

**TOWN OF BATESBURG-LEESVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
December 11, 2023 7:00 P. M.
TOWN HALL COMPLEX
120 West Church Street (Bldg. B)**

- I CALL TO ORDER**
- II INVOCATION**
- III PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- V ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
 - A. Regular Council Meeting – November 13, 2023**
- VI MAYOR’S REPORT**
 - A. Next Regular Council Meeting – January 8, 2024**
 - B. Council Committee’s Report**
 - 1. Central Midlands – Councilman Bob Hall**
 - 2. Environmental Planning Advisory Committee – Councilman Jason Prouse**
 - 3. The Comet Advisory Committee – Councilman Steve Cain**
 - 4. Joint Municipal Water/Sewer Commission – Mayor Lancer Shull**
 - C. B-L Chamber of Commerce Update – Mike Taylor, President of B-L Chamber of Commerce**
- VII PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**
- VIII UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- IX NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Approval of Regular Council Meeting Dates for 2024**
 - B. First Reading – Ordinance Rezoning Property Located at 114 East Columbia Avenue, Consisting of 0.19 Acres, from C-1, General Commercial, to C-2, Office and Institutional Commercial (TMS# 007100-07-013)**
 - C. Council Discussion Regarding Proposed Woodard Unity Park**
 - D. Council Approval of Council Appointments to Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals**
 - E. Council Election of Mayor Pro Tem**
 - F. Council Appointments For:**
 - a. Town Attorney**
 - b. Central Midlands Council of Governments**
 - c. Environmental Planning Advisory Committee (EPAC)**
 - d. Joint Municipal Water & Sewer Commission**
 - e. The Comet**
- X MANAGER'S REPORT**
 - A. Upcoming Town Holidays and Events**
 - B. Project Updates – Water Project, C Fund Sidewalk Project**
 - C. Monthly Financial Update**
- XI EXECUTIVE SESSION**
 - A. Discussion and Legal Advice Regarding Contractual Matters Related to Residential Development Regulations Involving Lexington County**
 - B. Discussion and Legal Advice Regarding Contractual Matters Between the Town of Batesburg-Leesville and Town of Ridge Spring Relating to Water**
- XII POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY COUNCIL IN FOLLOW UP TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**
 - A. Possible Action Regarding Contractual Matters Related to Residential Development Regulations Involving Lexington County**
 - B. Possible Action Relating to Contractual Matters With Ridge Spring Regarding Water**
- XIII POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S MEETING – January 8, 2024**
- XIV ADJOURNMENT**

Synopsis of Agenda Action Items

New Business

A. Approval of Regular Council Meeting Dates for 2024

- a. As required by State Law, Council must approve the regular monthly Council meeting dates for each month for year 2024. Town Council meetings are held the second Monday of each month.

B. First Reading – Ordinance Rezoning Property Located at 114 East Columbia Avenue, Consisting of 0.19 acres, from C-1, General Commercial, to C-2, Office and Institutional Commercial (TMS# 007100-07-013)

- a. Mr. Douglas N. Bruner III, property owner of 114 East Columbia Avenue, has requested that his property be rezoned from C-1, General Commercial, to C-2, Office and Institutional Commercial. He would like to allow for mixed use occupancy, to include apartment capability on the 1st and 2nd floors. If rezoned, it would allow for residential usage. The Planning Commission met on November 20th and voted to recommend to Council approval. Council will be voting on whether to allow the rezoning.

C. Council Discussion Regarding Proposed Woodard Unity Park

- a. At the end of last month, Councilmember Mitchell requested that Woodard Unity Park be added to this month's agenda for discussion and Council voted in agreement. We have previously purchased the property needed for this proposed park and engineering and design is underway.

D. Council Approval of Council Appointments to the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals

- a. Following elections every two years, newly elected or re-elected members must appoint members to the Town's Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. Some Councilmembers have submitted their appointment/reappointment recommendations for Council approval. Additionally, we have other members who have found appointees and submitted them for approval. Council will be voting on whether to approve the recommendations or not.

E. Council Election of Mayor Pro Tem

- a. Following elections, state law requires that the Council elect from its members a Mayor Pro Tem for a term not to exceed two years. The Mayor Pro Tem exercises the mayor's authority in the case of an absence, disability or vacancy in office. The temporary service of the mayor pro tem terminates upon the return of the Mayor from absence or disability, or the election of a successor when a vacancy in the office of Mayor occurs.

F. Council Appointments for Town Attorney, Central Midlands Council of Governments, Environmental Planning Advisory Committee (EPAC), Joint Municipal Water & Sewer Commission, and The Comet

- a. Following elections, Council votes to appoint members of Council to the above listed positions to represent on behalf to the Town. With regards to the Town Attorney, following elections, the Council must vote on the Town Attorney. The council will be voting on the Town Attorney position and to appoint Councilmembers to the following committees/agencies to represent the Town of Batesburg-Leesville.