



## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Shull reported the next Regular Council Meeting will be January 13, 2020.

### **CENTRAL MIDLANDS - Council Member Gambrell**

Council Member Gambrell reported they had no meeting in November.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (E.P.A.C.)**

#### **Council Member Prouse**

Council Member Prouse reported they did not meet in November.

### **JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION - Mayor Shull**

Mayor Shull reported the Commission met November 13<sup>th</sup> in the newly renovated Joint Municipal Building on Two Notch Road. The bonds were redone saving the Commission a little over a million dollars in interest. The water quality issues caused by the algae is nearly gone; looking at advance oxidation and copper sulfate additives. Brought to our attention a documentary called "Dark Waters" which talks about ground water being exposed to PFAS (teflon).

### **B-L CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - Mike Taylor, President**

- Thanked the Town Council for their attendance at the Annual Awards Banquet on November 21<sup>st</sup> at T & S Farm
- Reported the Batesburg-Leesville Ministerial Alliance held their Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at Leesville United Methodist Church and believes this was the largest attendance they have had.
- The Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting was extremely successful last night and thanked the many Town employees who made it possible. It was cool but you could not have asked for a better day in December. The theme this year was "It's a Wonderful Life". Grand Marshals were Ms. Corine Johnson, a 1945 graduate of Twin City High, and Ms. Marjorie E. "Oxner" Spears, a 1939 graduate of B-L High School. We are celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> graduating class during the school year, so the Chamber wanted to recognize a graduate of both schools. Ms.

#### **B-L CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CONT'D.**

Johnson will celebrate her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday on March 14<sup>th</sup> and Ms. Spears is 98 years young.

- Arts on the Ridge will present "An Evening of Holiday Spirit" this coming Friday at Southern Occasions. The event will begin at 6:30 P. M. Featured performances by Mr. Sam Phillips accompanied by Becky Hughes, piano music by Ms. Kyona Lakes, and narration by Rev. Lisa Isenhower will certainly have everyone leaving with the Holiday Spirit.

#### **Presentation by Renwick McNeil, U. S. Census Bureau**

Mr. McNeil presented an update on the 2020 Census. As mandated by the U. S. Constitution, our nation gets just one chance each decade to count its population. The U. S. census counts every resident in the United States. It is mandated by Article 1, Section 2 of the Constitution and takes place every 10 years. The data collected by the census determines the number of seats each state has in the U. S. House of Representatives (a process called apportionment) and is also used to distribute billions in federal funds to local communities. The next census in 2020 will require counting an increasingly diverse and growing population of around 330 million people in more than 140 million housing units. To get an accurate count, the Census Bureau must build an accurate address list of every housing unit, maximize self-response to the census, and efficiently follow up with those who do not respond. The decennial census is the largest mobilization and operation conducted in the United States and requires years of research, planning, and development of methods and infrastructure to ensure an accurate and complete count. Your information is protected for 72 years. All information on the census is confidential and no one sees your information. Data determines the need and money follows the data. In mid March 2020, census invitations will be sent to your home to complete your census on line. What we want the Town to do is form a Complete Count Committee.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Ms. Eurlee Steadman of 232 Livingston Lane, Leesville District came forward to address Council concerning the replacement of the sewer lines on Livingston Lane and North Lee Street.





