

ADOPTION OF MINUTES CONT'D.

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Gambrell to adopt the minutes from the December 17, 2018 Special Council Meeting. With no discussion, a vote was taken by the show of hands.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Shull reported the next Regular Council Meeting will be February 11, 2019.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS - Council Member Gambrell

Council Member Gambrell reported there was no meeting.

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

Council Member Prouse reported there was no meeting in December.

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION - Mayor Shull

Mayor Shull reported the Commission met Wednesday, January 9, 2019, a pretty lengthy meeting, with a lot of different things in that meeting. The number one being a press release and decision by all of the Commissioners including himself to purchase land on Lake Murray at the end of Counts Ferry Road, 47 or 44 acres, with the intention of building a water plant on that site, within the next 10-20 years.

B-L Chamber of Commerce - Mike Taylor, President

- ≈ Congratulated Ms. Etheredge and Mrs. Whittle on their election to the B-L Town Council.
- ≈ Reported the Chamber has three new Board Members: Lacy Ridgell with Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Leigh Ann Rikard with AllSouth Federal Credit Union, and Adam Korycki with Ridge Manufacturing Co.

Chamber Report Cont'd.

- ≈ Thanked the Town, it's departments and employees, for their participation during the Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting. The weather was questionable but held off for this function and the turnout was good.
- ≈ The Batesburg-Leesville Ministerial Alliance conducted an inspirational Community Thanksgiving Service in November and have started planning for their Community Good Friday Service.
- ≈ The Mission of the Dream Catchers is to "Create resources to help our youth become leaders and responsible citizens." They are studying Roberts Rules of Order and will attend as many Town Council Meetings as possible.
- ≈ During our Summer of Excellence Program, we plan to make a mock government structure of Batesburg-Leesville, elect a mayor and a council person from each district and appoint several town employee positions.
- ≈ The Dream Catchers will hold a Meet and Greet for parents on January 17th.
- ≈ Arts on the Ridge elected new officers and board members during their December meeting and will be meeting this Thursday.
- ≈ Each January the Chamber submits a request for Accommodation Tax funds and if we are successful with the request, the Chamber will explore the possibility of using some of these funds to promote our community and events.
- ≈ Congratulated the B-L Animal Hospital on their expansion.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation of Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Financial Audit by Dooley & Company was presented by Ms. Amy Ely. Ms. Ely stated she was going to report on the financial condition of the Town of Batesburg-Leesville for the year ending June 30, 2018.

- The Town received a good opinion and we found no issues for that year.
- During the audit year ending June 30, 2018, the Town did not issue any new bonds or become obligated for any new leases, however, payments did continue on the capital equipment lease from 2016 and 2015 bonds.
- The general revenues for the Town, which includes property taxes, state revenue and licenses and permits, account for around \$3.8 million in revenue.

MANAGER'S REPORT - Ted Luckadoo

A. Update from Maurice Lindsay

Manager Luckadoo recognized Maurice Lindsay, Outreach Coordinator for the Midlands Fatherhood Coalition. Mr. Lindsay shared with Council the work that the Fatherhood Coalition does in the County. He stated the fatherhood program helps men become the responsible, engaged, and empowered fathers their children need them to be. They are a part of a statewide network of local fatherhood programs helping fathers, children, and families grow strong. The fatherhood program helps men overcome the obstacles keeping them from being the material, emotional, and spiritual providers their children need. Mr. Jermaine Johnson, Site Director, was also present to share with Council the Impact and Outcomes of the Midlands Fatherhood Coalition. Reports were given out for Lexington County and also the Midlands.

B. Information from Donna Ciriello, B-L Branch Librarian

Manager Luckadoo recognized Donna Ciriello, Librarian from the B-L Library who gave an update on new programs available at the library as well as current services the library provides. All of the programs available at the library are free and open to the public and you don't have to have a library card or live in the county to participate. Also present to address Council was Matt Steinmetz, Patron Training and Technology Coordinator for the Lexington County Library system. One of his jobs is to promote new adult programs for the library system. One of these new programs will be offering free tax assistance to lower income and seniors in the Batesburg-Leesville area through AARP. Currently we don't have a volunteer to do that and are asking if anyone could volunteer they would need to sit in once a week for about two months after getting some training to help provide some free tax service. If you know of anyone that is interested they can call me at 803-785-2637.

C. - E. *Manager's Report Attached as Part of the Minutes*

At the end of his report, Manager Luckadoo stated there will be a Work Session January 28 at which time we will be discussing the RFQ's for consulting services related to the water study.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Gambrell to go into Executive Session at 8:00 for:

A. Discussion Regarding Economic Development Opportunity in Relation to Project Covenant

With no discussion, a vote was taken by the show of hands.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

Return to Regular Council Meeting

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Hallman to return to the Regular Council Meeting at 8:39 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken by the show of hands.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

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

POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 11, 2019 MEETING

Council Member Simpkins stated he would like to place on the agenda for next month an item for Executive Session dealing with a contractual matter.

ADJOURNMENT


A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Hallman to adjourn at 8:40 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken by the show of hands.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

Approved this 11th day of February 2019.

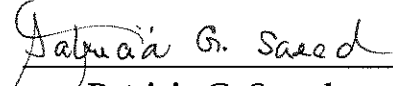
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ADJOURNMENT CONT'D.



Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patricia G. Saeed