

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 11, 2018

Mayor Shull opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 P. M. for citizen input on an **Ordinance Rezoning 114 North Pine Street from C-1 "General Commercial" to C-2 "Office and Institutional Commercial" (Lexington County TMS #007020-06-005.)** The only citizen to speak was Pansy Buzhardt after which the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 7:04 P. M.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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 7:04 P. M. Members present were Mayor Shull, Council Member DeLoach, Cain, Simpkins, S. Mitchell, J. Mitchell, Prouse, and Hallman. Council Member Gambrell was absent.

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 J. Mitchell to approve the agenda. With no discussion, a vote was taken by the show of hands.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Simpkins to adopt the minutes from the May 14, 2018 Regular Council Meeting. With no discussion, a vote was taken by the show of hands.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

ADOPTION OF MINUTES CONT'D.

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Prouse to adopt the minutes from the May 29, 2018 Council Work Session. With no discussion, a vote was taken by the show of hands.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Shull reported the next Regular Council Meeting will be July 9, 2018.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS - Council Member Gambrell

No report due to Council Member Gambrell being absent.

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

Council Member Prouse stated there was no meeting in June and the next scheduled meeting is slated for August.

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION - Mayor Shull

Mayor Shull reported he had met with the Commission May 9, 2018 but before the meeting there was a budget work session. There was a presentation and discussion of the Master Plan for the water distribution system for the Joint Municipal Water/Sewer. It was a very informative meeting learning about their budgeting process.

B-L CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - Mike Taylor, Executive Director

Mr. Taylor reported the following:

- There has been no Economic Development Committee meeting since last Town Council Meeting but will be held Thursday.
- At the Chamber Board of Director's Meeting, Councilman Brigham reminded the Board of the streets that were being paved in the community, 7.6 miles total. The paving of Hwy. #1 from Broad Street to the end of the Lexington County line will be let out in July. In the spring of 2019 the widening of Hwy. #1 to Hwy. #23 will

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begin and when that is finished there will be a short strip on Hwy. #1 from the #23 & #1 intersection to Broad Street which has not yet been funded. Councilman Brigham referenced a report concerning the 34 highway fatalities in Lexington County as of May 13th in which Lexington County has the highest rate in the state. There are various reasons but the poor condition of rural roads is certainly one of them. He reported that the Council has been in the budget process with a requested \$44 million over budget trimmed to \$12.6 million which will increase our taxes by 2.171 mills. That equates per \$100,000.00 to \$8.58 for the primary home owners and \$13.03 for business owners.

- The Spring Celebration for the Arts on the Ridge was held this past Friday night at Southern Occasions with approximately 75 people in attendance. Sam Phillips, accompanied by Becky Hughes, performed. There was a silent auction on items donated by local artist raising \$1,176.00. Through this event and the support of businesses, individuals, and churches in our community and their generosity, 54 children will be able to enjoy visual and performing arts this summer in our camps. Arts on the Ridge has received their letter from the IRS granting them 501 (c) 3 status as of May 31, 2018, which allows them to be their own entity.
- Dream Catchers will begin their summer program after just concluding a successful Peach Tree 23 Yard sale. They will meet on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays as reported at the last Council meeting.
- The Chamber and LMC will conduct the heart health screening on Wednesday which includes blood pressure, blood sugar, and total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, and triglycerides. There are 10 openings beginning at 8:25 for anyone who would like to participate by calling the Chamber to make an appointment.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Second Reading - *Ordinance Rezoning 114 North Pine Street from C-1 "General Commercial" to C-2 "Office and Institutional Commercial" (Lexington County TMS #007020-06-005)* was held. A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins to adopt but there was no second to the motion, therefore the motion failed.

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NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution - SCDOT Municipal State Highway Project Agreement Relating to TAP Grant Sidewalk Project

Mayor Shull read the Resolution after which a motion was made by Council Member DeLoach with a second by Council Member Prouse to accept. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

B. Discussion and Approval of Council Appointments to the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, and Hospitality Tax Advisory Panel

New appointments presented to Council for their approval were the following:

Planning Commission - Jay Soileau

Board of Zoning Appeals :

At Large - Kevin Duggins

District 6 - Susan Whittle

H-Tax Advisory Panel:

Mayor - Tish Jeffcoat

District 1 - Daphyne Ridgell

District 2 - Lan Price

District 3 - Bob Hall

District 4 - Jermaine Barr

District 5 - Pansy Buzhardt

District 6 - Lois Black

District 7 - Phillip Gross

District 8 - Bernette Hamilton

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member J. Mitchell to approve. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

C. First Reading - *Ordinance Adopting the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget for the Town of Batesburg-Leesville* was held. A motion was made by Council Member DeLoach with a second by Council Member Prouse to adopt. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 6 Approved 2 Denied - Council Member Cain,
Council Member S. Mitchell

MANAGER'S REPORT - Ted Luckadoo

A. C Fund Sidewalk Repairs

Our contractor, CDB, Inc., is slated to begin existing sidewalk repairs within the next two weeks on sections throughout Town. Letters have been sent to all property owners where sidewalk repairs will be made letting them know to expect contractors for a short period of time. These sections are W. Church Street between Pine and Fox; E. Church Street between Schumpert and Bernard; W. Columbia Avenue between Oak and Peachtree; E. Columbia Avenue between Bojangles and Zaxby's; W. Church Street between Fox and Rabun Street; Line Street behind Kwik Karry and 203 - 217 E. Columbia Avenue through that stretch.

B. CDBG Sewer Lift Station Repairs

Work began on the North Lee Sewer lift station Tuesday, June 5th. The contractor installed the by-pass piping and the conduit which will lead to the new generator that will be installed on site. This is the first of four sewer lift stations that will have by-pass piping, emergency generators, SCADA, pumps, and new control panels installed. The lift station work is expected to last until August/September.

C. City/County Manager's Association Conference

Attended the SCCCMA Summer Conference May 31 - June 3 with sessions focusing on the new Opportunity Zones that have been formed throughout the nation and state of South Carolina. This federal program includes most of the Town. For investors that invest within an opportunity zone it will provide them tax credits and accessible project funding to better entice development within these areas. It is designed for long-term development and economic prosperity.

There was continued discussion regarding the opioid epidemic nationwide and in the state. The problem continues everywhere and focus was placed on ways and sources people can seek to receive treatment and how different treatments work. There will be continued work on public policy.

One session focused on managing the new workforce. For the first time ever, we have 5 generations in the workforce today. There are difference needs, wants, communication

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styles between the different generations and people are trying to find approaches to work more collaboratively with workers from different generations.

Continued discussion concerning civilian response to active shooter events was held. There must be continued training by towns and cities for active shooter events. Our police department works closely with Lexington County and surrounding agencies to train for these types of incidents. We went through drills that focused on combat breathing techniques. During events, it is common to suffer a loss of tactile function, have tunnel vision, loss of hearing and immobility because of rapid pulse/heartbeat responses.

D. NLC Prescription Discount Cards

Council has a stack of prescription discount cards to hand out to constituents. These are part of our membership with the National League of Cities and is no cost to anyone using them. Anyone is eligible to use the cards and there are no requirements for their use. The card doesn't usually cover OTC products and non-prescription medication; however, discounts are available for many diabetic supplies. This is not insurance, it is a prescription discount program and provides immediate discounts at the pharmacy. You will pay the lower of a discounted price or the pharmacy's regular retail price. It cannot be used in conjunction with other insurance; however, you are able to use your card to purchase prescriptions that are not covered by these plans. Certain medications for pets with human ailments such as arthritis, diabetes or obesity are included in the Prescription Discount Program. The cards can be used locally at Morgan's Pharmacy (old Owen Drug), Walgreens, CVS, Apothecare, and Walmart.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Council Member J. Mitchell with a second by Council Member Simpkins to go into Executive Session at 7:59 P. M. to discuss:

- A. Contractual Matters Relating to Advanced Disposal Contract**
- B. Possible Contractual Matters relating to the Water Project**

With no discussion held, a vote was taken by the show of hands.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

****Return to Regular Council Session****

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member J. Mitchell to return to the Regular Council Meeting at 8:27 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken by the show of hands.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY COUNCIL IN FOLLOW UP TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Contractual Matters Relating to Advanced Disposal Contract

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Hallman to accept the Advanced Disposal Contract for the next five (5) years in the amount of \$12.10. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S MEETING - July 9, 2018

Council Member Simpkins made a recommendation that we have discussion on Council's travel and expense reimbursement, the way the funds are distributed to Council for reimbursement at our next Work Session.

Council Member Cain - Twin City Park basketball court at the next Work Session and also a white paper for discussion on the idea regarding free 2-year college tuition for high school students.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member DeLoach with second by Council Member Cain to adjourn at 8:34 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken by a show of hands.

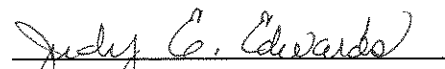
VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

Approved this 9th day of July 2018.



Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:


Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk