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COUNCIL WORK SESSION

FEBRUARY 26, 2018

The Work Session for the Town of Batesburg-Leesville, held in Building B of the Town Hall Complex, was called to order by Mayor Shull at 6:00 P. M. Members present were Mayor Shull, Council Member Gambrell, Simpkins, J. Mitchell, and Hallman. Council Member Prouse arrived at 6:03 P. M., Council Member DeLoach arrived at 6:10 P. M., Council Member Cain arrived at 6:12 P. M. and Council Member S. Mitchell arrived at 6:26 P. M. Also present were Stacey Gordon and Jorge Jiminez of ZEL Engineering.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Council Member Simpkins.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was held.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Gambrell to approve the agenda. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 5 Approved 0 Denied

RECESS

At 6:03 P. M. Mayor Shull called for a recess in order to get a quick snack. Mayor Shull called for the recess to end at 6:21 P. M.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

A. Discussion of Town's USDA-RD Funded Proposed Water Project

Town Manager Luckadoo stated this is going back to the Strategic Plan, which is a top priority. Beginning with 2007, we will go through each year to the present to see where we are and which direction we need to go in. Manager Luckadoo began with the timeline.

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Water Project Discussion Cont'd.

- ✓ Events of 2007
- ✓ Joint Project With SCWSA
- ✓ Events of 2008
- ✓ Water/Sewer Rate Changes
- ✓ Events of 2009
- ✓ Events of 2010
- ✓ Events of 2011
- ✓ Events of 2012
- ✓ Events of 2013
- ✓ SCDHEC Consent Order
- ✓ Proposed Water Project w/ cost
- ✓ Properties Purchased w/map of properties
- ✓ Events of 2014
- ✓ Events of 2015
- ✓ Phases I & II
- ✓ USDA-RD Funding (Phase I)
- ✓ Events of 2016
- ✓ USDA-RD Funding (Phase II)
- ✓ Events of 2017
- ✓ Events of 2018
- ✓ Financial Breakdown

Where do we go from here???

Stacey Gordon with Zel Engineering presented raw water withdrawal options:

- Existing Raw Water Source - Batesburg Reservoir/Raw Water Pump Station #1, Lightwood Knot Creek/Raw Water Pump Station #2
- Raw Water/Purchase Water Options
 1. Brodie Pond
 2. David Pond
 3. Ridgell Pond
 4. Joint Partnership with Saluda County
 5. Stay Current Course
 6. Purchase water from Lexington County Joint Municipal

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Stacey Gordon Cont'd.

7. Go to Lake Murray in Lexington County
8. Ables Mill Pond

Recommendations:

- ✓ First Choice - Negotiate an easement/purchase agreement for water withdrawal from Brodie Pond
- ✓ Second Choice - May want to look at a combination of ponds such as Ables Mill and Brodie to increase storage available
- ✓ Third Choice - Negotiate an easement/purchase agreement for water withdrawal from Ridgell Pond
- ✓ Develop a temporary plan to help alleviate water demands for 2018 summer
- ✓ Develop a permanent plan for water to satisfy the SCDHEC Consent Order
- ✓ Upgrades to existing Water Treatment Plant

After Council held a lengthy discussion with questions and answers for the engineer, a motion was made by Council Member S. Mitchell with a second by Council Member Gambrell to authorize the Town Manager to explore water options and capabilities with owners of Brodie Pond, Ables Mill Pond, Ridgell Pond and Davis Pond and report the findings to Council. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

A motion was made by Council Member Hallman with a second by Council Member Cain for the Town Manager and Zel Engineering Firm to re-submit a raw water line encroachment permit to Saluda County. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

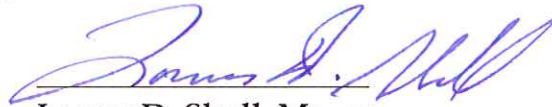
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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member S. Mitchell to adjourn at 8:38 P. M. With no discussion, all members were in favor.

Approved this 12th day of March 2018.


Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:


Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk