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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 12, 2019

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 7:00 P. M. Members present were Mayor Shull, Council Member Gambrell, Cain, Simpkins, Mitchell, Whittle, and Prouse. Council Member Etheredge arrived at 7:05 P. M.

INVOCATION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was lead by Council Member Gambrell, retired veteran.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Gambrell to approve the agenda with the removal of Item A: Presentation by Rachel Dieter, League of Women Voters and a delay of Item B: Presentation by John Andoh, Executive Director of The Comet, based upon arrival. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Prouse to adopt the minutes from the July 08, 2019 Regular Council Meeting.

With no discussion, a vote was taken.

Vote: 7 Approved 0 Denied

Council Member Etheredge arrived at this time.

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MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Shull reported the next Regular Council Meeting would be September 09, 2019.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS - Council Member Gambrell

Council Member Gambrell stated that the committee did not meet this month.

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

Council Member Prouse

Council Member Prouse reported that the scheduled meeting for July had been cancelled.

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION - Mayor Shull

Mayor Shull stated that the committee did not meet.

B-L CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - Mike Taylor, President

- The Batesburg-Leesville Chamber of Commerce & Visitor's Center held Batesburg-Leesville Night at the Lexington County Blowfish Baseball Stadium. The Honorable Mayor threw one of several "First Pitches" at the game. Sam Phillips sang the National Anthem. Our mayor had an opportunity to be interviewed during the radio broadcast and inform the radio audience about the town, chamber, and school district. It was a fun night and we got a lot more innings in this year than last, but it ended with a lightning bolt and then the year end fireworks.
- Tomorrow the Chamber, Randall's Produce, and the B-L Ministerial Alliance will deliver fruit and muffin baskets to the four schools, Lifelong Learning Center, and Administration in School District Three.
- The chamber is in the process of launching a new website. Our new website will give us the opportunity to showcase our town, businesses, and community in, I think, a very professional way. This is quite time consuming because all of our

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membership information, and email information has to be transferred over with all addresses and other information checked for accuracy.

- Our 31st Annual Auction will be held this Saturday, August 17th at the T&S Farm beginning at 7:00 PM. We have something in the auction for everyone and some unusual donations that I think will bring some excitement.
- Our August General Membership Meeting will be Thursday, August 22nd at 7:30 PM. For our program we will have the SC Chamber of Commerce Grass Root Tour. The tour allows the state chamber to gather input from businesses of all types and sizes around the state regarding important issues they are facing. The feedback received from the meetings will shape the state Chamber's 2020 Competitiveness Agenda and set the Chamber's priorities for the 2020 legislative session.
- The Dream Catchers 2019 Drone Camp ended last week with a hugely successful Drone Cup Competition held in the gym at the middle school. Four interactive stations were set up - Mario Race Course, Army Search and Rescue during natural disaster, Navel Water Extraction of "survivors" from cruise ship accident, and Racing Air drones that were put through complex obstacle courses beginning and ending at launch pads.
- As a result of this 3 week camp as well as the competition, Dream Catchers will sponsor an ongoing drone club. This will be open to students of all ages but mainly focused on middle and high school. If our experience tells us anything, we will most likely have adult club members as well. The excitement and learning skills that these flying and land drones offer is contagious. Our team has already received an invitation from a private school in Aiken to attend and be a part of regional competitions.
- Dream Catchers will have an ad in the Twin City News next week thanking all of the wonderful sponsors. They would especially like to thank St John's United Methodist Church for the use of their facilities for the camp, the Twin City News for their great support and coverage as well as Channel 19 News who came for 10 minutes and ended up staying for close to an hour to film the drones and the pilots. These "pilots" were on the Channel 19 - WLTX 6 PM news Saturday night showcasing Batesburg-Leesville.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion Regarding the Possibility of New Town Entrance Signs . A motion was made by Council Member Cain with a second by Council Member Mitchell to table the item, after discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 5 Approved 3 Denied - Mayor Shull, Council Member Simpkins, Prouse

MANAGER'S REPORT - Ted Luckadoo

A. Due to the length of the Manager's Report, the attached is an official part of the minutes for August.

B. Presentation by John Andoh, Executive Director The Comet -Due to the length of the Presentation, the attached is an official part of the minutes for August.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Discussion of Contractual Matters Relating to Building Inspection Services by Safe Built

B. Discussion of Contractual Matters Relating to Advanced Disposal Contract

C. Discussion of Contractual Matters Relating to SRO Contract with Lexington School District 3 for 2019/2020 School Year

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Prouse to go into Executive Session at 7:44 PM. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved Denied - Councilmember Cain

Return to Regular Council Meeting

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Whittle to return to Regular Council Meeting at 8:28 PM. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved Denied - Councilmember Cain

POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY COUNCIL IN FOLLOW-UP TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Possible Action for Matters Relating to Building Inspection Services by Safe Built - A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Simpkins to adopt the contract as presented between Safebuilt and the Town to provide building inspections. During discussion Council Member Cain stated "I want the record to reflect that upon information to council, we were told that the County is not equipped to service our town with a Building Inspector", a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved Denied - Councilmember Cain

B. Possible Action for Matters Relating to Advanced Disposal Contract - A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Simpkins to accept the contract from Advanced Disposal. During discussion, Council Member Prouse stated "For the record, it is my understanding that the amendment to the contract is related to a change as a requirement by Lexington County after the initial contract was finalized", a vote was taken.

VOTE: 6 Approved 2 Denied - Council Member Cain, Mitchell

C. Possible Action for Matters Relating to SRO Contract with Lexington School District 3 for 2019/2020 School Year - A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Etheredge to approve the proposed SRO Contract with Lexington School District 3 for 2019/2020 School Year. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved Denied - Council Member Cain

POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER 09, 2019 MEETING

A motion was made by Council Member Cain with a second by Council Member Gambrell to put on the agenda to have a discussion about a proposed down town festival for Downtown Batesburg District. Council Member Simpkins asked if it could be discussed at the Work Session? A motion was made by Council Member Cain and seconded by Council Member Gambrell to withdraw the motion to put on the agenda the discussion about a proposed downtown festival for Downtown Batesburg District.

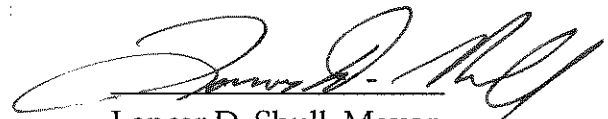
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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Whittle to adjourn at 8:35 PM. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

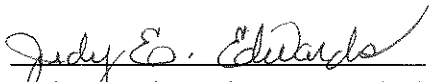
VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

Approved this 09th day of September, 2019.



Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:



Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk