

In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, the news media 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 front door of the Batesburg-Leesville Town Hall no later than twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 24, 2015

The Special Council Meeting for the Town of Batesburg-Leesville, held at the Batesburg District Fire Station, was called to order by Mayor Crapps at 6:30 P. M. Members present were Mayor Crapps, Council Member Taylor, O'Dell, Penick and Ricard, Council Members absent were Cain, Simpkins, Mingo and Fox.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Council Member Taylor.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was held.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VOTE: 5 Approved 0 Denied

NEW BUSINESS

A. Determination by Council to Retain the Current Auditing Firm or Hire a New Auditing Firm

Mayor Crapps stated the Manager has given us information about the previous audit that we just received at the last Council Meeting and issues getting that done in a timely manner and the professionalism from that auditing firm. Mayor Crapps stated she would like to entertain a motion to dismiss the current auditor from providing any more services for the Town. A motion was made by Council Member O'Dell to dismiss the current auditor for the Town of Batesburg-Leesville and appoint Dooley & Co. in Lexington, S.C. as the new auditor for the Town with a second by Council Member Penick. For the record, Council Member Taylor asked the Mayor would she state the

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.

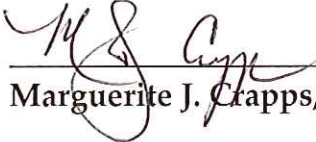
statute that says we do not have to put it out for bid. Mayor Crapps read according to the **SC Code of Laws Section 5-7-240: The Council may, without requiring competitive bids, designate such accountant or firm annually or for a period not exceeding four years, provided that, the designation for any particular fiscal year shall be made no later than thirty days after the beginning of such fiscal year.** After discussion, the motion was amended by Council Member O'Dell to include this for a four-year appointment which is legally permitted under Section 5-7-240 of the SC Code of Laws seconded by Council Member Penick. With no further discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 5 Approved 0 Denied

ADJOURNMENT

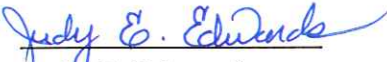
A motion was made by Council Member Taylor with a second by Council Member Penick to adjourn at 6:37 P. M. All members present were in favor.

Approved this 9th day of March 2015.



Marguerite J. Crapps, Mayor

ATTEST:



Judy E. Edwards
Municipal Clerk