

*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**

**JULY 9, 2018**

Mayor Shull opened the Public Hearing at 7:02 P. M. for citizen input on an **Ordinance Rezoning 438 East Columbia Avenue from C-2 "Office and Institutional Commercial" to C-1 "General Commercial." (Lexington County TMS #006027-03-016)** Pansy Buzhardt, Jay Hendrix, and Rhonda Hollimon addressed Council after which the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 7:08 P. M.

## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

The Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Batesburg, held in Building B of the Town Hall Complex, was called to order by Mayor Shull at 7:08 P. M. Members present were Mayor Shull, Council Member DeLoach, Gambrell, Simpkins, J. Mitchell, Prouse, and Hallman. Council Member S. Mitchell arrived at 7:14 P. M. and Council Member Cain arrived at 7:38 P. M.

## **INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Council Member Simpkins.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was held.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member J. Mitchell to approve the agenda. With no discussion, a vote was taken by the show of hands.

VOTE:                    7 Approved                    0 Denied

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Council Member DeLoach with a second by Council Member Simpkins to adopt the minutes from the June 11, Regular Council Meeting. With no

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES CONT'D.**

discussion, a vote was taken by the show of hands.

VOTE:                    7 Approved                    0 Denied

A motion was made by Council Member DeLoach with a second by Council Member Simpkins to adopt the minutes from the June 25, 2018 Special Council Meeting. With no discussion, a vote was taken by the show of hands.

VOTE:                    7 Approved                    0 Denied

A motion was made by Council Member DeLoach with a second by Council Member Hallman to adopt the minutes from the June 25, 2018 Council Work Session. With no discussion, a vote was taken by the show of hands.

VOTE:                    7 Approved                    0 Denied

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Shull reported the next Regular Council Meeting will be August 13, 2018 and there will not be a Council Work Session in July due to vacations, etc.

**CENTRAL MIDLANDS - Council Member Gambrell**

Council Member Gambrell reported that Central Midlands met June 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 to go over the following items that are of interest to our area.

- \$1.6M funding for the vehicle Comet system in Columbia
- The cost of a specific project for CMCOG in the amount of \$611,00
- The COG's applications for CDBG will be opened August 17<sup>th</sup>, these are 10% match grants
- Their next meeting will be July 26<sup>th</sup> at 12:00

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

Council Member Prouse reported that there was no June meeting and the next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>.

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

Mayor Shull reported there was no meeting in June and will not meet in July.

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

Mr. Taylor was unable to attend.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Second Reading on *Ordinance Rezoning 438 East Columbia Avenue from C-2 "Office and Institutional Commercial" to C-1 "General Commercial" (Lexington County TMS #006027-03-016* was held. A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Gambrell to adopt. With no discussion, a roll-call vote was taken.

VOTE:                    7 Approved                    0 Denied

*\*\*Council Member S. Mitchell arrived at 7:14 P. M. during the vote.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. Mayor Shull read a *Resolution Establishing Council's Recognition of the Importance of Workplace Safety*. A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Hallman to adopt. With no discussion, a roll-call vote was taken.

VOTE:                    8 Approved                    0 Denied

B. Mayor Shull read a *Resolution Waiving Facility Rental Fees for Dream Catchers Events at Leesville College Park and Wilson Street Park*. A motion was made by Council Member J. Mitchell with a second by Council Member Prouse to adopt. With no discussion, a roll-call vote was taken.

VOTE:                    8                    Approved                    0 Denied

**DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ORDINANCE RELATED TO THE TOWN'S  
EMPLOYEE POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL**

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Simpkins to take the Ordinance from the table for discussion. With no discussion, a roll-call vote was taken.

VOTE:                    7 Approved                    1 Denied - Council Member S. Mitchell

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Hallman to adopt the second reading of the *Ordinance to Repeal & Replace The Town's Employee Policy & Procedure Manual*. After discussion, a roll-call vote was taken.

VOTE:                    6 Approved                    2 Denied - Council Member Simpkins,  
Council Member S. Mitchell

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT - Ted Luckadoo**

**A. MASC Annual Meeting & Regional Advocacy Meetings**

Reminded those attending the MASC Annual Meeting the hotel reservations begin Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> with the meeting starting July 19<sup>th</sup> and ending July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Each year the MASC hosts Regional Advocacy Meetings to gain valuable input to develop 2019 advocacy initiatives. The MASC legislative team will brief municipal officials about bills affecting cities and towns that passed in 2018 and topics of concern for 2019. The next meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2018 at 11 A. M. in the Cayce Tennis & Fitness Center, 1120 Fort Congaree Trail with lunch provided. If attending, let the manager know.

**B. In-Town Road Resurfacing Update**

To date over the past couple of weeks, the following roads have been resurfaced: S. Fair Avenue, Lexington Street, Bedenbaugh Street, Hallman Street, and Cedar Street just today. These resurfacing projects are being completed by Lexington County utilizing their C-Funds, which come from the State. Roads remaining to be resurfaced are Academy Street, Bond Street, Blanding Street, Circle Drive, Marion Street, Fox Street, Brodie Road, and all of Hwy. #1 through Town, which DOT is doing.

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

### **C. CDBG Sewer Lift Station Project Update**

The by-pass piping portion of the project is completed for three of the four pump stations: Hartwell (Berwick-Offray), North Lee Street, and Shealy Pond with the by-pass piping scheduled for the North Plant to begin this week.

### **D. C-Fund Sidewalk Project Update**

\$42,0000 in repairs are underway for sidewalks along W. Church Street between Pine and Rabun. All sections to be repaired should be completed by the end of July.

### **E. Upcoming Smoke Alarm Blitz**

State Fire Marshall's Office is providing the B-L Fire Department with 65 smoke alarms to be installed in the Saluda County part of Town. The Fire Department is partnering with State Fire, the Red Cross, and others to perform the smoke alarm blitz which will be Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **F. Upcoming RIA Grant Project Idea (Rural Infrastructure Authority)**

The grant application workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, July 11, 2018 from 9 A. M. to 1 P. M. Plans are to submit an application for assistance with construction of a sludge holding/digestion basin and appurtenances at the wastewater plant with an anticipated project cost of \$.75M. An alternate project could be installing a SCADA system and process control equipment and replacing the power distribution panel and new power and control distribution bank at the wastewater treatment plant.

The SC **Rural Infrastructure Authority** (RIA) was created to help communities with financing for qualified **infrastructure** projects. **Infrastructure** refers to water and waste water systems as well as storm water drainage and other public facilities. There is a 25% match plus all of the engineering costs.

*\*\*Council Member Cain arrived at 7:38 P. M. during the Manager's Report\*\**

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Gambrell to go into Executive Session at 7:30 P. M. to discuss:

**A. Contractual Matters Relating to the Proposed Twin City Park Basketball Court**

With no discussion, a vote was taken by the show of hands.

VOTE:                    9 Approved                    0 Denied

***\*\*Council Member S. Mitchell left directly after the Executive Session was concluded\*\****

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

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member J. Mitchell to return to the Regular Council Meeting at 8:10 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken by a show of hands.

VOTE:                    8 Approved                    0 Denied

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

**POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S MEETING-AUGUST 13, 2018**

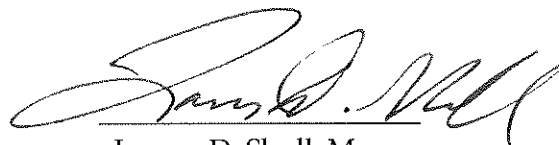
Council Member Simpkins asked to have discussion reinstating Council's stipend Ordinance.

**ADJOURNMENT**

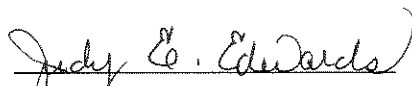
A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Cain to adjourn. With no discussion, a vote was taken by a show of hands. Council adjourned at 8:13 P. M.

VOTE:                    8 Approved                    0 Denied

**Approved this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 2018.**

  
Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk