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.

Mayor Crapps opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 P. M. to receive citizen input on the *Ordinance to Transfer Town Property for the Industrial Park to the County of Lexington*. Since no one addressed Council, Mayor Crapps closed the Public Hearing at 7:01 P. M.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 14, 2016

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 Crapps at 7:01 P. M. Members present were Mayor Crapps, Council Member Taylor, O'Dell, Cain, Simpkins, Penick, Spradley and Ricard. Council Member Wiszowaty 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 O'Dell with a second by Council Member Simpkins to approve the agenda. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:

8 Approved

0 Denied

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Adoption of the minutes from the February 8, 2016 Regular Council Meeting was held. A motion was made by Council Member Spradley with a second by Council Member Penick to adopt. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:

7 Approved

1 Denied - Council Member Cain

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Crapps reported the next Regular Council Meeting will be here April 11, 2016.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS - Council Member O'Dell

Council Member O'Dell stated he was unable to attend because he was in a Leadership Lexington class learning about Lexington Medical Center. Since our last meeting I do know Town Manager Luckadoo has had a meeting with the COG about the possibility of putting together a Comprehensive Plan for the Town and look forward to hearing back from them as to what they can do for us.

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

Council Member Penick reported they have not met.

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION - Council Member Penick

Council Member Penick reported the Commission met last Wednesday with a very brief agenda which consisted of updates and went into Executive Session for a legal matter with no action being taken.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Council Member Simpkins

Council Member Simpkins reported the Committee met on March 3rd. Update was received from Lexington County on the hiring of a Public Information Officer. Were informed that there are five County Council seats coming up in November. HUD has allocated \$157 million to Lexington County for infrastructure repairs and Lexington County received \$16 million of those. The Chamber reported the Ministerial Alliance is again hosting this year the Good Friday Community Service to be held at the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church on March 25th from 11 until 1.

POLICE DEPARTMENT - Chief Oswald

Chief Oswald introduced new officers that finished the academy, Justin Hartley, Deloes Chandler and Corey Nemons.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The second reading on an *Ordinance to Transfer Town Property for the Industrial Park to the County of Lexington* was held. A motion was made by Council Member Taylor with a second by Council Member Penick to approve. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:

8 Approved

0 Denied

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Crapps read the *Resolution Supporting Fair Housing & Declaring the Month of April as Fair Housing Month*. A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Spradley to adopt the Resolution. With No discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:

8 Approved

0 Denied

A *Resolution* for the South Carolina Rural Water Association appointing Tim Schumpert, Director of Utilities, as the voting delegate and Ted Luckadoo, Town Manager, as the alternate voting delegate was read by Mayor Crapps. A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Penick to adopt. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:

7 Approved

1 Denied - Council Member Cain

A motion was made by Council Member Ricard appointing Shane Dukes to District 7 Planning Commission with a second by Council Member Simpkins. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE

8 Approved

0 Denied

Approval of an Agreement Between the Town of Batesburg-Leesville and Lexington School District Three Concerning a 21st CCLC Grant for the Afterschool Program at the Primary School was held. A motion was made by Council Member Spradley with a second by Council Member Simpkins to approve. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:

8 Approved

0 Denied

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT - Ted Luckadoo

Town Manager Luckadoo reported on the following:

- Awarding of "C" Funds from Lexington County Transportation Committee
- Lexington County Detention Center User Fees
- Town of Batesburg-Leesville Promotional Videos
- Discussions with Central Midlands COG about a Strategic Plan for the Town
- Shooting Range Target System Update

For a more comprehensive report, see the attached "MANAGER'S REPORT."

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Attorney Spradley stated Council needs to go into Executive Session for some legal matters and to deal with a personnel issue. A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Spradley to convene into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter at 7:24 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:

7 Approved

1 Denied - Council Member Cain

Council Member Cain left at this point.

A motion was made by Council Member Spradley with a second by Council Member Taylor to return to the Regular Council Meeting at 7:49 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:

7 Approved

0 Denied

POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY COUNCIL IN FOLLOW UP TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Spradley to instruct Attorney Spradley to address the issue that was discussed in

POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY COUNCIL IN FOLLOW UP TO EXECUTIVE SESSION CONT'D.

Executive Session in the form of written correspondence. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:

7 Approved

0 Denied

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Penick with a second by Council Member Ricard to adjourn at 7:50 P. M. All members were in favor.

Approved this 11th day of April 2016.

Marguerite J. Grapps, Mayor

ATTEST:

Indy E. Edwards, Town Clerk