

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

JANUARY 13, 2020

Mayor Shull opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 P. M. to receive citizen input on *an Ordinance Rezoning Property Located NW of West Columbia Avenue, NE of North Bethlehem Road and SW of Russell Street from I-1 "Industrial District" to C-2 Transitional Commercial."* Lexington County TMS#00-7000-06-005. Since no one appeared before Council, Mayor Shull closed the Public Hearing at 7:01 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, Cain, Lemon, Mitchell, Wise, Prouse, and Hall.

INVOCATION - John Yoria (Samaria Baptist Church)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Council Member Gambrell.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VOTE: 9 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 December 9, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

ADOPTION OF MINUTES CONT'D.

A motion was made by Council Member Lemon with a second by Council Member Prouse to adopt the minutes of December 11, 2019 Special Council Meeting. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Shull reported the next Regular Council Meeting will be February 10, 2020.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS - Council Member Gambrell

Council Member Gambrell reported COG had a meeting on December 12, 2019.

- The COG staff requested approval to amend the 2016 - 2022 TIP to transfer \$292,000 in transportation funds from the Guideshare Program to the Transportation Alternatives Program for the Kitty Hawk Sidewalk Project. The purpose of this project was to install approximately 1,600 ft. of sidewalk along Kitty Hawk Drive in the Town of Springfield.
- Adopted a *Resolution Authorizing the Filing of Grant Applications with the United States Department of Transportation and the South Carolina Department of Transportation* to aid in the financing of projects.
- They have a draft of the FY 2019 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects, which shows how COG spends money.
- COG has presented an overall FY 2020-2022 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goal of 5% for federal funds that will be expended in DOT assisted contracts. Are going to spend money on identifying areas that are disadvantaged and bringing them up to date. All you have to do is apply.
- Paid close attention to Adaptive Computerized Signalization System for the Town of Lexington which has two phases. Phase 1 includes 19 of the 35 signal locations and Phase 2 includes 16 of the 35 signal locations. The white paper had Phase 1 and Phase 2 intersections listed and lists the operations and benefits of the system.
- The United States Census Bureau is fixing to gear up and urged everyone to fill out their census and return it. If you don't want to fill out the census, just return it so they will know someone is living at that particular residence.

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Council Member Prouse

Council Member Prouse reported that EPAC did not meet in December, however, there is a scheduled meeting for this Wednesday, January 15th and hopefully will have something to report next month.

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER /SEWER COMMISSION - Mayor Shull

Mayor Shull reported the Commission met on Wednesday night, January 8th.

- The complaints on the taste/smell of the water inside their coverage area is basically gone.
- Highway #378 and Calks Ferry tank was chemically cleaned and inspected
- Wastewater work continues on Lydia Drive near Pelion Middle School
- Continuing to grow at a 4.31% rate with 17,563 water customers as the population continues to move in this direction
- Presentation by the revenue bond company on the recap of that loan
- Received an increase in their bond rating and are now a AA; saving interest of \$331,000 on the bonds they have with them
- Audit was presented and for their fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 operating revenues continued to increase
- Held Executive Session but no action was taken

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - Mike Taylor

Mayor Shull reported that Mr. Taylor sent him a quick email advising that he is unavailable tonight. Reported Arts on the Ridge presented an Evening of Holiday Spirit at Southern Occasions December 13th. The performances were by Sam Phillips who was accompanied by Becky Hughes and narration by Rev. Lisa Isenhower was enjoyed by all. The Chamber received a Legislative update from the SC Chamber of Commerce on Friday, January 10th.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Second reading on an *Ordinance Rezoning Property Located NW of West Columbia Avenue, NE of North Bethlehem Road and SW of Russell Street from I-1 "Industrial District" to C-2 "Transitional Commercial."* Lexington County TMS#007000-06-005 was held. A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Gambrell to accept the second reading. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation of Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Financial Audit by Dooley & Company

Manager Luckadoo introduced Ms. Amy Ely with Dooley & Company to present the presentation.

- Ms. Ely stated she was presenting the annual audit for year ending June 30, 2019.
- Reported the Town received an **unqualified opinion** which is the best opinion that a town can receive. This means that in our opinion the financial statements of the Town are fairly presented in all material respects.
- The Town did not issue any new bonds or become obligated for any new leases for audit year ending 06/30/2019. However, payments did continue on the capital equipment lease from 2016 and 2015 bonds.
- General revenues of the Town, which includes property taxes, state revenue and licenses and permits, account for around \$3.8 million in revenue. This is about 47% of the revenue of the Town. Program revenue, which includes grants and payment for services, account for around \$4.2 million in revenue. This is about 53% of the revenue of the Town. The total revenue of the Town and DPW was approximately \$8 million.
- The Town and DPW had total expenses of approximately \$7.4 million. As you can see, revenues were adequate to cover expenses.
- As of June 30, 2019, the Town had assets of \$19 million and liabilities of \$7.5 million. Included in the total liabilities is an item that is required by governmental accounting standards...net pension liability. This accounts for \$5.3 million of the Town's liabilities. The net pension liability is basically the Town's proportionate share of the State & Police Retirement System's pension

AUDIT PRESENTATION CONT'D.

liability.

- The net position of the Town was approximately \$12.4 million. The net position is, over time, a useful indicator of a government's financial position. The Town's financial position is the product of several financial transactions including revenue and expenses, issuance and payment of debt and acquisition and disposal of capital assets. The net position of the Town and Public Works Department increased by \$676,000. This is about 6% increase from fiscal year 2018 to fiscal year 2019. That is an indicator that financially the Town is in a better position as of June 30, 2019 than it was at that time the previous year.
- Ms. Ely encouraged Council to review all the various financial reports included in the audit report and to review the notes as they provide valuable information concerning the numbers included in the statements.

A question and answer period was held after the presentation. A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Etheredge to accept the audit as presented. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

B. FIRST READING - *Ordinance Setting Council Compensation*

Mayor Shull read the Ordinance Setting Council Compensation after which a motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Hall to approve. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 5 Approved 4 Denied - Council Member Etheredge,
Cain, Lemon, Mitchell

MANAGER'S REPORT - Ted Luckadoo

A. - F. *Due to the length of the Manager's Report, the attached is an official part of the minutes for September.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Discussion of Contractual Matters Relating to the Town Attorney
- B. Discussion of Contractual Matters Relating to the Town Judge
- C. Discussion of Council Appointments for:
 - a. Central Midlands Council of Governments
 - b. Environmental Planning Advisory Committee
 - c. Joint Municipal Water & Sewer Commission
- D. Discussion Regarding the Selection of Council Members to Serve on Town Manager's Evaluation Committee

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Prouse to go into Executive Session at 7:45 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

*****Return to Regular Council Meeting** - A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Etheredge to return to Regular Session at 8:17 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY COUNCIL IN FOLLOW UP TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Possible Action on Contractual Matters Relating to the Town Attorney

A motion was made by Council Member Hall with a second by Council Member Gambrell to amend the Town Attorney's current contract to a 2-year contract ending January 31, 2021 with the current rates. The amended contract is to be brought back to Council to vote on. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

B. Possible Action on Contractual Matters Relating to the Town Judge

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Cain to amend the Town Judge's current contract to a 2-year contract ending January 31, 2021 with the current rates. The amended contract is to be brought back to Council to vote on. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY COUNCIL CONT'D.

C. Possible action on Council Appointments for:

a. Central Midlands Council of Governments

A motion was made by Council Member Mitchell with a second by Council Member Prouse to appoint Council Member Hall. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

b. Environmental Planning Advisory Committee

A motion was made by Council Member Lemon with a second by Council Member Gambrell for Council Member Prouse to remain on this committee. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

c. Joint Municipal Water & Sewer Commission

A motion was made by Council Member Cain with a second by Council Member Mitchell to place Council Member Cain on the Commission. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 5 Approved 4 Denied - Mayor Shull, Council Member Gambrell, Wise, Prouse

D. Possible Action Regarding the Selection of Council Members to Serve on the Town Manager's Evaluation Committee

A motion was made by Council Member Cain with a second by Council Member Mitchell that Council Member Mitchell, Council Member Hall, and Council Member Cain serve on this committee along with Mayor Shull by default. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 4 Approved 5 Denied - Mayor Shull, Council Member Gambrell, Wise, Prouse, Hall

Selection of Council Members to Serve on the Town Manager's Evaluation Committee Cont'd.

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Gambrell that in addition to the Mayor by default we include on that committee Council Member Gambrell, Council Member Mitchell, and Council Member Prouse. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S MEETING - FEBRUARY 10, 2020

A motion was made by Council Member Cain with a second by Council Member Gambrell that we have a report from the Hospitality Committee on the agenda. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

ADJOURNMENT


A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Prouse to adjourn at 8:34 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

Approved this 10th day of February 2020.


Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:


Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk