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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 8, 2020

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 Etheredge, Gambrell, Cain, Lemon, Mitchell, Wise, Prouse, and Hall.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Council Member Hall.

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 Etheredge to approve. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Lemon to adopt the minutes of the May 11, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Gambrell to adopt the minutes of the June 2, 2020 Council Work Session. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

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MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Shull reported the next Regular Council Meeting will be July 13, 2020.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS – Council Member Hall

Council Member Hall reported there was a virtual meeting of Central Midlands but was out of town and there was no access to the meeting available. Reported he would get those minutes of the meeting to Council in the coming week.

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EPAC)

Council Member Prouse

Council Member Prouse reported there was a virtual meeting last month and the only action taken was to approve a change to the rule allowing for future virtual meetings as far as actual action. There were updates given on long-term plans to the projects that include the Three Rivers Watershed and the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, and the Midlands Drought Tabletop Exercise Plan. A meeting was scheduled for this Wednesday but has already been cancelled.

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION – Mayor Shull

Mayor Shull reported the Commission had a virtual meeting also. On the agenda was the approval of the budget for next year which was approved with no rate changes for sewer or water. Also, there was approval for a donation of some furniture to a local charity.

B-L CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – Mike Taylor, President

President Taylor stated it was great to be able to attend the Town Council Meetings again. Stated the Chamber continues to provide all COVID-19 information received from the Small Business Association, SC Chamber of Commerce, Governor's Office, and Lexington County on our Coronavirus Updates page located on our website. This information is also going out on our email blast each week to 216 businesses and individuals. Anyone who is interested in receiving these emails may subscribe at the bottom of our website page www.batesburg-leesvillechamber.org

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There are businesses who had contacted the Chamber who had not received the Payment Protection Program funds before the funding ran out. When additional funds were put in place many of the lending institutions were not taking new applications. The Chamber has called these institutions to make sure they are now accepting new applications and providing this information to those businesses who had contacted us earlier. According to the latest figures from SBA roughly \$130 billion remains available for PPP loans.

Information from the County that affects our community that I am aware of is as follows:

- US Highway #1 widening project into B-L has been delayed until August due to COVID-19.
- Highway #23 resurfacing has been let out for bid. The project has a June 2021 completion date.
- SCDOT to name the portion of Fairview Road from I-20 to Oleander Road "**Fire Engineer Paul Quattlebaum, Jr. Memorial Highway**". A Resolution was sponsored by House of Representative Cal Forest. A Resolution from Lexington County will be presented to the family by Councilman Larry Brigham & Lexington County Fire Service Chief Mark Davis at the County Council meeting on Wednesday.

Received an email from Congressman Joe Wilson's office informing me he had received a generous donation of 10,000 protective masks. Most of these went to Sheriff's Departments of Lexington, Richland, Orangeburg, and Aiken Counties. The remaining were given to the Chambers of which the B-L Chamber received 500 masks. One hundred was given to the B-L Police Department, fifty to the Town, and three hundred twenty-five to the churches in our community. The Chamber kept twenty-five in reserve.

Received an email today from the Director of Economic Development making us aware that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has allocated a specific number of Non-contact Infrared Thermometers (NCIT) to each state for private-sector

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CONT'D.

use. The SC Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) is providing NCITs to each County Economic Development office on a per capita basis. Per FEMA guidance, these thermometers are for private-sector/for-profit businesses with a high degree of person-to-person interaction. Facilities not included are government, non-profit entities, education, hospitals, doctor's offices and other healthcare professional services. Not more than 1 NCIT per 75 employees will be distributed to any company.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Possible Appointment of a Representative to Serve on the Comet Advisory Board

Manager Luckadoo stated Mr. John Andoh, Executive Director of the Comet bus service emailed him asking if our Council would like to appoint someone to serve on The Comet's Advisory Board since they provide bus service to the Batesburg-Leesville community. Council has the ability, should they choose to, to appoint a representative to serve. He stated the appointment could be a Council Member, staff member, or a member of the public. Regardless of who is chosen, the appointment must be voted on by Council. Since we have the service, a voice on the Advisory Board is important. Mr. Andoh stated there are 11 voting members and 7 non-voting and the Board meets twice a month. A motion was made by Council Member Hall with a second by Council Member Gambrell to put this on next month's agenda since no one was elected. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

B. Council Approval of Committee Appointment to the Planning Commission for District 6

Mayor Shull stated that Council Member Wise has recommended the reappointment of Rev. Tillman Gives, who resides within District 6, to the Planning Commission. Rev.

Council Approval of Committee Appointment Cont'd.

Gives has been serving on the Planning Commission and stated he would be delighted to continue to serve. A motion was made by Council Member Hall with a second by Council Member Gambrell to approve the reappointment of Rev. Gives. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

C. First Reading – Ordinance Adopting the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget for the Town

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

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

The first reading adopting the Ordinance for the 2020/2021 Budget failed.

D. Approval of Contract with Hazen & Sawyer Engineers Relating to Water Project

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Gambrell to approve.

A motion was made by Council Member Cain with a second by Council Member Hall to table this since the budget did not pass on first reading and this contract is part of the budget. After discussion, a vote was taken to table.

VOTE: 6 Approved 3 Denied – Council Member Gambrell,
Wise, Mayor Shull

MANAGER'S REPORT – Ted Luckadoo

A. Presentation of the Comet Proposed Budget by John Andoh, Executive Director

Mr. John Andoh stated that we are operating a 1-year pilot bus service which ends March 2021 in Batesburg-Leesville. Stated that Lexington County is only committed to cover the local match for one year and stated that we need to present this to the Town should the bus service be successful and the Town wishes to continue. We will then be

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asking the Town to contribute the local match to continue the bus service. Right now, for running a 1-day a week service that local match is approximately \$4,500 annually, based on 35% of the route miles being in the Town limits. We calculate the local match based by the number of miles operated in a particular jurisdiction. For now, the local match is covered but we respectfully ask that the Town consider some form of a prorated local match contribution starting in March 2021. Further information was given on the bus route for Batesburg-Leesville with Mr. Andoh answering questions from Council.

B. – E. *Manager's Report is attached and is an official part of the minutes for June.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY COUNCIL IN FOLLOW UP TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S MEETING – July 13, 2020

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Gambrell to adjourn at 7:51 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

Approved this 13th day of July 2020.



Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:


Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk

THE TOWN OF *Batesburg-Leesville*

Manager's Update June 2020

CENSUS 2020

- To date, we have had 58 in-town customers submit verification of completing their 2020 Census and receive the \$10 utility bill discount.
- We reached out to Renwick McNeil, who presented at the Council meeting on behalf of Census 2020. He stated the COVID-19 pandemic had caused them to cease field operations and they are about to restart them.
- The Census Bureau did request and extension until October 2020 to finalize, but that final approval has not been granted yet. The deadline for online responses was originally set for the end of July and right now they are operating with a end of October mindset.
- As of yesterday, we are doing well overall with our Census 2020 responses as a Town:
 - National Response – 60.7% (Up from 58.6% last meeting)
 - South Carolina – 55.5% (Up from 53.3%) (39th out of 52 States)
 - Lexington County – 63% (Up from 60.7%) (4th out of 46 counties)
 - Saluda County – 45.5% (Up from 43.3%) (37th out of 46 counties)
 - Batesburg-Leesville – 55.2% (Up from 52.8%) (67th out of 271 cities/towns, 68th last month)
 - Batesburg-Leesville – 68% (2010 total response % for the Town)

MASC ANNUAL MEETING

- As a reminder to all of Council, this year's MASC Annual Meeting in Charleston was canceled.
- The Annual meeting will be held virtually on July 17th, beginning at 9:00am, utilizing Gotowebinar, an online conference platform.
- The link and phone number will be posted on the MASC website so that all you have to do is go to their website that morning and click on the link.
- Discussion topics will include COVID-19 recovery, leadership in difficult times, SC economic outlook, federal legislative issues, election security during the pandemic, proper police procedures, among other topics.

2020 LEXINGTON COUNTY "C" FUND PROJECT

- ❖ Project Description – To repair 40' x 8' of washed out roadway on Brookwood Drive, repair and replace 200' of broken and damaged sidewalk on Charleston Avenue by the Lexington School District 3 Admin Building, and repair and replace 750' of broken and damaged sidewalk on North Peachtree Street between W. Church St. and W. Railroad Avenue.

- ❖ Status – Construction Phase
- ❖ Est. Completion Date – First of July
- ❖ Est. Project Cost - \$35,000
- ❖ Grant Funding - \$35,000 from Lex. Co. “C” Funds
 - **We are hopeful the contractors for these two jobs will begin work within the next week or two.**
 - **The sidewalk contractor is wrapping up a large job in Sumter and will be here once it is complete.**

NORTH LEE STREET & LIVINGSTON LANE SEWER PROJECT

- ❖ Project Description – Replacement of approx. 515 feet of gravity sewer line along N. Lee St. and replace approx. 900 feet of gravity sewer line along Livingston Ln./Hampton Terrace. Both these locations have had reoccurring sewer overflows due to line issues. Looking to replace to resolve these issues.
- ❖ Status – Construction Phase
- ❖ Est. Completion Date – June 18, 2020
- ❖ Project Cost – \$149,869.25
 - **Livingston Lane sewer line replacement will be completed hopefully by today and clean up and grassing will begin next week for the areas where yards were dug up.**
 - **This project appears to be on track for the June 18 completion that we had previously set.**

➤ BRODIE PUMP STATION CDBG PROJECT

- ❖ Project Description – Installation of new pumps, replacement of electrical system, installation of SCADA and monitoring equipment, and replacement static bar screens at Brodie Mill Pump Station.
- ❖ Status – Construction
- ❖ Est. Completion Date – July 2020
- ❖ Est. Cost – \$279,700
- ❖ Grant Funds - \$240,000 (CDBG – Lexington County)
 - **Both pumps are still operating very well and providing adequate water to the Town pond to keep it full at this point.**
 - **The shop drawings for the new electrical panels, SCADA system, and flow meters has been reviewed and approved.**
 - **Once the new electrical panels have been fabricated, the contractor will return to the site and install the panels, SCADA, flow meters and level indicators.**
 - **We are hopeful this work will begin prior to July.**

➤ **WWTP CDBG LIQUID CHEMICAL FEED SYSTEM PROJECT**

- ❖ Project Description – This project will replace the existing gas fed chlorine and sulfur dioxide equipment with new liquid feed equipment and a facility to house the liquid feed equipment at Wastewater Treatment Facility.
- ❖ Status – Structural/Electrical Design, Permitting
- ❖ Est. Completion Date – **Spring 2021**
- ❖ Est. Project Cost - \$439,593
- ❖ Grant Funding - \$395,634 in Lexington County CDBG Funds
 - **Final drafting on the plans is in progress and should be completed at least by the end of June.**
 - **Once these plans are approved by the Town, they will be submitted to DHEC for permitting. This is anticipated by mid July.**
 - **Based on the amount of time it took for DHEC to review the Screw Pump and Sludge Handling project, we feel DHEC approval want occur until close to September.**
 - **If this is the case, advertisements for bid should be in early October with bid opening in early November and Notice to Proceed issued in Mid-January 2021.**

➤ **WWTP ROTARY PRESS/HEADWORKS RIA GRANT PROJECT**

- ❖ Project Description – Remove and install two new screw pumps at the WWTP headworks. Replace the existing sludge dewatering centrifuge with a new rotary filter press.
- ❖ Status – Structural/Electrical Design, and Permitting
- ❖ Est. Completion Date – March 2021
- ❖ Est. Project Cost - \$1,339,550
- ❖ Grant Funding - \$800,000 in South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority Grant
 - **RIA has approved a revised project schedule, scope of work and budget for this project.**
 - **SCDHEC has issued the Permit to Construct.**
 - **We are working on a revised electrical plan to include electrical building modifications. This should be completed within the next two weeks.**
 - **Based on completion of the revised drawings, we expect this project to advertise for bids in early July, with bid opening in early August and issuing a Notice to Proceed in mid-October to mid-November.**