In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, the news media and the public 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 outdoor bulletin board at the Batesburg-Leesville Town Hall and the Town's website no later than twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

JUNE 17, 2019

Mayor Shull opened the Public Hearing at 6:02 P. M. to receive citizen input on *An Ordinance Establishing Council Compensation* for the Mayor at \$200 per month and Council Members at \$500 per month. Appearing before Council was Bob Hall who spoke on the issues of Council Compensation and employee pay increases. He stated for the record he supports both of these issues; however, for the Council he thinks this is the time to consider the fact that we need to accelerate the growth of our community for it to cover these expenses. He further stated \$100,000 is being added to the budget in reoccurring expenses, which means they are going to be there for some years to come. He went into detail on what it will take to cover these expenses. He thanked Council for allowing him to speak.

Next appearing before Council was Pansy Buzhardt who addressed the issue of Council Compensation.

Mayor Shull closed the Public Hearing at 6:08 P. M.

Mayor Shull opened the next Public Hearing at 6:08 P. M. to receive citizen input on *An Ordinance Adopting the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Budget for the Town.* Since no one appeared before Council, Mayor Shull closed the Public Hearing at 6:09 P. M.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Special 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 6:10 P. M. Members present were Mayor Shull, Council Member Etheredge, Gambrell, Cain, Simpkins, Mitchell, Whittle, and Prouse.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Council Member Simpkins.

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

VOTE:

8 Approved

0 Denied

OLD BUSINESS

A. Second Reading on an *Ordinance Establishing Council Compensation* was held. A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Gambrell to adopt second reading. After a statement from Council Member Simpkins, a vote was taken.

VOTE:

7 Approved

1 Denied - Council Member Prouse

B. Second Reading on *An Ordinance Adopting the Fiscal Year* 2019/2020 *Budget* was held. A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Gambrell to adopt second reading. Mayor Shull asked if there was any discussion after which Council Member Whittle called for the vote. A vote was taken to end discussion.

VOTE:

8 Approved

0 Denied

Next, a vote was taken on the second reading of the 2019/2020 Budget.

VOTE:

6 Approved

2 Denied - Council Member Cain

Council Member Mitchell

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Prouse to adjourn at 6:16 PM. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:

8 Approved

0 Denied

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ADJOURNMENT CONT'D.

Approved this 08th day of July 2019.

Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:

Judy E Edwards, Town Clerk