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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 13, 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 7:01 P. M. Members present were Mayor Shull, Council Member DeLoach, Simpkins, S. Mitchell, J. Mitchell, Prouse, and Hallman. Council Member Gambrell and Cain were absent.

INVOCATION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Jim Thrailkill, SC Army National Guard, American Legion Post 133, Ridge Spring, SC.

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 by the show of hands.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member J. Mitchell to adopt the minutes from the July 9, 2018 Regular Council Meeting. 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 September 10, 2018.

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CENTRAL MIDLANDS - Council Member Gambrell

No report due to Council Member Gambrell being out sick.

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

Council Member Prouse stated there was a meeting in July when the Town of Lexington requested a change to a current wastewater treatment facility to a holding facility based on their plans to eventually transport their waste to the City of Cayce's new facility. There is also a similar request by Carolina Water Service to do the same thing with their wastewater treatment plant, Friarsgate is the name of that plant; that was approved as well. Fairfield County requested E. P. A. C. membership, apparently they have been an outside member of sorts. The membership request was approved as well. The update to the 208 Water Quality Management Plan is still probably another month or two before that plan update gets submitted to E. P. A. C. Council.

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION - Mayor Shull

Mayor Shull reported he attended a meeting on August 8th at which time officers were elected with Steve MacDougal remaining the Chairman of the Commission. They, like us, did some transfers of cash reserves to make more interest. The water tank at Calks Ferry is almost complete and heading toward being operational very soon.

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

Reported the Chamber's Economic Development Committee met Thursday, August 9th at Midlands Technical College. A new item was placed on the agenda by Chairman Shealy for open discussion on anything a member feels is important to discuss. Beautification was the subject matter this month for discussion. The improvement in Lexington at the intersection of Hwy #378 and Hwy #1 was mentioned; the question was could we improve our intersection at Hwy #23 and Hwy #1 to look this pretty. In reality this intersection will change with the widening of Hwy #1 into Batesburg-Leesville. After discussion, it was determined that it will take a concerted effort by the Town, Chamber, business associations, civic clubs and the community. There was

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concern that the hours at the Lexington Medical Center Urgent Care in B-L had decreased and other rumors around Town. Met with Edwina Bernier, Practice Manager, today to discuss these concerns.

County Council Larry Brigham had informed him that Smith Street and Aiken Street will be included in the C-Funds resurfacing. Reported that County Council is purchasing 15.58 acres that fronts Highway #1 and West Hampton Road for the West Region Complex which will house the Lexington County Sheriff's office, EMS, Magistrate, and eventually a fire station for the West Region. Diesel Laptop has purchased the vacant building previously occupied by Avtec. Mike Eades reported that landscaping was underway in the B-L Industrial Park.

The Mayor and Town Manager gave the Town Report to the committee.

The Chamber reported that while B-L night at the Lexington County Blowfish was rained out at the top of the second inning, the Kornet Sisters performed the National Anthem, our Mayor threw out the first pitch (a high fast ball that wasn't the requested 98 mph), and he was interviewed on radio. All was not lost, and everyone had a good time. The visual and performing arts camp provided by Arts on the Ridge with generous contributions from the community, was very successful. The play, Red Riding Hood, was attended by over 140 people and Shanez Padgett has provided a CD of the play for \$5 available at the Chamber office. The Dream Catchers have had an active summer with their reading program, community projects, and other activities.

Ramblewood Apartments will have a Ribbon Cutting August 31st to celebrate the remodeling of their facility. The Batesburg-Leesville Chamber Annual Auction will be held Saturday, August 25th at T & S Farms beginning at 7:00 P. M.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of a Contract Between the Town of Batesburg-Leesville and AT&T for the Purchase of a New Police Department Dispatch System

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

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

B. Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the County of Lexington and the Town for Disposal of Solid Waste Collected from Saluda County Residents

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

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

C. First Reading on an Ordinance Establishing Council Compensation

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member S. Mitchell to adopt. Attorney Spradley stated this Ordinance was just establishing that Council would receive compensation because Mayor and Council previously repealed Section 1-2-4 during a Special Council Meeting June 19, 2017. You will have to come back and set the salary by another Ordinance. After further discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 6 Approved 1 Denied - Council Member J. Mitchell

MANAGER'S REPORT - Ted Luckadoo

A. County Councilman Larry Brigham Update

County Councilman Brigham reported 15.58 acres were purchased at \$14K per acre on the western side of the county to house EMS, the Sheriff's Department, Magistrate, and eventually the fire station. It wasn't quite 15.58 acres causing the price to drop down. Reported on Malfunction Junction and if you are interested in what DOT is going to do as far as having questions, public hearing type format, that will be held on September 17th at the Columbia Conference Center, 169 Laurelhurst Ave., Columbia. This is a multi-billion dollar project to try and get fixed somehow. Reported the County is

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looking for someone to give them a bid on signage for the Industrial Park that they can live with, one has come in but is over budget.

B. Police Department Grant

A federal grant for \$4,500 has been award for the purchase of new digital body camera equipment, which will replace outdated models and increase the number of cameras being utilized in the field.

C. Peba Health Insurance Increase Notification

Just received notification from the state that 2019 employer premiums for employee health insurance will increase by 7.4% beginning January 2019. There will be no change to the employee contributions. This was an unanticipated mid-budget increase of \$10,800 (General Fund & Utility Fund) to employer contributions. For employee only (\$27.74/mo.), employee/spouse (\$54.96/mo.) employee/child (\$42.58/mo.), and full family (\$68.82/mo.).

D. Bike & Pedestrian Study

A meeting was held Wednesday, August 1st at Central Midlands COG regarding the Bike and Pedestrian Study, which is a grant the COG received to perform studies in Chapin, Swansea, and B-L. We are awaiting confirmation from CMCOG about a possible workshop on Wednesday, September 19th at Town Hall, with the parties performing the study. We will be working with them in the near future on data collection and stakeholder interviews, also, they will be seeking a list of people to interview as part of the study. We are in the process of answering a series of questions that have been submitted preliminarily to best guide them as they begin the process. When we receive further information, Council will be updated.

E. Industrial Park Update

Mike Eades informed us the other day that landscaping has begun in the Park and they had bid the signage a couple of times and have had no luck in finding a sign contractor to construct the signage.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Hallman to convene into Executive Session at 7:43 P. M. for:

- A. Discussion of Contractual Matters Relating to School Resource Officer with Lexington School District Three**
- B. Receipt of Legal Advice Relating to the Hospitality Tax**
- C. Discussion of Contractual Matters Relating to the Proposed Twin City Park Basketball Court**

With no discussion, a vote was taken by the show of hands.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

*****Return to Regular Council Meeting*****

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Hallman to return to the Regular Council Meeting at 8:56 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken by the show of hands.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY COUNCIL IN FOLLOW-UP TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Contractual Matters Relating to School Resource Officer Services with Lexington School District 3**

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Hallman that we accept the new contract with Lexington School District Three in reference to a partnership for a school resource officer. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 6 Approved 1 Denied - Council Member S. Mitchell

**B. POSSIBLE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A LOCAL
HOSPITALITY TAX ON THE SALE OF PREPARED FOOD & BEVERAGE**

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Prouse to accept the Ordinance for a 2% Hospitality Tax in the Town of Batesburg-Leesville with an exhibit list of projects to be visited (1) Revitalization and beautification of the Batesburg-Leesville Business Districts, (2) Rehabilitation of the Haynes Auditorium, (3) Improvements to Town of Batesburg-Leesville owned parks, (4) Marketing and promotion of Town sponsored events. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 6 Approved 1 Denied - Council Member S. Mitchell

Mayor Shull stated there were no other actions from Executive Session.


C. POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER 10, 2018 MEETING - None

ADJOURNMENT

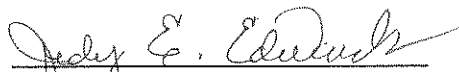
A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member J. Mitchell to adjourn at 8:59 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken by the show of hands.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

Approved this 10th day of September 2018.


Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:


Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk