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.

Before the Public Hearing a Special Performance by Brook, Ashley & Caroline Kornet, the "Kornet Sisters," Winners of the 2017 Dream Catchers Talent Show, was enjoyed by all in attendance. After their performance, they received a standing ovation.

OCTOBER 9, 2017

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Crapps opened the Public Hearing at 7:07 P. M. to receive citizen input on an Ordinance to Annex Nine (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. Since no one appeared before Council, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:08 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 by Mayor Crapps at 7:08 P. M. Members present were Mayor Crapps, Council Member Taylor, Cain, Simpkins, Penick, Spradley and Ricard.

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: 7 Approved 0 Denied

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Council Member Penick with a second by Council Member Spradley to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2017 Regular Council Meeting. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:

7 Approved

0 Denied

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Crapps reported the next Regular Council Meeting would be November 13, 2017 when a new Council will be seated.

Council Member Spradley asked the Mayor could he have the floor at which time he tendered his resignation effective November 1, 2017 since he will not be living in the town limits of Batesburg-Leesville. Mayor Crapps thanked Council Member Spradley for all he has done for the Town.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS - Town Manager Luckadoo

Manager Luckadoo reported he was unable to attend due to a medical procedure this month but Mr. Duncan attended. There was no major action taken at the meeting. The Board did discuss a Resolution supporting the completion of the VC Summer Nuclear Facility but no vote was taken. They will be hosting a grant management training by Grant USA Workshop in the near future.

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

Council Member Penick reported EPAC has not met and is expected to meet October 17th.

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION - Council Member Penick

Council Member Penick reported because their standard meeting was to be around the time of the hurricane, they did not meet. They are to meet this Wednesday.

B-L Chamber of Commerce - Mike Taylor, Executive Director

Mr. Taylor reported the following:

- Due to the moving of the Town Council Meeting last month to the third Monday, we met before that and have not met since then. The meeting is this Thursday.
- As you have witnessed at the beginning of the meeting, we have a lot of talent in the Batesburg-Leesville Community. At the General Membership last month, Sa'nia Perry recited a poem she had written, "Spoken Word." It was very inspirational and she received a standing ovation also.
- The Dream Catchers assisted St. John's Methodist in unloading the pumpkins for the "Pumpkin Patch" and will assist St. John's this month with sales.
- The Ministerial Alliance will conduct a Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 19th beginning at 6:00 P. M. The service will take place at St. Matthews CME Church located at 214 S. Lee Street.
- Many festivals will be taking place this month in our community on Saturday, October 21st:
 - 1. Faith Lutheran Church, 9-2
 - 2. St. John's United Methodist Church, 9-7
 - 3. Leesville United Methodist Church, 9-3

And the Town Fall Festival on October 31st

Check the website Batesburg-Leesvillechamber.org for full details

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Second Reading on an *Ordinance Amending the Town's Employee Policy & Procedure Manual was held.* A motion was made by Council Member Taylor with a second by Council Member Spradley to approve. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:

6 Approved

1 Denied - Council Member Simpkins

B. Second Reading on an Ordinance to Annex Nine (9) Parcels of Property Along Bobcat Road (Ponderosa Estates) into the Town Limits of Batesburg-Leesville

UNFINISHED BUSINESS CONT'D.

in Conjunction with R-1 "Single Family Residential" Zoning was held. 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:

7 Approved

0 Denied

NEW BUSINESS - None

MANAGER'S REPORT - Ted Luckadoo

- Reported the Town's Fall Festival will be Tuesday, October 31st from 6-8
 P. M. in the Leesville College Park in conjunction with Trick-or-Treat.
- Fire Prevention Month Activities Chief Jay Hendrix gave an update on the Fire Prevention Month Activities from October 5th through October 25th including First Baptist Church Batesburg MMO, 1st thru 5th grades, K4, K5 at B-L Primary and King Academy, Fire Prevention Parade in Columbia and Jeff Chavis Golf Tournament

Council Member Cain asked Manager Luckadoo to come up with a white paper to raise the minimum wage to \$12 per hour for the Town staff. He would also like to have an Ordinance to reflect this for the entire Town. Mayor Crapps stated there has to be some research on this before anything is done concerning the entire Town.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Discussion of Contractual Matters Relating to the Town Manager's Evaluation and Contract

A motion was made by Council Member Spradley with a second by Council Member Ricard to go into Executive Session at 7:24 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:

7 Approved

0 Denied

Resume Regular Council Meeting

A motion was made by Council Member Spradley with a second by Council Member Simpkins to resume the Regular Council Meeting at 7:48 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 Spradley with a second by Council Member Penick that Council approve a 1/2% increase for the Town Manager to help offset the increase or decrease in funding for state retirement. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:

7 Approved

0 Denied

POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER 13, 2017 MEETING - None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Penick with a second by Council Member Taylor to adjourn at 7:49 P. M. All members were in favor.

Approved this 13th day of November 2017.

Marguerite J. Grapps, Mayor

ATTEST:

Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk