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.

#### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

**NOVEMBER 11, 2019** 

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 Gambrell, Cain, Simpkins, Mitchell, and Prouse. Council Member Etheredge arrived at 7:14 P. M. and Council Member Whittle was absent.

#### **INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Rev. Kent Suits of Christ Community Church.

#### 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 Gambrell to make an adjustment to the agenda for three Resolutions under New Business recognizing the High School Panther Band, Termite Youth Football Championship, and the Mite Youth Football Championship moving them directly up after adoption of the minutes. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:

6 Approved

0 Denied

#### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Prouse to adopt the minutes of the October 14, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:

6 Approved

0 Denied

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Resolution - Recognizing the Batesburg-Leesville High School Panther Band was read by Council Member Prouse. A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Gambrell to adopt. With no discussion, a vote was taken by a show of hands.

VOTE:

6 Approved

0 Denied

**B.** Resolution - Recognizing the B-L Termite Youth Football Championship was read by Council Member Mitchell. A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Simpkins to adopt. With no discussion, a vote was taken by . the show of hands.

VOTE:

6 Approved

0 Denied

\*Council Member Etheredge arrived after the reading of Resolution B.

C. Resolution - Recognizing the B-L Mite Youth Football Championship was read by Council Member Simpkins. A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Simpkins to adopt. With no discussion, a vote was taken by the show of hands.

VOTE:

7 Approved

0 Denied

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Shull reported the next Regular Council Meeting will be December 9, 2019.

#### **CENTRAL MIDLANDS - Council Member Gambrell**

Council Member Gambrell reported the following from the COG meeting held October 24, 2019:

- Gave a 2019 Annual Update on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)
- ➤ Gave an update/report on the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, which investigates, mediates and/or advocates on behalf of residents residing in long-term care facilities. They have authority in nursing homes, community

#### CENTRAL MIDLANDS CONT'D.

- residential care and assisted living facilities. Does not have authority in homes, unlicensed facilities and independent living
- ➤ Reported on the 2020 Census Complete Count Committee Timeline Education Phase now to December 2019; Awareness Phase is January 2019 to February 2020; Motivation Phase is March 2020 to May 2020
- ➤ African American Affairs Fact Sheet The mission of African American Affairs is building infrastructure through cultural institutions within the African American community to overcome the effects of deprivation and discrimination
- ➤ The Executive Director's report several projects were submitted for Regional and Local Project of the year 1) Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan for Chapin, Swansea, and Batesburg-Leesville, 2) Blythewood Traffic Improvement Area Plan; and 3) Midlands River Collation
- ➤ SC Midlands Career Fair is scheduled for November 14, 2019 from 10a 2p at Dutch Square Mall
- ➤ Update on Central Midlands Area Agency on Aging (AAA) the goal is to reduce the wait time of families in need of Medicaid for waiver services at Community Long Term Care and Nursing Homes
- There will be no meeting in November

# ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EPAC) Council Member Prouse

Reported EPAC had a meeting in September but he was unable to attend due to training at the Municipal Association. This meeting was information only and there were no action items.

# JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION - Mayor Shull

Mayor Shull reported the meeting was on October 9, 2019. Reported the Commission's growth continues by approximately 3.5%; went through more of their refinancing of the bonds which will continue to save the Commission money. There is a meeting scheduled for Wednesday of this week.

## B-L CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - Mike Taylor, President

- ➤ Reported a ribbon cutting for the Batesburg-Leesville Animal Hospital was held yesterday by the Chamber and is a beautiful facility and asset to our community.
- ➤ The Annual Awards Banquet will be Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at T & S Farm and the speaker will be Mr. Joe Mergo, Lexington County Administrator.
- ➤ The Batesburg-Leesville Ministerial Alliance will conduct their Community Thanksgiving Service at Leesville United Methodist Church on Sunday, November 24th at 6:00 P. M.
- ➤ The 2019 Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting will be Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 P. M. Applications for the parade are on our website, Face book page and at the Chamber office.
- ➤ Arts on the Ridge will present "An Evening of Holiday Spirit" on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at Southern Occasions. Specifics will be available after our meeting on Thursday.

## PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA - None

#### UNFINISHDED BUSINESS

#### **NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.**

**D. Resolution -** *Veterans Day 2019* Mayor Shull asked that any veterans present to stand as he read the Resolution. A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Simpkins to adopt. With no discussion, a vote was taken by the show of hands.

VOTE:

7 Approved

0 Denied

E. First Reading of an Ordinance Rezoning Property Located NW of West Columbia Avenue, NE of North Bethlehem Road and SW of Russell St From I-1 "Industrial District" to R-2 "General Residential." Lexington County TMS#007000-06-005 was held. Patricia Saeed, Zoning Administration, presented this proposed rezoning from Mitchell Scott, who serves as the personal representative for the estate of Belinda C. Scott and answered questions from Council regarding this rezoning. After discussion,

## E. First Reading Cont'd.

a motion was made by Council Member Cain with a second by Council Member Mitchell to table this request.

VOTE:

7 Approved

0 Denied

## F. Acceptance of Results from the November 5, 2019 Election

Attorney Spradley read the certified results from the Lexington County Election Commission for the November 5, 2019 Election. The successful candidates are:

Council District 2 - Olin E. Gambrell, III

Council District 4 - Johnnie Mae Speach-Lemon

Council District 6 - Run-off to be held - November 19, 2019

Council District 8 - Bob D. Hall

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Etheredge to accept the results from the Lexington County Election Commission. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:

7 Approved

0 Denied

# G. Recognition of Outgoing Council Members

Town Manager Luckadoo recognized Council Member Charles Simpkins, District 4, for his service and a plaque was presented to him by Mayor Shull. Council Member Whittle, District 6, was absent for the proceedings.

# H. Swearing In of Council Members From November 5, 2019 Election

Attorney Spradley administered the Oath of Office to Olin E. Gambrell, III, Johnnie Mae Speach-Lemon, and Bob D. Hall. After each received the Oath of Office, they took their respective seat on Council.

Attorney Spradley read "What it means to take the Oath of Office" - a solemn appeal to God by man; an official promise by a person who has been elected to a public office to fulfill the duties of the office according to law.

#### MANAGER'S REPORT - Ted Luckadoo

A. - G. - Due to the length of the Manager's Report, the attached is an official part of the minutes for November.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

## POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY COUNCIL IN FOLLOW UP TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

## POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S MEETING - December 9, 2019

A motion was made by Council Member Etheredge with a second by Council Member Hall that Council Pay be placed on the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting December 9, 2019. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:

8 Approved

0 Denied

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Etheredge to adjourn at 8:25 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken by the show of hands.

VOTE:

8 Approved

0 Denied

Approved this 9th day of December 2019.

Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:

Judy H. Edwards, Town Clerk