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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 12, 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, Simpkins, S. Mitchell, J. Mitchell, Prouse, and Hallman. Council Member Cain was absent.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by the Christ Community Church Pastor, Kent Suits.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Keeping in line with having a veteran lead the pledge, Mayor Shull introduced Council Member Gambrell, U. S. Army, retired.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member J. Mitchell to adopt the minutes from the February 12, 2018 Regular Council Meeting. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

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

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

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MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Shull reported the next Regular Council Meeting will be April 9, 2018 with a Work Session being held on March 26, 2018.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS - Council Member Gambrell

Council Member Gambrell reported the Central Midlands COG met February 22nd with discussion being held mostly on the area Agency on Aging Policy and Procedure's Manual bringing it up to date with the current ADA regulations. Also discussed was population projections for 10, 20, and 30 years and by all indications it is coming this way. Also discussed reworking some roads and the monies available for it.

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

Council Member Prouse reported there was no meeting this month and the next scheduled meeting is April.

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION - Mayor Shull

Mayor Shull reported he met with the Commission on February 14th. Discussion was held on the preliminary design for the main office and operations facilities. A Water and Sewer Geographic Information Systems Users Group Meeting was hosted by the Commission with representatives from the City of Columbia and Town of Chapin present. Highway #1/Calks Ferry Tank and Booster Station contract awarded to LAD and Fisher Tank. Property for future elevated tank site; continuing to pursue property owners. The Highway 6 Tank interior/exterior renovation has been completed; Highway #378 Tank and Platt Springs Tank visual inspection completed.

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

Mike Taylor reported the following:

- He attended the Council Work Session on February 26th and was so impressed by the presentation made by Town Manager Luckadoo that he was asked to come and make this presentation to the EDC.
- County Councilman Larry Brigham reported that the lighting had been finished in the Industrial Park.
- Reported that Bedenbaugh Street was to be paved.
- The joint effort between the Chamber and B-L Relay for Life will be March 23rd featuring the Heart and Soul Band.
- Arts on the Ridge met last week and decided to offer a visual arts workshop July 20 - 23 in partnership with School District Three and the theatrical training will be July 23 - 27.
- Dream Catchers are always at work; they have their second sign language class coming up March 25th at the Leisure Center and are also planning a basketball tournament April 14th.
- The B-L Ministerial Alliance will be having their Good Friday Community Service at Leesville United Methodist Church on March 30th beginning at 11:00 and will last for two hours. It is scheduled so that people can come and go as they need.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Proclamation - *Proclaiming April 2018 as Autism Awareness Month.* Mayor Shull read the Proclamation after which a motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Hallman to accept the Proclamation. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

B. Proclamation - *Proclaiming April 2018 as Parkinson's Awareness Month.* Mayor Shull

Proclamation Cont'd.

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

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

C. Discussion Regarding a Request from the Batesburg Business Association to make Improvements to Town Owned Property Located on Pine Street

Mayor Shull stated the representatives from the BBA were unable to be here this evening at which time Council Member J. Mitchell made a motion to table this item until the next Council Meeting with a second by Council Member Simpkins. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

D. First Reading - Ordinance to Repeal & Replace the Town's Employee Policy and Procedure Manual was held. A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins to approve first reading of this Ordinance to repeal and replace the Employee Policy & Procedure Manual of the Town, which will codify existing one reading approved policy changes and update the Town's Holiday Schedule to remove Confederate Memorial Day Holiday and add Monday after the SC Poultry Festival as a holiday. After discussion with the Town Attorney, Council Member Simpkins withdrew his motion. A new motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Gambrell to approve first reading of this **Ordinance to Repeal and Replace the Employee Policy and Procedure Manual of the Town of Batesburg-Leesville**. After discussion, a vote was taken

VOTE: 7 Approved 1 Denied - Council Member S. Mitchell

E. First Reading - Ordinance Amending the Town's Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance to Conform to Lexington County's Ordinance was held. A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member J. Mitchell 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. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 1 Denied - Council Member S. Mitchell

F. Council Approval to Make Structural Changes to the Town's BB&T Bank Accounts to Improve Earning Potential. A motion was made by Council Member Hallman with a second by Council Member DeLoach that we approve the changes to our BB&T bank account structure to allow for the utilization of investment cash sweep accounts. Manager Luckadoo stated currently the Town has 12 bank accounts with BB&T but only 1 account earns interest. In the current bank account structure there are loses around \$1,400 annually due to service fees on our accounts. While we are earning interest on the Utility Reserve Account, the fees outweigh the interest. Under the proposed new structure for the Town's Accounts, we would utilize Investment Cash Sweep Accounts versus general business checking accounts and earn .80%. BB&T determined that we would have a net gain of approximately \$24,000 a year. After further discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 1 Denied - Council Member S. Mitchell

MANAGER'S REPORT - Ted Luckadoo

Manager Luckadoo reported the following:

- Reminded Council they have until March 30th to file their Statement of Economic Interest.
- Captain Steve Clare was named the Police Officer of the Year for 2017. He will retire May 21st with 30 years of service. Unfortunately he was unable to attend tonight.
- March 17th from 9:00 - 1:00 in the B-L High School parking lot the Town will be sponsoring and hosting another electronic recycling event for all Lexington County residents. Eight electronic items per household; 5 boxes or bags per household of paper that you need shredded and 8 tires (small car and truck tires, wheelbarrow, atv, and bicycle tires) will be accepted.
- The annual Easter Egg Hunt & Food Truck Rodeo will be March 29th from 5:30-7:30 at the Leesville College Park.
- The pre-construction meetings for the Ridgell Street water tank and pump station projects were held this past week with the contractors for these projects. The Ridgell Street water tank remediation will begin next Thursday and has a contractual end date of August 8th however, it is expected that tank remediation will be finalized in 4 weeks once work begins. Work will begin on the pump stations April 9th and expected completion is October 2nd.
- Reminded Council of the Work Session March 26th to have discussion on the upcoming budget and hospitality tax.
- Town Hall will be closed March 30th for Good Friday holiday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Gambrell to go into Executive Session at 7:35 P. M. to discuss:

A. Contractual Matters Relating to Indigent Defense Contract

B. Contractual Matters Relating to Town Judge Contract

With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 1 Denied - Council Member S. Mitchell

*****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 8:09 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY COUNCIL IN FOLLOW UP TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Indigent Defense Contract

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Prouse to approve the Indigent Defense Contract and to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract on behalf of the Town. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 6 Approved 2 Denied - Council Member Simpkins
Council Member S. Mitchell

B. Town Judge Contract

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member J. Mitchell to approve the Town Judge Contract as proposed and to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract on behalf of the Town. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 1 Denied - Council Member Simpkins

***Council Member Simpkins stated he wished to note a change in his vote for the Indigent Defense Contract from a no vote to a yes vote.**

POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S MEETING-April 9, 2018

Council Member Simpkins stated that item C under New Business (Discussion Regarding the Request from the Batesburg Business Association to Make Improvements to Town Owned

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AGENDA ITEMS CONT'D.

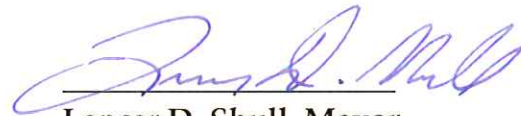
Property Located on Pine Street) that was tabled until next month be on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

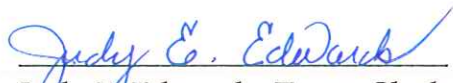
A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member DeLoach to adjourn at 8:14 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

Approved this 9th day of April 2018.


Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:


Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk