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## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 12, 2018**

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 DeLoach, Gambrell, Cain, Simpkins, S. Mitchell, J. Mitchell, Prouse and Hallman.

## **INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by the Faith Lutheran Church Pastor, Lisa Isenhower.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Sgt. First Class Carl "Chip" Randolph Simmons, III, son of Council Member Linda DeLoach.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins to approve the agenda. Town Manager Luckadoo stated that Gregory Sprouse was here tonight to do an update on the Bike and Pedestrian Feasibility Grant Study through Central Midlands Council of Government which is under the Manager's Report, but due to a conflict Manager Luckadoo asked if the agenda could be amended to move him up to the Mayor's Report. A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins to amend the agenda with a second by Council Member J. Mitchell. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                      9 Approved                      0 Denied

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Hallman that we move Item A under the Manager's Report, Bike and Pedestrian Feasibility Grant Study by Gregory Sprouse, up to the Mayor's Report as Item A and move the others down accordingly due to the fact that Mr. Sprouse has another commitment. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                      9 Approved                      0 Denied

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Hallman to adopt the minutes from the January 8, 2018 Regular Council Meeting. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                      9 Approved                      0 Denied

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member DeLoach to adopt the minutes from the January 22, 2018 Work Session. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                      9 Approved                      0 Denied

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Gregory Sprouse with Central Midlands Council of Government gave an update on the Bike and Pedestrian Feasibility Study which came out of the Strategic Plan for Batesburg-Leesville for connectivity of the two historic business districts and surrounding neighborhoods. This project is worked on through their transportation program. Several years ago we received some small grant funds to work with jurisdictions within Lexington County to do walk ability and bike ability assessments. We had a specific grant to work with Batesburg-Leesville, Swansea and Chapin and have been working to leverage those funds with Federal funds to do a much bigger planning study. We are working with the transportation planning director and the South Carolina Department of Transportation to hire a consultant team that will come in and work with those three communities to develop a bike and pedestrian plan. As far as the time line goes, we have already released the RFP and are selecting a consultant right now and hope to have a contract in place by the April time frame and think it will be approximately an 8-month planning process so by the end of the calendar year we hope to bring to you a finished bike and pedestrian study. We will look at the existing conditions in the community and try to inventory the existing bike and pedestrian facility, look at activity centers, origins and destinations, how safe it is and who is using the current sidewalk network. We will then have some public meetings, some focus group meetings with community leaders and that will ultimately lead to a plan with goals, policies and recommendations. What we hope to have is a priority project list that the Town can then work with our agency and other partners to try and implement. One of the things we want



**MAYOR'S REPORT CONT'D. - Gregory Sprouse**

to see to come out of this is a catalyst project for each of these communities.

Mayor Shull reported the next the next Regular Council Meeting would be March 12, 2018.

**CENTRAL MIDLANDS - Council Member Gambrell**

Council Member Gambrell reported the Central Midlands Council has not met this month. Last month they met and it was a direct relationship to the bus activity in and around the city of Columbia coming up with different routes and methods of getting people from point A to point B. There needs to be some type of movement on the finishing of Highway #1; talked with several people about that and they did mention there was a program that was submitted several years ago that they are still waiting on a answer to. I asked that they redefine that and get it back to us as soon as possible. This is in reference to phase 2 and 3 of the widening of Highway #1. There is like 16 right-of-ways that have not been signed causing the holdup. Mayor Shull stated he understands that there are septic tanks that had to be moved on some of the properties but could not be moved because there was no place the septic tank would work. Those people will actually have to be relocated which will take the rest of 2018 with construction happening in the spring of 2019.

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

Council Member Prouse reported that E. P. A. C. has not met this month but the next meeting will be in April.

**JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION - Mayor Shull**

Mayor Shull reported he attended his first meeting on January 10, 2018 and was sworn in and took his oath of office as a new commissioner. Steven MacDougall, Mayor of Lexington, was elected chairman of the Joint Water/Sewer Commission. An overview was given on the workings of the Commission. Discussion was held on the dedicated fire line charges to

## **JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION CONT'D.**

with no decision made. Approved a one million dollar supplemental budget appropriation for a Highway #1 tank and water pump station. Held Executive Session for discussion of two items, a land acquisition for CIP and discussion for redesign of their office facilities. The next meeting is February 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30.

## **B-L CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - Mike Taylor, Executive Director**

Mike Taylor reported the following:

- The Economic Development Committee met Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.
- County Councilman Larry Brigham reported that the county was aware that trash from outside of the county was being taken to the county Recycling Centers by outside residents and construction companies. They are looking into the best method to control this be it stickers on vehicles (2 per household-free), a person at the gate, etc.
- Councilman Brigham also announced that C-Fund projects approved in our area are: paving Brodie Rd. from Cedar St. to S. Brodie Rd. (1.0 mile); Cedar St. from S. Lee St. to Brodie Rd. (.16 mile); Hallman St. from Mitchell St. to N. Carolina Ave, (.31 mile); Lexington St. from Peachtree St. to Fulmer St. (.16 mile); and Fair St. from W. Columbia Ave. to Liberty St. (.42 mile).
- Reported on a meeting that he attended at Blue Cross Blue Shield giving the Legislative and Economic Reports for South Carolina.
- Arts on the Ridge will have the week of theatrical training and play in July.
- The Dream Catchers have a full year already planned.
- The Chambers first major community event will be March 23<sup>rd</sup> at T & S Farms, a joint effort with B-L Relay for Life with the proceeds being split between the two.
- Reported the B-L Ministerial Alliance meets at the Chamber; the Easter Community Service will be Good Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11:00 at Leesville United Methodist Church

## **PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA - None**

Manager Luckadoo stated in order to speak you must sign up with the Clerk no later than 10 minutes before the start of the meeting with discussion limited to items on the current



**PUBLIC COMMENT CONT'D.**

agenda. Council Member S. Mitchell asked if the public knew this and requested signs be placed advising the public if anyone did not know this.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Proclamation - *Proclaiming March 2018 as the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual March for Meals Month***

Mayor Shull read the Proclamation after which a motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Simpkins to accept the Proclamation. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                                      9 Approved                                      0 Denied

**B. Approval of Funds & Selection of Contractor for CDBG Funded Sewer Lift Station Repairs**

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Gambrell that we award the CDBG Sewer Lift Station Improvement contract to AAA Utility & Construction, LLC as the lowest bidder and approve the Town's match of \$40,309.50. Tim Schumpert, Utilities Director, stated the CDBG grant award was \$403,095.00 with a required match of ten percent. This brings the construction funding total to \$443,404.50. The low bid received from AAA Utility and Construction, LLC was for \$318,000.00 and CDBG requires a 10% match by the Town. We are awaiting a response from CDBG staff concerning the use of the remaining grant funds for our purposes with additional work at the pump stations. If the entire grant award is expended for the pump station project the 10% match would be \$40,309.50. After discussion, Council Member Simpkins amended his his original motion to bring it in line with the bid that has been approved in which the amount would change to \$31,800.00 with a second by Council Member Gambrell. With no further discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                                      9 Approved                                      0 Denied

**NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.**

**C. Approval of Funds & Selection of Contractor for Rural Infrastructure Authority Grant Funded Ridgell Street Water Tank Remediation**

A motion was made by Council Member Hallman with a second by Council Member J. Mitchell that we award the Ridgell Street Elevated Water Tank Remediation contract to Leary Construction Co., Inc. as the lowest bidder in the amount of \$120,350.00 and approve the Town's grant match of 25% in the amount of \$30,087.00. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                                      9 Approved                                      0 Denied

**D. First Reading Amending the Employee Policy & Procedure Manual Relating to Town Holidays** was held. A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member DeLoach to approve the first reading. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                                      9 Approved                                      0 Denied

**E. Discussion Regarding a Request by Council Member Cain for a Possible New Basketball Court at the Twin City Park**

Council Member Cain requested \$13,000 for a new basketball court to bring some movement to the young people in our community with type 2 diabetes and other problems. Council Member Cain stated that Rev. Gives is willing to do a 99 year lease to the Town for \$1 on the property since it is owned by the Twin City Alumni. Council Member Cain made a motion to direct our attorney to negotiate a lease contract with the Twin City Alumni Association and if terms are agreed to, we appropriate the \$13,000 to move forward on that project and we also direct our Town Manager to find and appropriate \$13,000 for this project with a second by Council Member S. Mitchell. Discussion was held on exactly where this money is going to come from. Attorney Spradley stated by this motion and second Council is giving the Manager the authority to take the \$13,000 from anywhere in the budget that he sees fit, he can't move things around in the budget unless you give him the authority. Manager Luckadoo stated the Town has a savings account with approximately \$34,000 that can be used. This money is not a part of the operating budget, it's a savings account. Council Member Cain withdrew his motion and Council Member S. Mitchell withdrew her second. A motion was made by Council Member Cain to direct our Town Manager and



**NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.**

**E. Basketball Court Cont'd.**

Town Attorney to draft a lease agreement with the Twin City Association with a goal of constructing a basketball pavilion at the Maple Street site with a second by Council Member Gambrell. After previous discussion was held, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                      9 Approved                      0 Denied

**MANAGER'S REPORT - Ted Luckadoo**

Manager Luckadoo reported the following:

**Industrial Park Update**

- Lexington County is currently in the process of getting the B-L Industrial Park certified through the SC Department of Commerce with the assistance of WK Dickson. The Town is working with Dickson to provide information needed for this certification before February 21<sup>st</sup>. Mike Eades has stated this is important and certainly makes the park more attractive to potential industries.
- They are moving forward with clearing some of the trees on site to thin out the park and hope to grade a couple parcels to make them more appealing for viewing.
- Landscaping and signage is in its final phase and will be bid soon for installation.
- There is one manufacturer that has the park in the running with an industrial park in Georgia. Lexington County is doing all they can to seal the deal with this manufacturer.

**SCDOT Sidewalk Grant Update**

- As a reminder, this grant is for the installation of new sidewalks down Highway #23 (Phase II) from S. Lee Street to Walmart and for the installation of new and replacement of old sidewalk along Highway #1 (Phase 1) from Livingston Place to S. Lee Street.
- Staff has spoken with SCDOT and SCANA officials about the possibility of installing conduit underneath the sidewalk so that the conduit is in place for future decorative lamp posts.
- Spoke with the Right-of-Way agent today concerning an update on the acquisition. Phase I ROW has started and has 4 signed agreements of the 6 property owners along Highway #1. He has reached verbal agreements with the other 2 property owners. Once Phase I ROW is complete and all documents signed by the remaining 2 property owners, Phase I of the project can be released to go out for bid and then Phase II will begin. Once ROW and 50% of Phase I construction is complete, Phase II can go out for bid and that project can begin.
- Construction for Phase I is expected to begin around Fall/Winter 2018 and Phase II construction is expected to begin Spring 2019.

## **MANAGER'S REPORT CONT.D.**

### **Upcoming February 26<sup>th</sup> Council Work Session**

- Reminded Council of the Work Session February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P. M. to discuss the water project for the Town.
- ZEL Engineers will be present for Council discussion.

### **March 17, 2018 Electronic Recycling Event**

- From 9:00 A. M. to 1:00 P. M. March 17, 2018 the Town will be sponsoring and hosting another Electronic Recycling Event at the B-L High School parking lot open to all Lexington County residents.
- Disposal items include electronics (computers, printers, TVs, microwaves, cell phones, rechargeable batteries, stereo equipment, and more with a limit of 8 items per household. You can also have 5 boxes or bags per household of paper that needs shredding. Also small car and truck tires, wheelbarrow, ATV, and bicycle tires will be accepted but large tractor tires cannot be accepted.
- Advance Disposal is providing tire collection services while the Town is providing paper shredding and Lexington County is providing the electronic collection.

### **Town Egg Hunt**

- The Town's Annual Egg Hunt will be held Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 - 7:30 P . M. at the Leesville College Park.
- This year we will have multiple food trucks at the event for people to have dinner should they choose to do so. We have commitments from Dippin Dogs, Karen's Mobile Kitchen, the Ice Cream Stick, and Coffee Shop Wine Shop (coffee, drinks). The food vendors are providing us menus and pricing so we can post those well in advance so people will have an idea of how much they need to bring should they choose to participate. We will provide the kids with Kool-Aid and popcorn.
- We have reached out to many more food truck vendors about their availability and many are not available or have not responded. We started with all food trucks that have or had a business license through the Town.



## EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Hallman to go into Executive Session at 8:19 P. M. to discuss:

**A. Contractual Matters Relating to Indigent Defense Contract**

**B. Contractual Matters Relating to Town Judge Contract**

**C. Legal Matters Relating to Saluda County Encroachment Permit and Appeal**

With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

### ***\*\*Return to Regular Council Session\*\****

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Cain to return to the Regular Council Meeting at 9:32 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

**POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY COUNCIL IN FOLLOW UP TO EXECUTIVE SESSION - None**

**POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S MEETING - March 12, 2018**

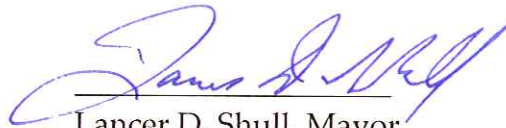
Council Member Cain asked that the Lease Agreement and funding source for the Twin City Park be on next month's agenda.

## ADJOURNMENT

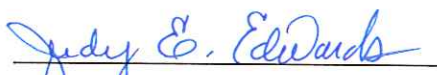
A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member J. Mitchell to adjourn at 9:34 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

**Approved this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018.**

  
Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Judy E. Edwards