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## **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**AUGUST 18, 2021**

The Special Council Meeting for the Town of Batesburg-Leesville was held in Building B of the Town Hall Complex. Mayor Shull called the meeting to order at 6:00 P. M. Members present were Mayor Shull, Council Members Gambrell, Cain, Lemon, Wise, and Hall. Council Member Prouse arrived at 6:05 P. M.; Council Member Mitchell arrived at 6:17 P. M., and Council Member Etheredge arrived at 6:23 P. M.

## **INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Council Member Gambrell.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Member Gambrell led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

VOTE:        6 Approved        0 Denied

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Discussion and Approval by Council of Two Change Order Requests Relating To Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Projects**

Mayor Shull gave Manager Luckadoo the floor. Manager Luckadoo stated on May 24, 2021 during a Special Council Meeting, North American Construction Company was awarded two projects, the aeration basin #1 at the Wastewater Plant for \$371,450.00 and the screw pump, rotary press and digester at the Wastewater Plant for \$2,271,650.00. We received two change order requests, one for the aeration replacement project and one for the screw pump replacement project. The screw pump replacement project, the change order is \$103,330.40 increase and for the aeration replacement project on basin #1 the change order is \$34,491.64 increase. There are two reasons for the change order

**NEW BUSINESS CONT'D. – Manager Luckadoo**

requests, the first being the rapidly escalating cost of materials and the other is when the construction drawings were done the scale on the drawings was off, for every one inch on the construction drawings was indicated as thirty feet, whereas it should have been for every one inch it should have been forty feet. Because of this, that is leading to a scale factor increase for additional materials. The total change order requests are \$137,822.04. A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Prouse that we accept these change orders, one being \$103,330.40 for the screw pump and \$34,491.64 for the aeration project. After discussion, a motion was made by Council Member Cain with a second by Council Member Hall to table the issue. VOTE: 2 Approved – Council Member Cain, Council Member Hall - 5 Denied  
The motion fails to table the issue. After further discussion, a vote was taken on Council Member Gambrell's original motion.

VOTE: 5 Approved 2 Denied – Council Member Cain, Hall

*\*Council Member Mitchell arrived.*

**B. Presentation and Discussion of the Batesburg-Leesville Water & Sewer Plants**

*\*Council Member Etheredge arrived.*

The President of ZEL Engineering (did not get his name) and Jorge Jiminez of ZEL Engineering were present to discuss the water and sewer plants. The President of ZEL stated they have a design already done that needs to be modified for a water treatment facility that the Town has already paid 60% of the design already. The question is money. The President of ZEL stated the State has free grant money for infrastructure. Lengthy presentation and discussion were held on this subject. The Town has to apply to the State for this money and the President of ZEL stated he would fill out the application for the Town at no cost, the Town sends it in, gets the money and then we go with our design. Mr. Jiminez stated it would cost approximately \$200,000 to modify the current plans to fit a new plant here in Town. Council Member Cain made a motion with a second by Council Member Mitchell to authorize ZEL to gather information and do a proposal for the Town to pursue grant money from the State based on the engineering they have already done for us. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 4 Approved 5 Denied – Mayor Shull, Council Member Etheredge,  
*\*\*Motion Failed\*\** Lemon, Wise, Prouse

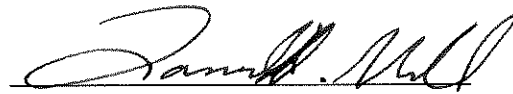
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**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Gambrell to adjourn at 7:17 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

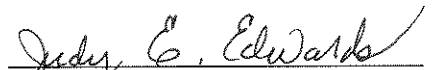
VOTE:        9 Approved                    0 Denied

Approved this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.



Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk