

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.

**The Public Hearing on an Ordinance Amending the Town's Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance to conform to Lexington Counties was overlooked but held after the adoption of the minutes.*

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 9, 2018

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 Shull at 7:00 P. M. Members present were Mayor Shull, Council Member DeLoach, Gambrell, Cain, Simpkins, S. Mitchell, J. Mitchell, Prouse, and Hallman.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Rev. Tillman Gives.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Shull introduced Elon Buzhardt, U. S. Army, retired, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Gambrell to approve the agenda. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Council Member J. Mitchell with a second by Council Member DeLoach to adopt the minutes from the March 12, 2018 Regular Council Meeting. After a brief discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

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ADOPTION OF MINUTES CONT'D.

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Gambrell to adopt the minutes from the March 26, 2018 Work Session. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

PUBLIC HEARING

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Simpkins to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting in order to hold the Public Hearing. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

Mayor Shull opened the Public Hearing at 7:07 P. M. to receive citizen input on *An Ordinance Amending the Town's Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance to Conform to Lexington Counties*. Since no one appeared before Council, Mayor Shull closed the Public Hearing at 7:09 P. M.

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Mayor Shull called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 7:10 P. M.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Shull reported the next Regular Council Meeting will be May 14, 2018.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS - Council Member Gambrell

Council Member Gambrell reported the COG met March 22nd to go over the following items:

- Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes
- Adoption of the Annual Listing of Obligated Projects
- Functional Classification Amendment - Holly Street & Bonham Road - by reclassifying them from major collectors to minor collectors

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

Council Member Prouse reported they have not met yet but are scheduled to meet next Wednesday, April 18th.

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION - Mayor Shull

Mayor Shull reported there are huge sewer pipes on Highway #1 and Calks Ferry Road, basically what that is, the Joint Water/Sewer Commission is putting a new tank, stand pipe style, a 2 million gallon tank and booster pump to move water westward. Approved the hiring of a new employee and one retired. They keep doing great things in the County.

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

In the absence of Mr. Taylor, Mayor Shull gave his report.

- The Economic Development Committee has not had a meeting since the last Town Council Meeting. The next meeting will be this Thursday morning at 7:30 A. M. at Midlands Technical College.
- Arts on the Ridge committee is preparing for two summer camps in July. The first is a visual arts camp held at the B-L Elementary School from July 16-19 and a performing arts camp from July 23-28 at Faith Lutheran Church. B-L Middle School art teacher, Amber Bouknight, will teach the visual arts campers and the Baillie Players will conduct the performing arts camp.
- Dream catchers have been very active and just completed a raffle, candy sale, and preparing for their Basketball Tournament this Saturday from 9:00-6:00 at the B-L Leisure Center. They have 20 raised beds planted at Whittle Farm that they will harvest. Plans are being made for a tour of Berwick-Offray.
- Ministerial Alliance held the Community Good Friday Service at Leesville United Methodist Church, which was well attended and appreciated by all in attendance.
- The Crusin' for a Cure Dance was a great evening. The highlight was a special dance for survivors and their spouses.

B-L Chamber Report Cont'd.

- Congressman Joe Wilson had a Manufacturing & Apprenticeship Forum at Midlands Technical College Airport Auditorium on Tuesday, April 3rd which brought together manufacturers and educators for a presentation and discussion on building a skilled workforce for today's manufacturers.
- Reported there are 100,000 students in 16 technical colleges in SC
- SC produces 100,000 tires a day, BMW produces over 400,000 vehicles a year and has invested \$8.9 B since 1992/exports 70% of production/have gone from 1.2 million sq. ft. to 6.4 million sq. ft./have brought over 40 direct suppliers to the state. Boeing produces 12 Streamliners per month.
- Educators Panel: TransformSC, SC Technical Colleges/Apprenticeship Carolina, SC Dept. of Employment and Workforce
- Manufacturers Panel: BMW, MTU, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Second Reading on an *Ordinance to Repeal & Replace the Town's Employee Policy & Procedure Manual* was held. Council Member Cain made a motion to table with a second by Council Member S. Mitchell. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 4 Approved

5 Denied - Council Member
DeLoach, Gambrell, J. Mitchell,
Prouse, Hallman

Motions fails 5 to 4 to table.

Council Member Cain made a motion again to table the second reading in order to gather additional information with a second by Council Member Gambrell. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved

2 Denied - Council Member
Prouse, Hallman

- B. Second Reading on an *Ordinance Amending the Town's Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance to Conform to Lexington Counties* was held. A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS CONT'D.

Member Cain to approve the recommended changes to the Town's Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance to correct the date in Article 1 Section D and approve the new language to Article 4. A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member DeLoach to amend the date from 2018 to 2017. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

NEW BUSINESS

A. Proclamation - School Library Month

Council Member Simpkins read the Proclamation after which a motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Prouse to approve. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

B. Proclamation - Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Mayor Shull read the Proclamation after which a motion was made by Council Member DeLoach with a second by Council Member Hallman to approve.

With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

C. Proclamation - Child Abuse Month

Council Member Simpkins read the Proclamation after which a motion was made by Council Member DeLoach with a second by Council Member Hallman to approve. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

D. Proclamation - Poultry Festival Day

Council Member J. Mitchell read the Proclamation after which a motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member J. Mitchell to approve. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

E. Resolution - Poultry Festival Yard Sales

Mayor Shull read the Resolution for the Poultry Festival Yard Sales after which a motion was made by Council Member J. Mitchell with a second by Council Member Simpkins to approve. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

F. Discussion Regarding Request from the Batesburg Business Association to Make Improvements to Town Property Located on Pine St.

Council Member Simpkins made a motion with a second by Council Member J. Mitchell to allow the Batesburg Business Association to make improvements to the lot on Pine Street in an effort to beautify the surrounding community.

Lois Black, Project Chairwoman, came before Council requesting the Town's approval to proceed with the work proposed on the vacant lot located on Pine Street in the Batesburg Business District as part of their goal to improve the district's visual appeal. The BBA has had two events to raise funds for this project. There are also matching grant funds that have been awarded for this project that need to be used before they expire at the end of March. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

MANAGER'S REPORT - Ted Luckadoo

A. Walmart Grant Awarded to Fire Department

A \$1,500 non-matching grant from Wal-Mart's Community Grant Program to purchase a training mannequin was awarded to the Fire Department. The mannequin will be used for rescue, first responder, and life-saving training.

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B. Town Egg Hunt

With more than 1,000 visitors on hand, the annual Town Egg & Food Truck Rodeo exceeded expectations and was a smash hit. Special thanks to B-L Chamber of Commerce, Dream Catchers, food truck vendors (Dippin' Dog, The Pop Stop, Coffee Stop Wine Shop, and Karen's Mobile Kitchen), Hulon Baptist Church, Leesville Merchants Association, Batesburg Business Association, and Carl Clary. New this year was staggered egg hunt times, kids 10 and under hunted for more than 3,500 eggs - the most we have ever hid.

C. Recycling Event

More than 260 individuals participated in this year's event held March 17th. Collected hundreds of vehicle tires, 6,400 pounds of paper shredded, and 27,735 pounds or 13.87 tons of electronics. Special thanks to Advanced Disposal, Lexington Dept. of Solid Waste, Lexington School District 3 for sponsorship and volunteers.

D. Wastewater Treatment Plant Fiber Optic Upgrades

Currently, our plant has no wired internet to it and utilizes a Verizon air card for internet. Spectrum does not have internet infrastructure in the area of the plant but Carolina Connect fiber internet will be installed in the near future. Our utility distribution crews will be installing underground conduit from Willis Street to the main office at the WWTP with pull boxes. Once these are installed, Carolina Connect crews will run the fiber to the office building and our plant will then have quality high-speed fiber internet capabilities. As we look to improve our technology and SCADA capabilities for water and wastewater plant facilities, fiber internet is critical and this is a big step towards better technology at the WWTP.

E. Ridgell Street Water Tank Improvements

The old fence is removed and the tree trimming portion of the project is complete. Most of the tank repairs have been completed including the new

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screened roof vent, new manway in riser pipe and installation of 4" tank drain on tank exterior. The tank exterior pressure washing is complete, machining and sanding of the exterior blemishes are complete and primed; the exterior prime coat should begin this week. The interior repairs are ongoing with the sand blasting in progress.

F. CDBG Pump Station Improvement Project

AAA Utilities Construction has visited the pump station sites to review the by-pass piping requirements. The pipe materials and quick connect fittings shop drawings have been submitted for review and approval. The pump station control panels have been ordered and shop drawing packages are expected to be submitted soon.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member J. Mitchell to go into Executive Session at 8:13 P. M. to discuss:

- A. Lease Agreement Between Twin City Association & Town for Basketball Court**
- B. Contractual Matters Relating to Advanced Disposal Contract**
- C. Possible Contractual Matters Relating to the Water Project**
- D. Personnel Matters Related to Town Manager Evaluation and Contract.**

With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

*****Return to Regular Council Session*****

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Simpkins to return to the Regular Council Meeting at 8:57 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

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POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY COUNCIL IN FOLLOW UP TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Simpkins to re-enter an updated contract with Advanced Disposal based on their newly proposed pricing. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S MEETING - May 14, 2018

Work Session - April 23rd

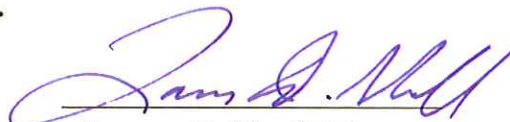
Second Reading on Poultry Festival Holiday

ADJOURNMENT

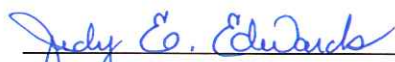
A motion was made by Council Member Cain with a second by Council Member Gambrell to adjourn at 9:05 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

Approved this 14th day of May 2018.


Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:


Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk