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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 14, 2017

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 Pro Tem Simpkins at 7:00 P. M. Members present were Mayor Pro Tem Simpkins, Council Member Taylor, Cain, Penick and Spradley. Mayor Crapps was absent as well as Council Member Ricard. Council Member Wiszowaty formally resigned August 10, 2017.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem 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 Penick to approve the agenda. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 5 Approved 0 Denied

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor with a second by Council Member Penick to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2017 Regular Council Meeting. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 4 Approved 1 Denied - Council Member Cain

MAYOR PRO TEM'S REPORT

Mayor Pro Tem Simpkins reported the next Regular Council Meeting would be September 11, 2017.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS - Vacant

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

Council Member Penick reported EPAC has met twice this year with July 19th being the most current meeting. Reported that over the next 20 years EPAC voted to allow the City of Columbia to expand their wastewater treatment plant up to 80 mgd. Reported since they are trying to reduce the layer of organic materials in the lower Saluda River, DHEC made a suggestion that all the treatment plants that dump into the lower Saluda and upper Congaree reduce the number of things they put into the river by 15-25%. Cayce raised a very valid point being that a couple of years ago they put a lot of money into making a very nice and efficient wastewater treatment plant so why should they have to reduce another 15-25% when some of the other facilities, like East Midlands, haven't done anything in about 25 years. To balance the load, Cayce stated we will give up some of ours if you can balance it if East Midlands will come down some. EPAC said yes.

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION - Council Member Penick

Council Member Penick stated they met this past Wednesday with basically 2 items on the agenda. We had a 30 something inch line that supplies all the water for Joint Water from the West Columbia Treatment Plant that needed to have a valve replacement. A \$50 gasket cost ended up costing about half a million dollars. We had to do a supplemental budget appropriation of approximately \$155,000 into the maintenance line to cover that expense. Reported he was elected chairman of the Joint Municipal Water/Sewer Commission this past Wednesday.

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

- County Councilman Larry Brigham was unable to attend.
- Lexington School District Three will be off August 21st due to possible traffic problems anticipated in the Midlands.
- Extra security to enter the Primary, Elementary and Middle School buildings has been added.
- Two thousand bricks from the old high school will be saved and given to individuals on a first come basis, free and limited to one per person. The

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consolidated sign at the top of the building and the front lamp post will be saved for use in some form in the district.

- Mike Eades stated the drawings for the landscaping, irrigation, and signage for the Industrial Park had been given to the Economic Committee for their review. A consultant forester is on board also to represent the county in daylighting the park. A speck pad of approximately 50,000 square feet will be added to the park in the future.
- The Chamber's annual auction will be held Saturday, August 26th at T & S Farms beginning at 7:00. The general membership meeting will be Thursday, August 24th at Shealy's BBQ beginning at 7:30 A. M.
- The Chamber, Dream Catchers, Arts on the Ridge, and the B-L Ministerial Alliance participated in National Night Out.
- The B-L Ministerial Alliance annual community back to school praise and prayer service will be Sunday, August 20th beginning at 3:00 P. M. at Haynes Auditorium. Letters of prayer and gratitude will be sent to all teachers in the school system this week.
- Dream Catchers conducted a talent show August 4th and held a basketball tournament last Saturday at the B-L Leisure Center. They are now selling tickets (\$10) for their Dream Catchers BBQ chicken fundraiser being held Saturday, September 2nd from 11:00 A. M. - 2:00 P. M. Tickets will be available at the Chamber office.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointment of Central Midlands Council of Government Representative

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor with a second by Council Member Spradley to temporarily appoint the Town Manager, Ted Luckadoo, until the new Council takes their respective seats. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 3 Approved 2 Denied - Mayor Pro Tem Simpkins
Council Member Cain

- B. The Resolution *Waiving Facility Rental Fees for the Ministerial Alliance Event in August at the Haynes Auditorium* was read by Mayor Pro Tem Simpkins. A motion was made by Council Member Penick with a second by Council Member Spradley to approve. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 4 Approved 1 Recusal Due to Affiliation
Mayor Pro Tem Simpkins

- C. First Reading on an *Ordinance to Amend the Town's Adopted Lexington County Animal Control Ordinance* was held. The County recently notified Mayor Crapps that consideration was being given to enter into an agreement with Pawmetto Lifeline, Inc. on June 23, 2017. This agreement with PLI would establish a Community Cat Program for the unincorporated area of Lexington County. Mayor Crapps was also informed that if Batesburg-Leesville wished to continue participation with the County's Animal Services Program and be part of the Community Cat Program, the Town would need to adopt the changes in the ordinance prior to October 1. The Community Cat Program utilized by Pawmetto Life offers assistance dealing with feral cats in municipalities. Denise Wilkinson, CEO of Pawmetto Lifeline gave an in depth presentation of this service. Also present to answer any questions was Lexington County Councilman Todd Cullum and Larry Brigham. A motion was made by Council Member Spradley with a second by Council Member Penick to adopt. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 4 Approved 1 Denied - Council Member Cain

- D. First Reading on an *Ordinance to Annex 9 Parcels of Property Along Bobcat Road (Ponderosa Estates) into the Town Limits of Batesburg-Leesville in Conjunction with R-1 "Single Family Residential" Zoning* was held. Counsel recommended this be tabled until next Council Meeting. A motion was made by Council Member Spradley with a second by Council Member Penick to table. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 5 Approved 0 Denied

- E. First Reading on an *Ordinance to Rezone 3 Parcels of Property Along West Columbia Avenue from R-3 "Multi-Family Residential" to C-2 "Transitional Commercial" Lexington County TMS #'s 007020-02-011; 007024-01-001; 007025-01-001* was held. A motion was made by Council Member Taylor with a second by Council Member Penick to approve. After discussion, a vote was taken.

ORDINANCE TO REZONE 3 PARCELS CONT'D.

VOTE: 5 Approved 0 Denied

MANAGER'S REPORT - Ted Luckadoo

- Reported the Town's National Night Out was a success and he saw an increase in attendance.
- The Town will be sponsoring an Eclipse Event August 21st partnering with the Lexington County Public Library. The street between the Armory and the Library will be blocked off. He stated the longest viewing time will be at Calk's Ferry Road and Highway #1 with B-L viewing time only four seconds shorter.
- Reported Council will be meeting August 28th to discuss the Town's Strategic Plan, the Hospitality Tax, and employee policy and procedure changes in the Town's manual.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Discussion of Personnel Matters Relating to the Town Manager's Annual Evaluation

A motion was made by Council Member Spradley with a second by Council Member Taylor to go into Executive Session at 8:04 P. M. for the discussion of personnel matters relating to the Town Manager's Annual Evaluation. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 5 Approved 0 Denied

A motion was made by Council Member Spradley with a second by Council Member Taylor to return from Executive Session to the Regular Council Meeting at 8:23 P. M. with no action taken. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 5 Approved 0 Denied

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


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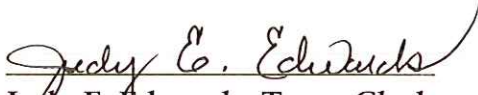
A motion was made by Council Member Taylor with a second by Council Member Penick to adjourn at 8:24 P. M. All members were in favor.

Approved this 18th day of September 2017.



Marguerite J. Crapps, Mayor

ATTEST:



Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk