay in Batesburg-Leesville for as long as he had. Chief Oswald said he had always stayed rooted in the fact that this is home and as long as he felt he was contributing to the community, he will continue to stay on.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

A. A Resolution for Industry Appreciation Week 2016 (May 15-21) was read by Mayor Crapps. A motion was made by Council Member Taylor with a second by Council Member Simpkins to approve. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.

B. A Resolution Declaring the Month of April 2016 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" was read by District 7 Council Member Ricard. A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Ricard to approve. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

C. A Resolution for Poultry Festival Day (May 14, 2016) was read by District 4 Council Member Simpkins. A motion was made by Council Member Penick with a second by Council Member O'Dell to approve. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

D. A Resolution for Poultry Festival Yard Sales (May 13, 14, 2016) was read by District 5 Council Member Penick. A motion was made by Council Member Penick with a second by Council Member O'Dell to approve. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 1 Denied - Council Member Spradley

E. A Resolution Adding Additional Capital Equipment to the FY 15/16 5-Year Lease-Purchase was considered for approval. Manager Luckadoo stated after purchasing the 5 new police vehicles, the new skid steer and all equipment to fully outfit the vehicles funds remaining in the lease-purchase agreement are \$31,674.66. This remaining balance is due to the effort staff made to negotiate and save money. Rather than leaving this balance to be applied at the end of the 5-year agreement, approval is needed to use the remaining funds to purchase needed equipment for several departments. We are proposing to purchase the following additional equipment after discussing with department heads their requests in further detail to prioritize the list.

- (5) Tasers - Police Department
- (14) Computer mounts for police vehicles - Police Department
- New repeater & antenna for Police Communications - Police Department
- (5) Sections of 5" fire hose - Fire Department
- Electric smoke ventilation fan - Fire Department
- (2) Automated external defibrillators - Fire Department
- Landscaping trailer - Street Department
- Heavy duty industrial cooling fan - Fleet Department

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EXECUTIVE SESSION CONT'D.

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor with a second by Council Member Simpkins to return to the Regular Council Meeting at 8:01 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

POSSIBLE ACTION/S BY COUNCIL IN FOLLOW UP TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Wiszowaty made a motion to empower our Town Manager, Public Works Director and Town Attorney to enter negotiations with the Town of Ridge Spring concerning the operator of record contract with a second from Council Member Penick. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR MAY 9, 2016 MEETING - None

ADJOURNMENT

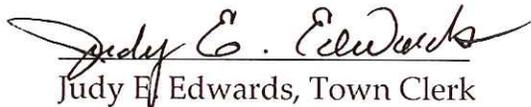
A motion was made by Council Member Wiszowaty with a second by Council Member Ricard to adjourn at 8:03 P. M. All members were in favor.

Approved this 9th day of May 2016.



Marguerite J. Crapps, Mayor

ATTEST:



Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk