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COUNCIL WORK SESSION

JANUARY 25, 2021

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 6:05 P. M. Members present were Mayor Shull, Council Member Cain (arrived at 6:13 P. M.), Lemon, Mitchell, Wise, Prouse, and Hall. Council Member Etheredge and Gambrell were absent.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Council Member Prouse.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Chief of Police, Wallace Oswald, also a retired veteran.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation and Discussion of the Town's Fats, Oils, and Grease Proposed Program and Ordinance Changes

Manager Luckadoo stated that at the August 10, 2020 Council Meeting, Council approved Summit Engineering to provide professional services related to updating the Town's fats, oils, and grease (FOG) program and Ordinance. Our previous Ordinance was not adequate to keep the fats, oils, and grease out of the lift stations and plant. As part of the Town's response to address the SCDHEC letter rating our collection system unsatisfactory the FOG Program needs to be implemented. While most of the discharge is normal, the Town has been affected by high concentrations of fats, oils, and grease from food service establishments, automotive and industrial facilities are the main cause of overflows due to blockages. Mr. Jim Longshore with Summit Engineering gave a power point presentation of the program.

Mr. Longshore began with explaining:

- What are fats, oils, and grease

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- Two types of FOG – “yellow” grease and “brown” grease
- Explained why FOG is a problem
- How a sewer blockage affects the sewer system
- Sand can settle in sewer lines and manholes and lead to line blockages and accumulate in pump stations and increase wear on pumps
- Petroleum products can attach to pipe walls and contribute to blockages and at the wastewater plant petroleum products can be toxic to microorganisms or pass through without being treated.
- Sewer line blockages can cause overflows affecting public health and the environment.
- Costly to clean up and repair.
- Potential fines and enforcement actions from DHEC.
- Why we need a FOG Program - to protect the sewer system, reducing overflows, reducing O & M costs, DHEC Consent Order.
- The sewer system is protected by the development and implementation of a Fats, Oils, and Grease Management Program
 - Key Elements of FOG Program are:
 - Legal Authority
 - ✓ Environmental Protection Agency
 - ✓ DHEC
 - ✓ Local
 - Permitting/Control Mechanisms
 - ✓ All existing and new food service establishments should apply for a Discharge Permit
 - Design Standards and Plan Review
 - ✓ The Fats, Oils, and Grease Management Program contains grease trap sizing and design criteria. This covers both existing and new food service establishments
 - Inspections
 - ✓ Grease traps should be inspected during construction to ensure compliance with design standards
 - ✓ Operating systems should be inspected at least annually, more frequently if there are problems with compliance, overflows, etc.

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- ✓ Inspection of operating systems should include a review of grease trap pumping records
- ✓ Institute and follow Best Management Practices
- Enforcement
 - ✓ Failure to comply with any condition of a FOG permit will subject the permittee to enforcement action(s) and/or penalties as provided for in the Town's Enforcement Response Plan (ERP). These enforcement actions may include Notices of Violation, Compliance Directives, Civil Citations (fines up to \$2,000 per day), or termination of water and sewer service.
- Public Education
 - ✓ Brochures/Leaflets – Mail with water and sewer bill or distribute to kitchen workers during inspections
 - ✓ Posters – Post in restaurants kitchens
 - ✓ Civic Organization Meetings – Lions Club, Church groups, etc.
 - ✓ Other – Poultry Festival, schools, etc.

After the presentation, a question and answer period was held.

ADJOURNMENT

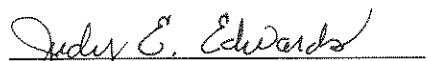
The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 P. M. with all in favor.

Approved this 8th day of February 2021.



Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:



Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk