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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 8, 2019

The Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Batesburg-Leesville, held in Building B of the Town Hall Complex, was called to order by Mayor Shull at 7:00 P. M. Members present were Mayor Shull, Council Member Etheredge, Gambrell, Cain, Simpkins, Mitchell, Whittle, Prouse, and Hallman.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Rev. Kent Suits of Christ Community Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was lead by Council Member Gambrell, retired veteran.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Hallman to adopt. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Shull reported the next Regular Council would be May 13, 2019.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS - Council Member Gambrell

Council Member Gambrell stated he had no report.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & ADVISORY COMMITTEE (E. P. A. C.)
Council Member Prouse**

Council Member Prouse stated they have not yet met this month.

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION - Mayor Shull

Mayor Shull reported there was no meeting last month.

B-L CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - Manager Luckadoo

Manager Luckadoo gave the Chamber report due to the absence of Mike Taylor, President.

- Twenty-five Dream Catchers young ladies attended the Batesburg-Leesville Women's Society PJs and Pearls Brunch held on Saturday, April 6th at the Ponderosa Country Club. Donning matching "sleep shirts", the young ladies were "pearled" by their adult companions, Tonya Conaway, Gale Gibson, Axa Lee Williams, Doreen Aird, Carolyn DeLaFleur, and Susan Whittle. Pearling is an honor that you bestow on someone you love and who has made a difference in your life. These young ladies, as well as the young men in Dream Catchers, make a difference every day through their commitment to Unity in our Community, the Dream Catcher's Motto.
- Arts on the Ridge summer camps will be June 24th- 27th. The purpose of all summer camps is to provide quality opportunities for children to enhance their creative abilities and to have a positive outlet for students during the summer. Local businesses will receive information on sponsorship opportunities and flyers will be distributed through the school system to all eligible age children.
- The Good Friday Community Service will be held at Wittenberg Lutheran Church on Friday, April 19th from 11:00 A. M. until 1:00 P. M. The service is structured for attendees to be able to come and go as their schedule permits.
- The Batesburg-Leesville Chamber of Commerce & Visitor's Center donated \$500.00 to the American Cancer Society/B-L Relay for Life from proceeds of our dance last month.
- The SC Poultry Festival/B-L Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament will be May 10th at the Ponderosa Country Club.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Mrs. Corine Johnson, 69-year resident of Howard Street, appeared before Council asking for their help in repairing Howard and Maple Streets and for sidewalks in these areas. Mrs. Johnson stated these streets have been in desperate need of repair for some time and hopes that Council can help with this problem.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Proclamation - *Poultry Festival Day 2019*

Mayor Shull read the Proclamation after which a motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Gambrell to approve. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

B. Resolution - *Poultry Festival Yard Sales*

Mayor Shull read the Resolution after which a motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Hallman to approve. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 2 Denied - Council Member Cain, Mitchell

MANAGER'S REPORT - Ted Luckadoo

A. Events - Electronic Recycling Event & Town Egg Hunt

B. Updates - SCDOT TAP Grant Sidewalks, C Fund Sidewalk Funding, Water Source Alternative Study, Utility Relocations, Advanced Disposal Annual CPI Rate Increase

Due to the length of the Manager's Report, the attached is an official part of the minutes for April 2019.

THE TOWN OF *Batesburg-Leesville*

Manager's Update April 2019

Electronic Recycling Event

- The Electronic Recycling Event was held on Saturday, March 23rd at the Batesburg-Leesville High School parking lot from 9:00am until 1:00pm.
- As expected, the event grew from the previous 3 years we have hosted it.
- Over 400 vehicles came through the line on Saturday to dispose of electronics, paper, tires, and household hazardous waste.
- We are still awaiting final numbers from Lexington County Solid Waste on how much was disposed of in each of the collection categories, but at this point, we do know that 5.56 tons of household hazardous waste was disposed of.
- A special thanks goes out to Council member Susan Whittle, the Dream Catchers, Town staff, Lexington County Solid Waste, and anyone else who had a part in assisting at the event to help get this large crowd through. A special thanks to Seth for his efforts in once again organizing this successful event and B-L High School for hosting the event in the parking lot, which is perfect in size for a crowd this large.

Town Egg Hunt

- We are less than two weeks away from the annual Town Egg Hunt, which will be held at Leesville College Park from 5:30pm until 7:00pm on Wednesday, April 17th.
- We will have a number of activities/games and light refreshments for the children that attend.
- We have had an increase in the number of partners for the event this year. At this point, the following partners have/are assisting with the event; Dream Catchers, B-L Library, LCRAC, Miss Teen Lexington, Dynamic Fitness, Lex. Co. Sheriff's Department, Christ Community Church, and Chamber of Commerce.
- Please come out and take part in what has become the best egg hunt event in the region.

SCDOT TAP Grant Sidewalks

- The installation of new sidewalks on Hwy. 1 began last week near the gas station on the corner at N. Lee Street.
- In just 2-3 days of work, they were able to remove one driveway entrance and replace it with new concrete and pour approximately 100ft. of new sidewalk.
- The construction foreman has stated they are trying to complete the Highway 1 portion by the Poultry Festival, but weather could extend it.
- We have marked off seven new decorative lamp post locations to be installed in the future. During the construction phase, our utility crew will be working with the sidewalk contractor

to install conduit under the new sidewalk at each of the locations that have been marked as future lamp post spots.

- This will enable us, when the time comes in the future, to pull power off the power poles and run the electric line to the backside of the sidewalk. This will eliminate future boring, which can possibly affect the integrity of the sidewalk and make it much faster to install lamp post and provide power.

Lexington County C Fund Award

- Lexington County Council approved \$30,000 in “C” Funds for the Town at their last Council meeting.
- With this approval, Lexington County has given us \$90,000 over the past 4 years in “C” Funds to repair/replace existing sidewalks throughout the Town.
- This year’s allotment will be utilized along Wilson Street to replace an existing stretch of sidewalk that is in bad shape. It will replace approximately 1,500 feet between Charleston Ave. and Fair Ave. Repairs and replacement will occur on both the north and south sides of the roadway.
- We are currently drafting the RFP and should be posted within the next 2-4 weeks. Once we bring to Council for selection of the contractor, the project should be completed within 60-90 days.
- Each year, we will continue to pursue these funds to continue placing focus on existing sidewalks that need repair.

WWTP Chemical Feed Funding

- We received notification this week that Lexington County Council has approved our 2019 CDBG Grant request for \$395,634.
- These funds will be utilized to remove the existing gas chemical feed system at the sewer plant and replace it with new liquid chemical feed systems, which SCDHEC has previously requested of the Town for safety in case on chemical release.
- The funds will not be available until after July 1, 2019, but in the meantime, we will be finalizing permits and any engineering that must be completed so we can begin work on the project once the funds are available.

Water Source Alternative Study

- We have finalized everything with Hazen and Sawyer and will hopefully have an official begin date for the study by this week.
- Bill Orne, the leader Project leader, is working to tie up a couple things on their end to be able to put full focus on our project for the next 12-15 weeks.
- We are excited to get started and see the final results of the study.

Utility Relocation Project

- We have finalized everything with the contractor selected to perform the utility relocations for Highway 1 and the alley in the Leesville Business District.
- The Notice to Proceed with work is dated for April 22, 2019 and work will begin around that timeframe.
- The contractor will start with the alley sewer relocation and move to Highway 1 water and sewer line relocations once completed with the alley sewer line.
- Mr. Brent Shealy made contact with his attorney following the last Council meeting and began the process of completing the Quick Claim Deed to turn the alley over to the Town.
- Attorney Spradley is working with Mr. Shealy's attorney to get this finalized.

Advanced Disposal Annual CPI Increase

- We have received notification from Advanced Disposal of their annual Consumer Price Index (or CPI) increase beginning July 1st.
- This will increase the monthly garbage and recycling rate from \$12.10 to \$12.52 or by 3.5%.
- The increase is based upon information obtained by the Bureau of Labor Statistics during the immediate 12-month period from February 2018 to February 2019.
- We will provide notification of the change to sanitation customers over the next couple months.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Discussion of Contractual Matters Relating to the Selection of Auditors for the Town**
- B. Discussion of Contractual Matters Relating to Indigent Defense Services**
- C. Discussion of Contractual Matters Relating to the Town Manager's Employment Contract**

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Hallman to go into Executive Session at 7:42 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

Return to Regular Council Meeting

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Hallman to return to Regular Council Meeting at 8:53 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY COUNCIL IN FOLLOW-UP TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Possible Action Relating to the Selection of Auditors for the Town -

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Prouse to enter into negotiations with McGregor & Co. in the amount of \$13,000 to provide the Town with auditing services for 2020 - 2023. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

B. Possible Action Relating to the Selection of Indigent Defense Services -

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Gambrell to enter into negotiations with Attorney Mitzi Williams to provide indigent defense services for the Town of Batesburg-Leesville in the amount of \$6,000. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

C. Possible Action Relating to the Town Manager's Employment Contract -

No Action was taken.

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POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR MAY 13, 2019

A motion was made by Council Member Cain with a second by Council Member Gambrell to place on the agenda for May 13, 2019 the Twin City project for the Basketball Court. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

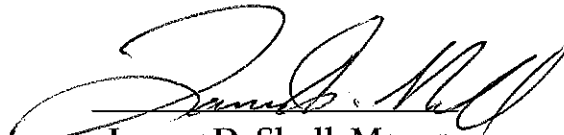
VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

ADJOURNMENT

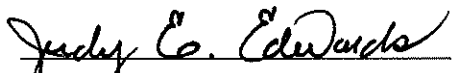
A motion was made by Council Member Cain with a second by Council Member Gambrell to adjourn at 9:10 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken by the show of hands.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

Approved this 13th day of May 2019.


Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:


Judy H. Edwards. Town Clerk