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## **COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

**AUGUST 27, 2018**

The Council Work Session for the Town of Batesburg-Leesville, held in Building B of the Town Hall Complex, was called to order by Mayor Shull at 6:06 P. M. Members present were Mayor Shull, Council Member Simpkins, J. Mitchell, Prouse, and Hallman. Council Members DeLoach, Gambrell, Cain, and S. Mitchell were absent.

## **INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Council Member Simpkins.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge Allegiance to the American Flag was held.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

VOTE:                    5 Approved                    0 Denied

## **DISCUSSION TOPICS**

### **A. Training & Discussion Regarding the Municipal Auditing Process**

Manager Luckadoo introduced Mrs. Amy Ely with Dooley & Company, who has been long-standing auditors for the Town. She began by stating they are the external auditors and come in to check the books to make sure everything looks in order every year. The audit report summarizes some of the things they do. She explained the Independent Auditor's Report includes the Report on the Financial Statements, Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements, the Auditor's Responsibility their Opinions on what they find, if anything, and Other Matters. They are required to follow the *Government Auditing Standards*, which is an integral part of an audit. She further explained what they look for, questions they have to ask, and make sure procedures are in place. We ensure that financial records are accurate and that taxes

## **AUDITING - CONT'D.**

are paid properly and on time. After the audit an opinion is formed of whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error. At the completion of the audit we may also offer objective advice for improving financial reporting and internal controls to maximize a company's performance and efficiency. After going over the Balance Sheet and Statement of Net Position, there was a question and answer period after which Mrs. Ely left the meeting.

Council recessed from 6:35 until 6:46.

## **B. Presentation & Discussion Regarding Council/Staff Water Project Ideas**

Manager Luckadoo stated that he had asked for ideas earlier on the Water Project. He gave a power-point presentation on the responses he received.

- **PROJECT IDEA TYPES**

- **Capacity/Wholesale Full Purchase from Saluda County Water/Sewer Authority, Joint Municipal Water/Sewer Commission and Newberry**
- **Capacity/Wholesale Partial Purchase for each of the above**
- **New Raw Water Sources**
  1. **Continue to Lake Murray**
  2. **Ables Mill Pond Withdrawal**
  3. **Establish a New Reservoir Near Existing Brodie Mill Creek Pump Station**
  4. **Explore New Ground Water Wells Around the Area**  
Each new source included a Project Scope of Work, Project Pros, Project Cons, Project Costs (approximate)
- **Improvements to Existing Reservoir/Water Plant**
  1. **Dredging Current Town Pond Reservoir**
  2. **Rebuild Suction Screens at Town Pond**
  3. **Upgrades to Existing Water Plant**
  4. **Upgrades to Existing Booster Pump Station at Brodie Mill Creek**

Manager Luckadoo explained each idea with a **Project Overview, Project Scope of Work, Project Pros, Project Cons, and Financial (approximate)**. He also presented the idea of a **Partial Purchase of Water from Gilbert-Summit Rural Water District**. Other

**WATER PROJECT IDEAS CONT'D.**

thoughts and factors were presented to consider and stated these projects ideas are not all inclusive and any of these can be explored in conjunction with other ones. During the presentation, there were a questions and answers.

Before adjournment, Mayor Shull read the resignation from Jim Mitchell, District 6.

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Hallman to accept his resignation effective directly after this meeting. With no discussion, a vote was taken by the show of hands.

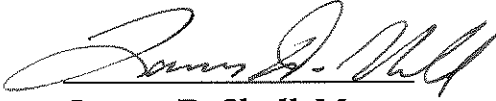
VOTE:                    5 Approved                    0 Denied

**ADJOURNMENT**


A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Prouse to adjourn at 8:25 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken by the show of hands.

VOTE:                    5 Approved                    0 Denied

**Approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2018.**

  
**Lancer D. Shull, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
**Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk**