

*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**

**MAY 8, 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, Cain, Simpkins, Penick, Spradley, Ricard and Wiszowaty.

## **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 Spradley with a second by Council Member Simpkins to approve. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                      8 Approved                      1 Denied - Council Member Cain

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor with a second by Council Member O'Dell to adopt. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                      8 Approved                      1 Denied - Council Member Cain

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Crapps reported the next Regular Council Meeting is June 12, 2017.

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

Council Member O'Dell stated he had no report.

Regular Council Meeting  
May 8, 2017  
Page 2

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

Council Member Penick reported for the third time in four years there will be a meeting on May 24, 2017.

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

Council Member Penick reported there was a meeting last month but with no business items. There was a recognition of one of the long time members, Dale Harley, who passed away. There will be a meeting two days from now with the primary concern being the budget.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Council Member Simpkins**

Council Member Simpkins reported EDC met on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Lexington County Councilman Brigham reported they are knee deep in the budget process and indicated to the committee that the Industrial Park is not up for sale contrary to the article in the State Newspaper by Tim Flach. Dr. Gary reported Gary Adams has been hired as the new head football coach. He also indicated there would be no millage increase by the school district for this year. Mike Eades reported they are working on the lightning and signage at the Industrial Park. Mike Taylor reported the Industrial Appreciation Week will be next week, AllSouth had their ribbon cutting, Herlong's grand opening is scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup> and Taco Bell will be opening any day. The Chamber's golf tournament is scheduled for next Friday at the Ponderosa. Also, Mike gave a report on a seminar meeting he was in about human trafficking and how bad it has gotten in South Carolina and across the country. Reported there is a bus trip planned for North Charleston in conjunction with Midlands Technical College and the Boeing Corporation with a tour of the Boeing plant on June 6<sup>th</sup>. You must register with Kay Shaw at Midlands Technical College by May 22<sup>nd</sup> in order to go on the bus trip.

**PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA - None**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**



## NEW BUSINESS

**A. A Proclamation** was read by Mayor Crapps proclaiming May 14<sup>th</sup> through May 20<sup>th</sup> as *National Police Week* with May 15<sup>th</sup> being designated as *Peace Officers' Memorial Day*. A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Spradley to adopt. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:           9 Approved                           0 Denied

**B. A Proclamation** was read by Mayor Crapps declaring May 26, 2017 as *Poppy Day* and asked that all citizens pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by wearing the Memorial Poppy on this day. 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:           9 Approved                           0 Denied

**C. A Resolution** was read by Mayor Crapps that the week of May 14-20 would be observed as *Industry Appreciation Week* in Batesburg-Leesville. A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member O'Dell to adopt. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:           9 Approved                           0 Denied

**D. Peachtree 23 Yard Sale Resolution** was read into the record by Mayor Crapps. Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> will be observed and for those two days only the Town will waive the \$5 permit fee for any yard sale held on Highway 23. 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:           9 Approved                           0 Denied

## MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Luckadoo stated immediately following the Regular Council Meeting tonight there will be a Budget Work Session.

Regular Council Meeting  
May 8, 2017  
Page 4

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council Member Simpkins made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal issue where a Council Member is serving illegally with a second by Council Member Cain. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                      2 Approved - Council Member Cain  
   Council Member Simpkins                      7 Denied

## **POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY COUNCIL IN FOLLOW-UP TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

## **POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR JUNE 12, 2017 MEETING**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Council Member Wiszowaty with a second by Council Member Penick to adjourn at 7:18 P. M. All members present were in favor.

## **Council Work Session**

**May 8, 2017**

The Council Work Session was held after a brief recess of the Regular Council Meeting and was called to order at 7:26 P. M by Mayor Crapps. All members were present.

## **DISCUSSION OF FY 2017/2018 TOWN BUDGET**

Town Manager Luckadoo stated that a lot of the budget was just standard recurring items that are there every year. He said the goals for the night were to see if Council Members had any requests for additional items to see if they could be added to the budget. He said this year the Town would have to deal with a 2% increase in retirement funding with an additional 1% increase to be added every year for the next five years. He said there had also been a property reassessment this year.

Assistant Town Manager Seth Duncan then explained to Council that in order to give the Town's employees a cost of living increase, \$31,000 would have to be found to cover the expense in the General Fund. The Utility Fund is balanced with the merit-base increase included. He said that due to the state retirement deficit, employees would

COUNCIL WORK SESSION CONT'D.

May 8, 2017

Page 5

receive a smaller paycheck beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> of this year unless the money could be found. He explained that the millage cap of 1.28% would not be enough to cover this amount. This adjustment, if approved and funded by Council, would incorporate the Town's annual Longevity Bonus, Christmas Bonus and a one-time cost of living adjustment into a combined single-issue/paid adjustment to address the impacts of the pension reform bill, overall increases in cost of living, and in lieu of salary increases for the next fiscal year. The merit-based system cost of living adjustment for staff would be based upon annual performance reviews, paid in December, and range from 1%-3% of annual salary. It was the consensus of Council to move forward with the merit-based cost of living and Mayor Crapps asked that Manager Luckadoo and Assistant Town Manager Duncan look at the reduction of Council salaries, CPI and possibly the H-Tax, among other sources for funding and bring the figures back to them at the next budget workshop for consideration.

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Penick to adjourn at 8:15 P. M. All members were in favor.

Approved this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2017.

---

Marguerite J. Crapps, Mayor

ATTEST:

---

Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk



COUNCIL WORK SESSION CONT'D.

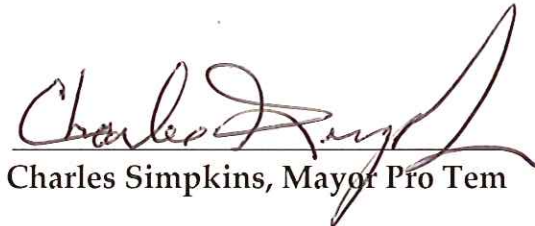
May 8, 2017

Page 5

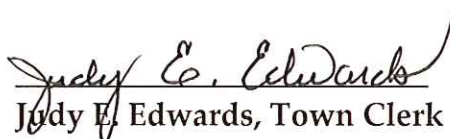
receive a smaller paycheck beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> of this year unless the money could be found. He explained that the millage cap of 1.28% would not be enough to cover this amount. This adjustment, if approved and funded by Council, would incorporate the Town's annual Longevity Bonus, Christmas Bonus and a one-time cost of living adjustment into a combined single-issue/paid adjustment to address the impacts of the pension reform bill, overall increases in cost of living, and in lieu of salary increases for the next fiscal year. The merit-based system cost of living adjustment for staff would be based upon annual performance reviews, paid in December, and range from 1%-3% of annual salary. It was the consensus of Council to move forward with the merit-based cost of living and Mayor Crapps asked that Manager Luckadoo and Assistant Town Manager Duncan look at the reduction of Council salaries, CPI and possibly the H-Tax, among other sources for funding and bring the figures back to them at the next budget workshop for consideration.

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Penick to adjourn at 8:15 P. M. All members were in favor.

Approved this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2017.

  
Charles Simpkins, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

  
Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk