

In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, the news media and the public were 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.

PUBLIC HEARING

FEBRUARY 10, 2020

Mayor Shull opened the Public Hearing at 7:01 P. M. to receive citizen input on an *Ordinance Setting Council Compensation*. Since no one appeared before Council, Mayor Shull closed the Public Hearing at 7:02 P. M.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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 7:02 P. M. Members present were Mayor Shull, Council Member Etheredge, Gambrell, Speech-Lemon, Mitchell, Wise, Prouse, and Hall. Council Member Cain was absent.

INVOCATION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Council Member Gambrell. Council Member Gambrell asked everyone to stand and place their hand over their heart.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Prouse to approve. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Etheredge to adopt the minutes of the January 13, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Gambrell to adopt the minutes of the January 21, 2020 Special Council Meeting. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 1 Denied – Council Member Mitchell

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Etheredge to adopt the minutes of the January 27, 2020 Special Council Meeting. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 1 Denied – Council Member Mitchell

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Shull reported the next Regular Council Meeting will be March 9, 2020.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS – Council Member Hall

Council Member Hall reported he has nothing to report; his first meeting will be this Thursday.

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE Council Member Prouse

Council Member Prouse reported this meeting was an “information only” meeting with no votes being taken. Reported the Fairfield Joint Water and Sewer System is currently planning for the construction and operation of a new wastewater treatment facility to be located in southeastern Fairfield County to provide wastewater service to industrial customers along the I-77 corridor in Fairfield County and to other customers in certain portions of Fairfield County where wastewater service is not currently available. Fairfield County is proposing to construct a new industrial park megasite to

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accommodate for approximately 9.2 million square feet of industrial and manufacturing buildings/businesses. An update was given on the Southeast Richland County sewer project that was initiated with the desire to provide a long-term solution that will correct currently failing sewer facilities and cater for future development.

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION – Mayor Shull

Mayor Shull reported the Commission has not met since the last meeting in January.

B-L CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – Mike Taylor, President

Reported the first Chamber event of the new year and new decade will be Saturday, March 21st at T & S Farm. "A BIG NIGHT OUT" will feature Heat 'N Soul band and Music Bingo. Proceeds from this event will be shared with the B-L Relay For Life team.

Arts on the Ridge is in the process of finalizing their plans for the summer performing, visual, and choral arts camps in June. The Dream Catchers held a successful fund raiser in January handling the concessions at the wrestling match held at the B-L leisure Center. The board has met and established a full calendar of events until June. They have worked with the Town and Chamber in the past with such events as the Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween on Main, and Peach Tree 23 Yard Sale and look forward to continuing this in the future.

The Chamber continues to receive updates on legislation every other week from the SC Chamber of Commerce via conference calls. At our last Chamber Partnership Committee Meeting, which is held quarterly, we had presentations on the New Federal Overtime Rules and Festival/Events Compliance. A supervisor of Alcoholic Beverage Licensing and Revenue Officer/Field collections with the Dept. of Revenue made the Festivals/Events presentation. Found out that any ticket sales to the public has an admission tax and a permit is needed when alcoholic beverages are served.

On the Chamber's website there is a Chamber calendar and a community calendar. Anyone in the community can go to the website, click on events at the top of the page, click on Community calendar, and then click add event to post an event for their

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organization, church, etc. In preparation for the Accommodation Tax Funds, found that the top six users on our website are in order, Lexington, B-L, Charlotte, Raleigh, Atlanta, and Gilbert.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Second reading on an *Ordinance Setting Council Compensation* was held. A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Gambrell to adopt. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 1 Denied – Council Member Hall

NEW BUSINESS

A. Proclamation – Proclaiming March 2020 as the 18th Annual March for Meals Month

Mayor Shull read the Proclamation after which a motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Mitchell to adopt. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

B. Proclamation – Barbara Cribb 40 Years with the Town of Batesburg-Leesville

Mayor Shull read the Proclamation after which a motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Hall to adopt. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

C. Approval of Contractor & Funding for Improvements to the Brodie Mill Pump Station

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Etheredge to approve awarding J. L. Construction Co. of Greenville this project and


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ADJOURNMENT


A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Etheredge to adjourn at 8:16 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

Approved this 9th day of March 2020.


Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:


Judy E. Edwards
Town Clerk