



**APPROVAL OF AGENDA CONT'D.**

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Gambrell to approve the agenda after it was amended. With no discussion, a vote was taken by the show of hands.

VOTE:                    6 Approved                    0 Denied

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Resolution - Recognizing the Batesburg-Leesville High School Panther Band**

Mayor Shull read the Resolution after which a motion was made by Council Gambrell with a second by Council Member Simpkins to adopt. With no discussion, a vote was taken by the show of hands.

VOTE:                    6 Approved                    0 Denied

**B. Resolution - Recognizing the B-L Bantam Youth Football Championship**

Mayor Shull read the Resolution after which a motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Hallman to adopt. With no discussion, a vote was taken by the show of hands.

VOTE:                    6 Approved                    0 Denied

*The recipients of both Resolutions received a standing ovation.*

Mayor Shull paused the meeting in order for the participants to leave if they so desired.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Hallman to adopt the minutes from the October 8, 2018 Regular Council Meeting. With no discussion, a vote was taken by the show of hands.

VOTE:                    6 Approved                    0 Denied

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Shull reported the next Regular Council Meeting will be December 10, 2018.

### **CENTRAL MIDLANDS - Council Member Gambrell**

Council Member Gambrell reported the COG met in regular session. They put out the new Central Midlands Economic Development Brochure that listed the official population for Batesburg-Leesville as 5,273 with a life expectancy of 78 in our city. We had 7 single building permits and 4 commercial. The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy provides grant funds to the nation's most distressed communities to revitalize, expand, or upgrade their physical infrastructure and are for towns and counties to apply for on an open basis. They went over the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, the family and resident type. Went over the SC Energy Office Mini-Grant Program to fund several high-impact projects in the areas of energy efficiency, renewable energy and alternative fuels. The next grant for \$5,000 is for Towns and high schools to apply for. The next meeting is Thanksgiving.

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

Council Member Prouse reported that EPAC did not meet last month and changed their regular scheduled meeting to November 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE - Mayor Shull**

Mayor Shull reported the Commission met on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Reported no major impacts from Hurricane Florence but had electrical outages in several sites; did a lot of prep for Hurricane Michael. Had a request for an RFP for the expansion of their physical offices. They had an issue with taste and odor complaint which was controlled quickly and easily. The next meeting will be tomorrow at 5:30.

### **B-L CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - Mike Taylor, President**

- ≈ The Annual Fashion Show was held on Tuesday evening, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, at Southern Occasions beginning at 7:00. This year's event was jointly sponsored by the Chamber and the B-L Study Club with between 85 and 100 people from the Midlands.
- ≈ Our next event in October was held jointly with the Town, "Halloween on Main". This was a great event and received comments from people out of town that brought their children and grandchildren. The Town, Town employees, Chief Oswald and the Police Department, Leesville Merchants Association, Dream Catchers, and everyone did a terrific job.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CONT'D**

- ≈ The Chamber held a Ribbon Cutting for Sweet Magnolia Travel on Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 11 A. M., which is located at 113-B Main Street, Leesville Business District.
- ≈ Tomorrow night, November 13<sup>th</sup>, we will have our Annual Banquet with Tom Ledbetter, associate Vice President for the Center for Entrepreneurial Success and Community Engagement, as our speaker. This will be at T & S Farms beginning at 7:00 P. M.
- ≈ The Batesburg-Leesville Ministerial Alliance will have the Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 P. M. at St. John's United Methodist Church located at 513 W. Church Street, Batesburg Business District. A monetary offering as well as donations of non-perishable food items and paper products will be gathered to give to the Christian Ministry Center on Summerland Avenue.
- ≈ The Annual Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting will be Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 5:30. Plans will be finalized Wednesday morning.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Second Reading - Ordinance for MASC Setoff Debt Program**

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Simpkins to adopt second reading. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:           5 Approved                           1 Denied - Council Member S. Mitchell

**B. Second Reading - Ordinance Adopting 5% Franchise Agreement with Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative**

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

VOTE:           6 Approved                           0 Denied

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS CONT'D.**

**C. Second Reading - Ordinance Adopting 5% Franchise Agreement with  
South Carolina Electric & Gas**

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

VOTE:                    6 Approved                    0 Denied

**NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.**

**C. Approval of an Automatic Aid Agreement with Ridge Spring Fire  
Department**

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Hallman to approve. After a background was given by Fire Chief Hendrix and discussion was held, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                    6 Approved                    0 Denied

**MANAGER'S REPORT - Ted Luckadoo**

*Due to the length of the Manager's Report, the attached is an official part of the minutes for November.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - None**

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

**POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S MEETING - December 10<sup>th</sup>**

Council Member Simpkins asked to review the Senior Assistance Program. It was agreed to have this review at the November 26<sup>th</sup> Work Session.

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## Manager's Update November 2018

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### **MASC HED Grant Award**

- We received notification from the Municipal Association that we were one of 13 municipalities statewide to be awarded a \$25,000 grant for this year.
- To recap what was previously reported about the grant, our application was to hire a consulting firm to perform a Master Plan study of both historic downtown districts, both town owned parks, and the historic Haynes Auditorium to convert it into a performing arts theatre.
- The money is available to us at this point and it is a reimbursement grant, which means we must pay first and seek reimbursement after payments have been made.
- We are in the process of drafting a RFP to put out on the website and SC Business Opportunities (SCBO) website. We will do a 30 day response for RFP's and will then come to Council with bidders and recommendations.
- I will keep you posted as we progress through the process.

### **JAG Award for High School Resource Officer**

- We have received notice that we have been awarded a grant for \$94,138 from the Justice Assistance Grant Program for funding of the High School SRO position and all the equipment for the new position. This includes vehicle, uniforms, equipment, and all personnel costs.
- This is a 1 year grant and not a multi-year grant.
- We have notified Dr. Gary about the grant and talked about updating the costs for this year based on how both entities budgeted. They have agreed to pay the 75% of the 10% match the grant requires.
- We will be updating the financials regarding this and will report that once we have had a chance to figure it out.

### **CDBG Funding for Brodie Mill Pump Station**

- Lexington County CDBG staff currently has a public notification posted and will be taking to County Council a request to provide us with \$240,000 in excess CDBG funds the department has from prior projects that came in under budget.
- The funds will be utilized for upgrades and improvements to the Brodie Mill Pump Station. It will replace the 1963 pumps that still exists and have been rebuilt many times over the years. It would also replace existing control panels and electrical equipment and install remote monitoring equipment and SCADA, which it currently doesn't have.

- Once County Council approves, we will bid the job and get a total cost, to which, if any additional funds are needed over the \$240,000 and on top of the \$24,000 10% match, we will request from Council along with selection of contractor.

### **SCDOT TAP Grant Sidewalk Project Update**

- SCDOT accepted bids on Oct. 9, 2018 for Phase I (Highway 1 portion) of the sidewalk project to replace and install new sidewalks.
- The lowest bid came from Palmetto Corporation of Conway for \$219,863.53. With that amount plus engineering costs and 3% contingencies, the total project cost for Phase I is \$490,776.24. We currently have a budget for Phase I of \$596,000, which means this project bid \$105,224 under budget. The remaining funds from Phase I will be used for engineering and construction of Phase II.
- Construction is estimated to begin January 2019 with a completion date of June 30, 2019.
- Once Phase I is 50% complete, staff will be submitting a funding request to SCDOT for additional TAP funds to cover the remaining cost of Phase II, that Phase I remaining funds will not fully cover.

### **Annual Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting**

- This year's B-L Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade is scheduled for Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30pm.
- This year's theme will be "Holidays through the Eyes of a Child"
- If you are interested in riding on the Town float for the parade, please let me know as soon as possible.
- We are currently working on the tree lighting ceremony that will follow the parade in Leesville College Park and will have those details later.

### **Fire Prevention Month Recap (Chief Jay Hendrix)**

- Chief Hendrix to provide recap

### **Hurricane Clean Up Progress & New Street Dept. Truck**

- This week, our Street Department caught completely up on debris from both Hurricanes.
- We had 108 loads taken to the limb/leaf landfill in Oct., last Oct 2017, we had 159. The difference is that we did the 108 with one truck and last year we had two trucks.

- The new street dept. truck has been in service for the past two weeks and that has allowed us to speed up collection and get fully caught up.
- The Fleet Dept. was able to install temporary wood sides on the dump body to get it out and on the road, but the metal sides are in and they will be welding those on the body soon.

### **Building Codes Effectiveness ISO Rating Improvement**

- A couple months ago, we mentioned in an update that Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO) was performing a survey, which occurs every 5 years, on our Building Codes processes, permitting, inspections, etc...
- The Town also has an ISO rating for the Fire Department, which is updated every 5 years, but that is just a note and was not being performed in this survey.
- For clarification, ISO is an insurer-supported organization with the primary mission of providing advisory insurance underwriting and rating information to insurers. Insurers may use both Building Codes Effectiveness Grading and Fire Ratings as a basis for the credits used on insurance premiums.
- The results of this survey improved our Residential ISO rating from 5 to 4 and our Commercial ISO rating from 6 to 4.

### **Water Project RFQ for Consulting Services**

- We have posted the RFQ for consulting services relating to our water project on both the Town website and SCBO. This is set to close and submissions by interested consulting firms must be to us by December 4<sup>th</sup>. Once received, we will bring to Council for discussion.
- The scope of consulting service is to provide scope of work, cost estimates, and financial analysis for full purchase of water from SCWSA, JMWSC, and continuing with raw water from lake with improvements to our current water plant.

### **CDBG Sewer Lift Station Improvement Update**

- The 4 sewer lift stations that have been improved through CDBG grant awards totaling \$403,000 are finalized and operating with the new control panels and two new generators have been installed and are available for service if power is lost.
- There are still several punch list items, but they are being addressed and are not holding up any operations of the lift stations.
- The SCADA systems being installed on the lift stations to have remote monitoring capabilities are being addressed as a part of finalizing this project.
- We have submitted a change order to CDBG staff to replace a damaged meter can at one pump station, two deteriorated pipe spools and to perform some painting of pump station



pipng. This would all be done within remaining grant and budgeted funds, no additional funds will be needed from the Town.

**SCDHEC Inspection Results from WWTP Survey**

- Tim Schumpert to provide update

**Quarterly Financial Update**

- Separate document

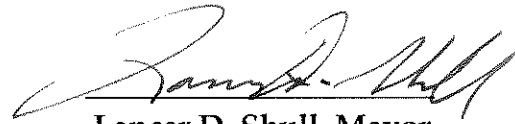
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**ADJOURNMENT**

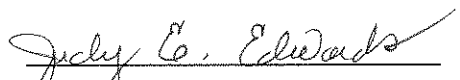
A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Simpkins to adjourn at 8:28 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken by the show of hands.

VOTE:                      6 Approved                      0 Denied

Approved this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January 2019.

  
Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk