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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 12, 2023

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 Brown, Gambrell, Cain, Lemon, Wise, Prouse and Hall. Council Member Cain arrived at 7:10 PM and Council Member Mitchell was absent

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Council Member Prouse.

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 to approve the agenda with a second by Council Member Lemon. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Council Prouse with a second by Council Member Gambrell to adopt the minutes from the May 8, 2023 Regular Council Meeting as presented in their packet. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

A motion was made by Council Member Lemon with a second by Council Member Wise to adopt the minutes of the May 30, 2023 Council Work Session as presented in their packet. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Shull reported the next Regular Council Meeting is July 10, 2023.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS – Council Member Hall

Council Member Hall reported that Central Midlands COG met June 1st. Voted to contract with Britt Poole, Town Administrator for the Town of Lexington, as the new Executive Director with a 3-year contract and elected Chairman Will Brennan and Vice Chair Annie McDaniel. Voted to accept the auditor's report for FY21/22 as information only. Received a copy of the new quarterly Financial Report. Was advised the COG does not have the authority to incur debt which may be an obstacle to obtaining space for new hires. The next meeting will be Thursday, June 22nd.

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

Council Member Prouse reported they have not met but a meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 21st.

THE COMET ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Council Member Cain

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION – Mayor Shull

Mayor Shull provided a brief update on the Water and Sewer Commission.

B-L CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – Mike Taylor, President

Reported instead of twenty-five teams that signed up for the golf tournament there were twenty-seven teams. Almost everything concerning the Poultry Festival set new records. Thursday carnival night, the number of parade entries, arts and crafts participants, the road race, and concessions all set new records. Arts on the Ridge sold all of the canvases the artis had painted.

Can't say records were broken for the Peach Tree 23 Yard Sale but there were a lot of people traveling Highway 23 on Friday and Saturday, June 2nd and 3rd. There were a lot of people set

B-L CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Cont'd.

up in the country between Batesburg-Leesville, Monetta, and Ridge Spring. Reported he attended a lunch meeting hosted by Augusta TV Channel 6. They stated that they have so much negative news to report that it was gratifying to talk about communities coming together along a 44-mile stretch to provide this venue. They interviewed people along the 44 miles during the two days.

Reported he received information last Thursday concerning a class available on the B-L Midlands Technical College Campus on Saturday, June 17th from 9:00 A. M. – 12:00 P. M. The free course is Key Tips for Interior Decorating. Registration information is on the Chamber website and Facebook page.

The Chamber has had two recent Ribbon Cuttings. They were for Carolinas Wealth Management and T-Mobile. Congratulations to Hitachi Rail who is celebrating the plants 60th Anniversary this month.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Proclamation – Small Cities Month

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Lemon to adopt. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

B. Resolution – Renewing the Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement Between The Town and County of Lexington for the Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment, and Emergency Solutions Grant Program

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

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.

C. Resolution – Authorizing Town Officials to Apply for State Revolving Fund Loan for JMWSC Project as presented in the packet

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Lemon to adopt. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

D. Resolution – Participation and investment of Town Funds into the SC Local Government Investment Pool as presented in the packet

A motion was made by Council Member Hall with a second by Council Member Gambrell to adopt. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

**E. First Reading – Ordinance to Sell Property Owned by the Town of Batesburg-Leesville
Located at 171 Lookout Point, Saluda County, SC**

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

VOTE: 6 Approved 2 Denied – Council Member Cain, Hall

F. First Reading – Ordinance Amending Rates Related to Water Tap Fees

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Lemon to approve. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

G. First Reading – Ordinance to Amend Water Base Rates and Water Rates Per 1,000 Gallons

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Hall to approve. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 1 Denied – Council Member Cain

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.

H. First Reading – Ordinance Adopting the Fiscal 2023/2024 Town Budget

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Gambrell to approve. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 6 Approved 2 Denied – Council Member Cain, Hall

I. First Reading – Ordinance to Amend Section 1-7-3 of the Town's Code of Ordinances Relating to Filing for Candidacy for Mayor and Council Positions

A motion was made by Council Member Hall with a second by Council Member Lemon to approve. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 1 Denied – Council Member Cain

MANAGER'S REPORT

MASC ANNUAL MEETING

- Just a reminder for Council members who wish to attend the MASC Annual Meeting this year in Greenville July 27-30th. If you haven't done so already, please let me or Jay know that you plan on attending, so we can get with you about registration information. The last day you can let us know is June 16th. Our registration date is on the first day, which is great.

TOWN EVENTS

- The Batesburg-Leesville Kicking Off Summer" concert in College Park was held last Saturday evening at College Park. Ms. Emma Rodgers, who is an 11th grader at BLHS opened the evening with a great performance. Cody Webb followed her and played for 2 hours. We had approximately 300+ people come out for the event. We had a lot of positive feedback from those that attended, with many of them hoping that we will do this more often.

PROJECT UPDATES

- Myself and our engineers attended the mandatory workshop with SC RIA on May 31st at the Columbia Convention Center. There were about 600 engineers, managers, and other representatives from those entities awarded SCIIP funds in attendance. Over the 5 hour work shop, we received information related to federal requirements of the grant, financial

MANAGER'S REPORT CONT'D.

- management related to grant financial tracking, procurement requirements, and permitting through DHEC and SCDOT. We met this week with our engineers at Town Hall to gather final pieces of information relate to our loan application for SRF. That is projected to be submitted within the next week or two. We are also underway in obtaining the 3 easements needed for our project, which must be obtained prior to any loan approval by SRF. We are still fingers crossed and optimistic that we will receive an additional \$4 million towards our project here soon. Lastly, the timeline for bidding the project is now end of July. We cannot bid until the JMWSC project is ready to bid at the same time and there are a couple remaining things being finalized to get them ready.
- The contractor for the Liquid Chemical Feed project has been at work in the early stages of this project. They have relocated a water line where the building is being built, framed the footing for the building, placed gravel down for the foundation and concrete pad, and trenched the plumbing for the building. Underground electrical is slated to begin soon.

TOWN FINANCIAL/BUDGET UPDATE

	May-23	Apr-23	Mar-23	Feb-23	Jan-23	Dec-22	Nov-22	Oct-22	Sep-22	Aug-22	Jul-22
General Fund Checking	\$1,586,833.93	\$1,603,698.39	\$1,354,847.17	\$1,563,169.48	\$1,076,295.79	\$906,304.20	\$1,072,932.64	\$1,237,960.97	\$1,474,661.60	\$2,054,627.16	\$2,385,182.86
General Fund Savings	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Police Donations	\$11,272.50	\$11,237.50	\$13,775.39	\$14,217.50	\$14,167.50	\$17,992.41	\$22,650.68	\$19,622.49	\$19,622.49	\$19,622.49	\$19,232.29
Fire Department 1%	\$29,949.58	\$30,165.48	\$25,250.52	\$25,250.52	\$26,108.38	\$31,926.00	\$32,669.10	\$35,154.32	\$24,605.75	\$24,934.71	\$21,259.67
Municipal Court	\$43,115.74	\$43,480.41	\$44,830.99	\$42,075.85	\$40,577.36	\$37,314.74	\$38,235.99	\$38,616.08	\$45,546.85	\$55,852.11	\$41,418.46
Victims Assistance	\$11,383.45	\$11,084.44	\$10,173.95	\$9,201.70	\$8,813.95	\$8,489.42	\$7,886.52	\$7,499.80	\$6,659.04	\$5,751.91	\$5,321.70
Total (Non-Utility Funds)	\$1,682,555.20	\$1,699,666.22	\$1,448,878.02	\$1,653,915.05	\$1,165,962.98	\$1,002,026.77	\$1,174,374.93	\$1,338,853.66	\$1,571,095.73	\$2,160,788.38	\$2,472,414.98
Utility Fund Checking	\$174,291.29	\$254,855.18	\$204,750.07	\$169,659.92	\$227,088.00	\$362,932.59	\$385,406.30	\$396,457.33	\$385,171.49	\$361,937.66	\$350,045.05
Utility Fund Reserve	\$767,888.35	\$767,888.35	\$767,888.35	\$767,888.35	\$767,888.35	\$767,888.35	\$767,888.35	\$767,888.35	\$767,888.35	\$767,888.35	\$767,888.35
Capital Improvement Project/Impact Fe	\$2,055,529.42	\$2,024,078.59	\$2,082,487.47	\$2,080,329.08	\$2,117,491.87	\$2,093,036.01	\$2,064,548.86	\$2,157,109.56	\$2,105,411.14	\$2,099,424.59	\$2,047,726.17
USDA Debt Service Reserve	\$564,851.44	\$564,851.44	\$564,851.44	\$564,851.44	\$564,851.44	\$564,851.44	\$564,851.44	\$564,851.44	\$564,851.44	\$564,851.44	\$564,851.44
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$1,446,426.27	\$1,578,583.87	\$1,899,079.13	\$1,933,744.05	\$1,950,092.34	\$1,952,556.09	\$1,965,053.07	\$1,978,559.42	\$841,471.38	\$841,471.38	\$841,471.38
2021 Infrastructure Revenue Bond	\$691,061.80	\$973,978.55	\$973,978.55	\$973,978.55	\$973,978.55	\$973,978.55	\$973,978.55	\$1,219,804.41	\$1,392,817.60	\$1,392,817.60	\$1,392,817.60
Total (All Utility Funds)	\$3,562,560.50	\$3,611,673.56	\$3,619,977.33	\$3,582,728.79	\$3,677,319.66	\$3,788,708.39	\$3,782,694.95	\$3,886,306.68	\$3,823,322.42	\$3,794,102.04	\$3,730,506.84
Hospitality Tax Checking	\$1,009,781.00	\$953,669.25	\$893,505.19	\$884,143.54	\$841,904.25	\$794,410.12	\$727,019.08	\$757,986.99	\$703,998.52	\$682,849.10	\$626,956.52
Total All Funds	\$6,254,896.70	\$6,265,009.03	\$5,962,360.54	\$6,120,787.38	\$5,685,186.89	\$5,585,145.28	\$5,684,088.96	\$5,983,147.33	\$6,098,416.67	\$6,637,739.52	\$6,829,878.34

Monthly Account Balances for May Since 2015

	May-23	May-22	May-21	May-20	May-19	May-18	May-17	May-16	May-15
General Fund Checking	\$ 1,586,833.93	\$ 1,553,088.52	\$ 1,515,710.39	\$ 1,260,990.27	\$ 963,591.85	\$ 1,331,063.58	\$ 1,259,345.33	\$ 1,081,048.27	\$ 1,111,017.84
General Fund Savings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 43,401.55	\$ 69,721.07
Police Donations	\$ 11,272.50	\$ 20,399.18	\$ 7,530.06	\$ 4,655.06	\$ 8,381.88	\$ 10,288.87	\$ 5,784.00	\$ 7,766.10	\$ 11,838.17
Fire Department 1%	\$ 29,949.58	\$ 22,535.49	\$ 21,419.65	\$ 14,740.23	\$ 11,827.23	\$ 10,735.15	\$ 9,614.74	\$ 13,343.88	\$ 11,406.55
Municipal Court	\$ 43,115.74	\$ 30,712.04	\$ 32,807.84	\$ 29,451.28	\$ 36,017.50	\$ 29,287.59	\$ 39,314.41	\$ 39,230.53	\$ 26,391.96
Victims Assistance	\$ 11,383.45	\$ 3,723.56	\$ 1,399.56	\$ 524.41	\$ 252.03	\$ 263.67	\$ 100.69	\$ 92.26	\$ 205.23
Total (Non-Utility Funds)	\$ 1,682,555.20	\$ 1,630,458.79	\$ 1,578,867.50	\$ 1,310,361.25	\$ 1,057,422.04	\$ 1,418,990.41	\$ 1,351,510.72	\$ 1,184,882.59	\$ 1,230,580.82
Utility Fund Checking	\$ 174,291.29	\$ 432,058.35	\$ 317,529.76	\$ 85,729.88	\$ 164,999.45	\$ 258,393.86	\$ 443,878.69	\$ 211,698.21	\$ 71,153.32
Utility Fund Reserve	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,858.70	\$ 767,555.31	\$ 762,133.02	\$ 755,546.48	\$ 894,991.26	\$ 504,041.78	\$ 761,676.17
Capital Improvement Project/Impact Fee	\$ 2,055,529.42	\$ 1,933,116.49	\$ 1,522,606.90	\$ 1,543,361.02	\$ 1,317,946.73	\$ 708,593.28	\$ 49,546.72	\$ 32,282.72	\$ 10,043.72
USDA Debt Service Reserve	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,829.57	\$ 564,606.74	\$ 560,618.42	\$ 556,150.80	\$ 231,081.00	\$ 231,081.00	\$ 231,080.00
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$ 1,446,426.27	\$ 841,471.38	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
2021 Infrastructure Revenue Bond	\$ 691,061.80	\$ 1,663,084.74	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 406.02	\$ 1,706.59	\$ 428.34	\$ 1,526.35	\$ 2,591.24
Total (All Utility Funds)	\$ 3,562,560.50	\$ 3,697,914.63	\$ 3,172,829.93	\$ 2,961,257.95	\$ 2,806,106.64	\$ 2,280,393.01	\$ 1,619,927.01	\$ 980,631.06	\$ 1,076,544.45
Hospitality Tax Checking	\$ 1,009,781.00	\$ 562,639.88	\$ 568,301.71	\$ 677,849.61	\$ 189,066.48				
Total All Funds	\$ 6,254,896.70	\$ 5,891,013.30	\$ 5,319,999.14	\$ 4,949,468.81	\$ 4,052,595.16	\$ 3,699,383.42	\$ 2,971,437.73	\$ 2,165,513.65	\$ 2,307,125.27

General Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru May 2023	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 4,269,728.76	\$ 5,214,651.00	82%
Operating Expenses	\$ 4,856,268.19	\$ 5,214,651.00	93%

Utility Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru May 2023	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 3,067,880.97	\$ 3,321,100.00	92%
Operating Expenses	\$ 3,274,915.38	\$ 3,321,100.00	98%

Victim's Assistance Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru May 2023	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 9,173.07	\$ 7,500.00	122%
Operating Expenses	\$ 6,934.80	\$ 7,500.00	92%

Hospitality Tax Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru May 2023	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 682,988.05	\$ 625,000.00	109%
Operating Expenses	\$ 249,610.48	\$ 625,000.00	40%

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Receipt of Legal Advice Relating to a Town Owned Parcel of Property Along Pond Branch

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Prouse to go into Executive Session at 7:40 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

Council Member Brown left after the vote due to illness.

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Gambrell to return to the Regular Council Meeting at 7:49 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY COUNCIL IN FOLLOW UP TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Possible Action Relating to Town Owned Property Along Pond Branch Road

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Lemon that no action was taken. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

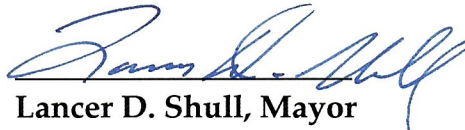
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ADJOURNMENT

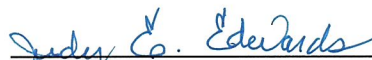
A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Prouse to adjourn at 7:58 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

Approved this 10th day of July, 2023.


Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:


Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk