

The Emergency 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 6:00 P. M. Members present were Mayor Shull, Council Member Etheredge, Gambrell, Wise, and Prouse. Council Member Speech-Lemon was present by conference line. Council Members Cain, Mitchell, and Hall were absent.

Mayor Shull stated he has signed a **Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency in the Town of Batesburg-Leesville Due to the Corona Virus Disease (Covid-19.)** Mayor Shull turned the floor over to Attorney Spradley for explanation of the Proclamation, Resolution, and the Ordinance.

Attorney Spradley stated what we are dealing with specifically is Section 1-2-6 of the Batesburg-Leesville Town Code whereby a State of Emergency may be declared by the Mayor and/or Town Council if it finds an emergency has occurred, or that the threat thereof is imminent and extraordinary emergency measures are deemed necessary to cope with the existing or anticipated situation. The Mayor, in consultation with Emergency Officials, the Chief of Police, Fire Chief, and Town Manager, determined that a State of Emergency exists in the Town of Batesburg-Leesville and that extraordinary measures are warranted in order to allow a proper response to keep citizens of the Town of Batesburg-Leesville safe. Attorney Spradley stated basically what this **Resolution** does is it codifies or approves what the Mayor has done. Since we are in an emergency session, it takes two-thirds of those present to take any action. Out of those present now we have to have 4 votes in the affirmative. A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Etheredge that we accept the **Resolution** as presented. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 5 Approved 0 Denied

Mayor Shull asked Attorney Spradley to explain the **Covid-19 Emergency Ordinance**. Attorney Spradley stated this situation is going to be lasting a while, possibly a month or longer, and certain actions must be taken to aid Town Staff and Emergency Services respond to this crisis. There will be two things going on within Town Council, the Regular Meetings and this other phase of government which is going to be the emergency side. Usually we would be in an emergency preparedness room where we had as many Council Members as we could get together for that emergency, two-thirds of those vote to get things done. Because of the length of this, there are things that need to be put in place tonight because we are going to be dealing with this longer than a 24-hour period. Within this Ordinance there are certain things that are State codified that

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we put in the Ordinance for it to be in black and white so everyone knows it. Attorney Spradley went over all 10 provisions that become effective immediately and shall stay in place until revised/removed by a further vote of Council or upon the end of the emergency situation. A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Etheredge to adopt the **COVID-19 EMERGENCY ORDINANCE, #2020-01** which became effective at 6:11 P. M. After discussion, a vote was taken.


VOTE: 5 Approved 0 Denied

ADJOURNMENT

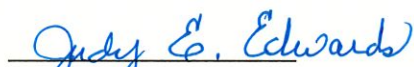
A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Prouse to adjourn at 6:15 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

Vote: 5 Approved 0 Denied

Approved this 13th day of April 2020.


Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:


Judy E. Edwards
Town Clerk