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## **COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

**MAY 15, 2019**

The Council Work Session for the Town of Batesburg-Leesville, held in Building B of the Town Hall Complex, was called to order by Mayor Shull at 6:04 P. M. Members present were Mayor Shull, Council Member Etheredge, Council Member Gambrell, Council Member Cain, Simpkins, Whittle, and Prouse. Council Member Mitchell and Hallman was absent.

## **INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Council Member Simpkins.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Council Member Gambrell, retired veteran.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Whittle to approve. With no discussion, a vote was taken by the show of hands.

VOTE:                    7 Approved                    0 Denied

## **DISCUSSION TOPICS**

### **A. Discussion of Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Budget**

Manager Luckadoo stated changes have been made since the last work session that shows actual amounts as of May 13, 2019.

Town Manager Ted Luckadoo gave highlights on the 2019/2020 Budget for Victim Assistance, \$10,150 and General Fund, \$4,172,826, Enterprise Fund, \$3,219,800, and H-Tax Fund, \$475,000. The majority of discussion on the General Fund was Town Council pay and H-Tax expenses.

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**RECESS**

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Cain to recess at 7:37 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken by the show of hands.

VOTE:                    7 Approved                    0 Denied

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Gambrell to return to Council Work Session at 7:51 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken by the show of hands.

VOTE:                    7 Approved                    0 Denied

**A. Discussion of Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Budget Cont'd.**

Council Member Whittle stated she would like to go on record that she would have a hard time to vote on a budget that has Council pay included in it. The Town Manager was directed by Council to find \$44,600 to fund Council pay from December to June 30<sup>th</sup> that is \$600 for Council and \$800 for Mayor on top of the \$17,500 Training and Travel line item. Attorney Spradley stated even if the money is not found in this Budget, if Council votes next month, and if we do an Ordinance after this Budget is passed stating this is what the pay is going to be, he has to find the money, there is no choice. The best practice is to pass the Budget as it is and if you want Council pay then let's do an Ordinance, pass it and then he has no choice but to find the money. The second reading on the Budget would be at the Regular Council Meeting in June along with the Public Hearing. Mayor Shull stated he thinks this amount for the Council and Mayor is much too high according to other municipalities. We are now looking at \$600 for Council and Mayor making a total of \$43,100. Further discussion was held on the time line for the adopting the Budget.


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## ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Prouse to adjourn at 8:14 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken by the show of hands.

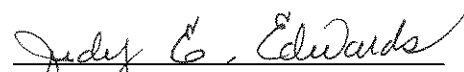
VOTE:                    7 Approved                    0 Denied

Approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 2019.



Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:



Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk