

*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**

**MARCH 13, 2017**

Mayor Crapps opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 P. M. to receive citizen input on an *Ordinance Authorizing the Granting of Certain Tax Credits to Southern Yankee Properties Pursuant to the South Carolina Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act*. Mayor Crapps read into the record a letter from Joe Mergo, III, County Administrator, objecting to the granting of a tax credit for the property. Since no one appeared before Council, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:03 P. M.

Mayor Crapps opened the second Public Hearing at 7:03 P. M. to receive citizen input on an *Ordinance Authorizing and Approving Implementation, Administration and Enforcement of Lexington County's 2016 Stormwater Management Ordinance and Land Development Manual within the Corporate Limits of the Town*. Since no one appeared before Council, the Public Hearing was closed 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 at 7:04 P. M. by Mayor Crapps. Members present were Mayor Crapps, Council Members Taylor, O'Dell, Cain, Simpkins, Penick, Spradley and Ricard. Council Member Wiszowaty was absent due to sickness.

## **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 Spradley 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 13, 2017 Regular Council Meeting was held. A motion was made by Council Member O'Dell 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 is April 10, 2017.

## **CENTRAL MIDLANDS - Council Member O'Dell**

Council Member O'Dell stated he had nothing to report.

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

Council Member Penick stated E. P. A. C. has not met.

## **JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION - Council Member Penick**

Council Member Penick stated there was a meeting last Wednesday. There were no action items, only an update from the Management.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Council Member Simpkins**

Council Member Simpkins reported the EDC met March 2nd at which time Mr. John Boylston of the Department of Transportation was present to answer questions the committee members might have. Mr. Mike Eades, Lexington County Economic Development Director, and Mr. John Fachtel were also present. Mr. Eades reported the County is working with SCANA to get the lights installed at the Industrial Park. Mr. Boylston did indicate that the Department of Transportation was working to get phase 2 started on Highway #1 down to Oswald Lumber, which has been fully funded. The construction is to begin this spring and completed by the end of the year. Mike Taylor reported the Chamber is sponsoring a dance on March 24th from 7:00 - 10:00 at T & S

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONT'D.

Farms in support of Relay for Life. Proceeds will be split 50/50 between the Chamber and Relay for Life and the donation is \$30 to attend. Dr. Gary reported from the School Board that they are in the process of updating some of the school properties and are looking to obtain a bond in order to get that work done, which was fully reported in the Twin City News. Larry Brigham from Lexington County Council stated they are continuing to work on making the improvements to the Industrial Park and he is lobbying to get a spec building put on the site in order to attract tenants to the park.

## PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA - None

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. The second reading on an *Ordinance Authorizing the Granting of Certain Tax Credits to Southern Yankee Properties Pursuant to the South Carolina Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act* was held. A motion was made by Council Member Spradley with a second by Council Member Penick to approve. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                      8 Approved                      0 Denied

B. The second reading on an *Ordinance Authorizing and Approving Implementation, Administration and Enforcement of Lexington County's 2016 Stormwater Management Ordinance and Land Development Manual within the Corporate Limits of the Town* was held. A motion was made by Council Member Taylor with a second by Council Member Simpkins to adopt. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                      8 Approved                      0 Denied

## NEW BUSINESS

A. A *Proclamation* was read by Mayor Crapps proclaiming the month of April 2017 as *Autism Awareness Month*. 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

**NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.**

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B. A *Proclamation* was read by Council Member Penick proclaiming the month of April 2017 as *Parkinson's Awareness Month*. A motion was made by Council Member Penick with a second by Council Member Simpkins to approve. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                      8 Approved                      0 Denied

C. A *Resolution* was read by Mayor Crapps resolving the *Month of April 2017 as Fair Housing Month*. A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Spradley to approve. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                      8 Approved                      0 Denied

D. A *Resolution* was read by Mayor Crapps for the *South Carolina Rural Water Association Voting Delegate*. Tim Schumpert, Director of Utilities, as the voting delegate and Ted Luckadoo, Town Manager, as the alternate voting delegate. A motion was made by Council Member Penick with a second by Council Member Simpkins to adopt. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                      8 Approved                      0 Denied

E. Approval of Funds and Selection of Qualified Bidder to Implement a Work Order Management & GIS System is needed. Seth Duncan, Assistant Town Manager, stated the Town is in need of a work order management and GIS system in place of the current work order system, which is a paper-based inefficient process. There is the challenge of over relying upon institutional knowledge of other staff or former staff members to remember issues, location of hardware and infrastructure and more. Council Member O'Dell made a motion to authorize expenditures of \$8,642.50 for Dude Solutions Work Order Management & GIS System and the purchase of necessary equipment to implement the program with a second by Council Member Taylor. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                      7 Approved                      1 Denied - Council Member Cain

**NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.**

F. The first reading of an *Ordinance to Annex 6 Acres Located at 453 Bryan Street Into the Town of Batesburg-Leesville, Lexington County TMS #006000-01-005* was held.

Council Member O'Dell made a motion to approve first reading with a second by Council Member Spradley. After discussion, a vote was held.

VOTE:                      8 Approved                      0 Denied

G. The first reading of an *Ordinance to Rezone Three (3) Parcels of Property Located at 403 Bryan Street, 411 Bryan Street and a P/O Tract A (453 Bryan Street) from R-1 "Single Family Residential" to R-2 "General Residential," Lexington County TMS #006000-01-014, #006000-01-022 & #006000-01-016* was held. A motion was made by Council Member Penick with a second by Council Member Simpkins to approve. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                      8 Approved                      0 Denied

**MANAGER'S REPORT - Ted Luckadoo**

**A. ADULT EDUCATION PRESENTATION**

Randall Price, Director at the Lifelong Adult Ed Learning Center, appeared before Council to give an in depth presentation concerning the center and what it provides for the citizens of Lexington District Three and the surrounding community. Classes offered are English Language, GED, and Adult Basics both day and evening. Also Certified Nursing Assistant and free on-site childcare available with Lexington County First Steps for all Adult Ed students.

**B. RECOGNITION OF 2016 B-L POLICE DEPARTMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS**

Police Chief Oswald presented Captain Walter Goss and Officer Jacob Watson to Council. Captain Goss was recognized for his true professionalism and all the great deeds he had performed during his tenure with the department. Chief Oswald stated Captain Goss had been a true asset to the department and he would be greatly missed upon his retirement June 1st after 17 years of service with the department. Captain Goss received *Officer of the Year*. Officer Watson was named *Rookie of the Year*. Chief

**AWARD RECIPIENTS CONT'D.**

Oswald stated Officer Watson will make a great career as a police officer because of his positive attitude which shows in his work.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION - Discussion of Contractual Matters Relating to USD-RD Funding for Proposed Water Project**

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Penick to go into Executive Session at 7:43 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 1 Denied - Council Member Cain

*Council Member Cain left at this time.*

*Council Member Simpkins left the room before voting for the Regular Meeting to resume.*

A motion was made by Council Member Spradley with a second by Council Member O'Dell to return to the Regular Council Meeting at 8:15 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 6 Approved 0 Denied

**POSSIBLE ACTION BY COUNCIL IN FOLLOW-UP TO EXECUTIVE SESSION NONE**

**POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR APRIL 10, 2017 MEETING**

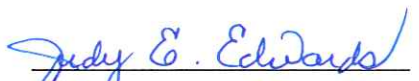
**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Council Member Spradley with a second by Council Member O'Dell to adjourn at 8:15. All members were in favor.

**Approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 2017.**

  
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Marguerite J. Crapps, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk