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.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 9, 2017

The Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Batesburg-Leesville, held in Building B of the Town Hall Complex, was called to order at 7:00 P. M. by Mayor Crapps. Members present were Mayor Crapps, Council Members Taylor, O'Dell, Simpkins, Penick, Spradley, Ricard and Wiszowaty. Council Member Cain 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 Taylor 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 December 12, 2016 Regular Council Meeting was held. A motion was made by Council Member Wiszowaty with a second by Council Member O'Dell to adopt. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:

8 Approved

0 Denied

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Crapps reported the next Regular Council Meeting is February 13, 2017, same location.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS - Council Member O'Dell

Council Member O'Dell stated he had no report.

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

Council Member Penick stated the committee has not met.

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION - Council Member Penick

Council Member Penick stated the commission has not met.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Council Member Simpkins

Council Member Simpkins reported the EDC met last Thursday and no official business was conducted. Mike Eades, new Economic Director and newly elected SC House of Representative, Cal Forest was in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of a Law Enforcement Assistance & Support Agreement Between the Town of Batesburg-Leesville & the Town of Lexington

A motion was made by Council Member Wiszowaty with a second by Council Member Spradley to approve. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:

8 Approved

0 Denied

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.

B. Approval of Funds and Bid for the Installation of New Water Lines to Serve Residents on Bob Sharpe Road

Tim Schumpert, Utilities Director, stated additional funding for the water line installation to service the Bob Sharpe Pointe neighborhood. Also, approval of the low bid and contractor is necessary for the issuance of the project award, notice to proceed and to process the contract for the water line project on Bob Sharpe Point Road. Two bids were received: Gene Ray Fulmer Construction Company, Inc. for \$90,293.00 and Lake Murray Company, Inc. for \$91,050.00. He further stated should the negotiated deducts be acceptable, the project will require additional Town funding of \$55,310. Originally, Council obligated \$19,000 towards the project but the additional funds are necessary to cover the additional costs associated with unforeseen rock excavation and the addition of water service installations to be performed by the contractor. Manager Luckadoo stated based on the bids submitted and review of the contractor's qualifications, the Utilities Department with Council's approval of the additional funding recommends the project be awarded to Gene Ray Fulmer Construction Company in the amount of \$78,590.00. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved

0 Denied

C. Resolution - Determining Eligibility of an Abandoned Building Site and Proposed Rehabilitation Expenses Pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 67 of the S.C. Annotated, the SC Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act; and Certifying the Site as a Qualified Abandoned Building Site

The Mayor stated the State of South Carolina enacted legislation that allows for tax credits to be given to property owners who invest in old abandoned buildings. The purpose of this act is to create an incentive for the rehabilitation, renovation, and redevelopment of abandoned buildings located in South Carolina. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:

7 Approved

1 Abstained - Council Member Wiszowaty

MANAGER'S REPORT - Ted Luckadoo

Manager Luckadoo gave a detailed report on the following:

- Advance Disposal Possible Route Changes
- Fire Department Annual Award Winners
 Firefighter of the Year & Top Responder Dylan Rice
 Fire Officer of the Year Bill Kiesling
 Medical Life Saving Award Aaron Hatfield and Dustin Crapps
- Palmetto Pride Grant \$5,973 for new recycling receptacles for downtown in both Districts.
- Industrial Park Update

The Wastewater Pump Station on site, along with all alarms, was tested by SC DHEC and passed.

All roadways have had the final layer of asphalt applied and all stripping of the roadway is complete

The landscaping, lighting, and signage plans are in final review

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Penick to go into Executive Session at 7:17 P. M. for discussion concerning the proposed contractual arrangements between the Town of Batesburg-Leesville and the County of Lexington. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:

8 Approved

0 Denied

A motion was made by Council Member Spradley with a second by Council Member Wiszowaty to return to the Regular Council Meeting at 7:28 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:

8 Approved

0 Denied

POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY COUNCIL IN FOLLOW UP TO EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE

POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 13, 2017 MEETING

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Spradley with a second by Council Member Wiszowaty to adjourn at 7:29 P. M. All Members were in favor.

Approved this 13th day of February 2017.

Marguerite J, Crapps, Mayor

ATTEST:

Judy E Edwards, Town Clerk