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.

#### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 13, 2019

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 7:05 P. M. Members present were Mayor Shull, Council Member Etheredge, Gambrell, Cain, Simpkins, Mitchell, Whittle, Prouse, and Hallman.

### **INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Rev. Kent Suits of Christ Community Church.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was lead by Council Member Gambrell, retired veteran.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VOTE:

9 Approved

0 Denied

#### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Gambrell to adopt the minutes of the April 8, 2019 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 Gambrell to adopt the minutes of the April 29, 2019 Council Work Session. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:

9 Approved

0 Denied

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Shull reported the next Regular Council Meeting would be June 10, 2019.

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

Council Member Gambrell stated he had no report.

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

Council Member Prouse stated he had no report.

## JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION - Mayor Shull

Mayor Shull reported the Commission met last Wednesday. The budget was presented at this meeting and was past. Construction is still underway on the new office.

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

President Taylor reported the following:

- The B-L Chamber of Commerce & Visitor's Center, like the Town of Batesburg-Leesville, has been busy preparing for this past weekend. The toll free calls for the SC Poultry Festival have been heavy for the past month. The SC Poultry Festival/B-L Chamber Golf Tournament was held Friday. We are thankful that the weather forecasts for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday were wrong until 7:30 Saturday night.
- The Kelly Miller Circus presold 207 children's tickets for the circus on Monday night, May 20th. The Chamber has delivered those tickets to businesses and individuals in Gilbert, Lake Murray area, Batesburg-Leesville, Monetta, Ridge Spring, Saluda, and beyond; 58 of those tickets purchased were donated to the B-L Ministerial Alliance to give to less fortunate children that might not be able to attend. The circus posting on the Chamber Facebook page has reached 7,645 people with 936 engagements.

## Chamber of Commerce Report Cont'd.

- The B-L Chamber of Commerce & Visitor's Center will conduct a ribbon cutting for Palmetto Crest Sundry on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 P. M. during their grand opening. The Sundry is located at 104 Main Street in the Leesville business district and will celebrate their grand opening from 10:00 A. M. until 6:00 P. M. with refreshments and door prizes.
- The Dream Catchers are getting ready for the Peachtree 23 Yard Sale on Friday, May 31st and Saturday, June 1st.
- As previously mentioned, the Arts on the Ridge Summer Camps will be June 24th
   27th at the Batesburg-Leesville Middle School.
- The Chamber and Lexington Medical Center will conduct a free heart health screening on Wednesday, June 19th beginning at 7:30 A. M. The screening will include blood pressure assessment, blood sugar screening test for risk of developing diabetes, and lipid profile (total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, and Triglycerides) screening test for coronary heart and vascular disease. Those interested need to call the Chamber for an appointment.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Quinton Whit spoke on the need for a basketball court in the hopes of keeping young people off the streets. There is nothing for the young kids to do therefore they stay on the streets.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Mayor Shull read a *Proclamation Designating May 15, 2019 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day.* A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Gambrell to adopt. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

B. Mayor Shull read a Proclamation Recognizing the Order of the Eastern Star Twin City Chapter #243 and their 71st Anniversary as a Chapter. A motion was made by

#### **#B. NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.**

Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Gambrell to adopt. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:

9 Approved

0 Denied

C. Mayor Shull read a *Resolution for the Peachtree 23 Yard Sales*. A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Gambrell to adopt. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:

9 Approved

0 Denied

D. First Reading on an Ordinance Consenting to the Addition of 25.57 Acres of Real Property in the Batesburg-Leesville Industrial Park Into the Multi-County Industrial Park with the County of Lexington and the County of Calhoun was held. A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Hallman to approve first reading. After discussion was held by Manager Luckadoo and Mike Eades, a vote was taken.

VOTE:

9 Approved

0 Denied

E. Discussion Regarding Request By Council Member for Funds to Attend the National League of Cities Small Cities Conference was held. A motion was made by Council Member Cain to free up \$850 for him to attend the Small Cities Conference which is sponsored by the National League of Cities. With no second to the motion, the motion dies.

#### MANAGER'S REPORT - Ted Luckadoo

## A. Introduction of New Town Employees

Present for the meeting tonight was Al Wilson, the new Code Enforcement Officer. Other new employees that were unable to attend tonight are:

1. Tim Roof - PD Dispatcher

- 6. Shawn Bryant Volunteer Firefighter
- 2. Chaz Collins Volunteer Firefighter 7. Eric Herringshaw Volunteer Firefighter
- 3. FH Anderson Volunteer Firefighter 8. Mitzi Campbell Williams Indigent
- 4. Raymond Muilenburg Volunteer Firefighter

Defense Attorney

5. Travis Alewine - Volunteer Firefighter

## MANAGER'S REPORT CONT'D.

#### B. Event

- a. Poultry Festival
- b. Kelly Miller Circus
- c. Peachtree 23 Yard Sale
- d. MASC Annual Meeting
- e. Summer Movie Nights in the Par

## C. Project Updates

- a. SCDOT Sidewalk Project
- b. Master Plan Study
- c. Water Alternative Study
- d. Brodie Mill Pump Station Remediation
- e. WWTP Chemical Feed System CDBG Project
- f. WWTP RIA Grant for Improvements to Sludge Handling & Plant Headworks
- g. C Fund Sidewalk Repair Project
- h. SCDHEC Consent Order Items Update

Due to the length of the Manager's Report, the attached is an official part of the minutes for May 13, 2019.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Discussion of Contractual Matters Relating to Indigent Defense Services
- B. Discussion of Contractual Matters Relating to Building Inspection Services for the Town
- C. Discussion of Proposed Lease Agreement with Twin City Alumni Association for Proposed Basketball Court
- D. Discussion of Contractual Matters Relating to the Town Manager's Employment Contract

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Prouse to go into Executive Session at 7:55 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved

0 Denied

## Return to Regular Council Meeting

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Gambrell to return to Regular Council Meeting at 9:05 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:

9 Approved

0 Denied

## POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY COUNCIL IN FOLLOW-UP TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

## A. Contractual Matters Relating to Indigent Defense Services

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Hallman to adopt the contract as presented in Executive Session. The contract is with Attorney Mitzi Campbell Williams With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:

9 Approved

0 Denied

## B. Relating to Building Inspection Services for the Town

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Simpkins to extend the contract with Safebuilt until June 30, 2019. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:

9 Approved

0 Denied

# C. Relating to the Proposed Lease Agreement with Twin City Alumni Association for the Proposed Basketball Court

A motion was made by Council Member Cain with a second by Council Member Gambrell that we direct staff in Administration to do an RFP for the construction of a basketball court and TCP explore insurance requirements for such project in the Twin City Park. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:

9 Approved

0 Denied

## D. Relating to the Town Manager's Employment Contract

No action was taken.

## POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR JUNE 10, 2019

Council Member Cain submitted as information to the Town Manager a petition from citizens on Maple Street for the Town to place traffic safety speed bumps on Maple Street.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	)	
COUNTY OF LEXINGTON	)	PROCLAMATION
TOWN OF BATESBURG-LEESVILI	LE )	

WHEREAS, the Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15, 2019 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which it falls as Police Week; and

WHEREAS, the day was set forth to honor officers who gave the ultimate sacrifice. The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund reported that 144 law enforcement officers lost their lives in the line of duty in 2018; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of law enforcement, and that the law enforcement agencies recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation; and

WHEREAS, federal, state, county and municipal law enforcement agencies have grown into modern and scientific agencies which unceasingly provide a vital service; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Town Council of Batesburg-Leesville that May 15, 2019 is hereby declared to be Peace Officers Memorial Day with a special observance to be held on May 14, 2019 at the Lexington County Law Enforcement Monument and that May 12 through 18, 2019 be declared Police Week in the Town of Batesburg-Leesville, and that all citizens are urged to recognize fallen law enforcement officers, disabled law enforcement officers, as well as the law enforcement officers, and their families, who currently preserve the rights and security of all citizens.

Dated this 13th Day of May 2019.

TOWN OF BATESBURG-LEESVILLE

Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:

Judy Eo. Edwards
Town Clerk

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	)	
COUNTY OF LEXINGTON	)	PROCLAMATION
TOWN OF BATESBURG-LEESVILI	Æ)	

WHEREAS, the Order of the Eastern Star Twin City Chapter #243 was organized in 1948 by Brother Zack Townsend, the Grand Patron of Aiken, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Sister Cynthia B. Clark was chosen as the first Worthy Matron and served from 1948-1954 and Brother Samuel Padgett as the first Worthy Patron, and they were accompanied by 26 other initial members; and

WHEREAS, the Masons and Eastern Stars purchased land on Howard Street to serve as home for the Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star Twin City Chapter #243; and

WHEREAS, over the course of the past 71 years, the Twin City Chapter #243 has provided significant public service through fundraisers to fund jewels at Twin City High School, funding senior trips to Washington, D.C, purchasing material for high school curtains, Christmas baskets, donations to the Batesburg-Leesville Band Booster Club;

WHEREAS, the Twin City Chapter #243 has contributed over the years to flood and hurricane disaster victims; and

WHEREAS, the Order of the Eastern Star Twin City Chapter #243 is currently lead by Worthy Matron Sister Janice Carter Prioleau and Worthy Patron Brother Howard Rowe and has 17 Brother and Sister members; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Town Council of Batesburg-Leesville that we recognize the Order of the Eastern Star Twin City Chapter #243 and their 71<sup>st</sup> Anniversary as a Chapter and commend their service to the public both over the years and today.

Dated this 13th Day of May 2019.

TOWN OF BATESBURG-LEESVILLE

Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:

Judy E. Edwards

Town Clerk

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	)	
COUNTY OF LEXINGTON	•	RESOLUTION
TOWN OF BATESBURG-LEESVILLE	)	

WHEREAS, the "Peachtree 23 Yard Sale" event will be held on Friday, May 31st and Saturday, June 1, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of Batesburg –Leesville *will for these days only, waive* the \$5.00 permit fee for any yard sale held on *Highway 23*.

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this is in effect for Friday, May 31st and Saturday, June 1, 2019.

Dated this 13th Day of May 2019.

p. Edwards

TOWN OF BATESBURG-LEESVILLE

Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:

Judy E. Edwards

**Town Clerk** 



## Manager's Update May 2019

## **Poultry Festival**

- Overall, despite a wash out Saturday night, it was a successful Poultry Festival and the
  weather was great despite the forecast calling for rain all of Friday night and all day
  Saturday.
- A special thanks goes out to the Poultry Festival Steering committee and volunteers that assisted in making it another great year.

## **Kelly Miller Circus**

- As a reminder, the Kelly Miller Circus will be in Town on the night of May 20, 2019 and shows will be held at 5:30pm and 8:00pm.
- It will be held in the field at the B-L Leisure Center.
- Tickets can be purchased at Town Hall, B-L Chamber of Commerce, Morgan's Pharmacy, Bob's Ace Hardware and online at <a href="https://www.bestcircus.com">www.bestcircus.com</a>.
- Fliers have been placed throughout Town in businesses. Please help to get the word out, so our citizens and families can take part in the family event.

## Peachtree 23 Yard Sale

• This year's Peachtree 23 Yard Sale will be held on Friday, May 31st and Saturday, June 1st from B-L to Ward, SC.

## **MASC Annual Meeting**

- This year's MASC Annual Meeting will be held in Greenville, SC July 18-21.
- At this point, I have received one registration form for attendance to this year's event.
- The lottery occurred last week for registration and our registration time is Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.
- We asked that if you plan to attend this year's Annual Meeting, please get us your registration form by Friday, May 24.

## Summer Movie Nights in the Park

- Christy Weed, Director of our B-L Leisure Center, called me this week to inform me that they have agreed to put on a couple movie nights in the park this summer.
- We will begin working with their staff to organize the dates and logistics to try and make these successful events.

## **SCDOT Sidewalk Project**

- Palmetto Corp. of Conway crews have just about completed work on the Highway 1 portion of the project.
- The only part remaining is at the corner of Highway 1 and North Lee Street.
- The new sidewalk is looking great and the feedback has been very positive from members of the community.
- We worked this past week and will continue to work this week on finalizing everything for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase TAP grant of an additional \$400,000.

## **Master Plan Study**

- The consulting team performing the Master Plan Study will be in B-L this Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-7:30pm
- They will be touring both downtown business districts, both town owned parks and the Haynes Auditorium.
- Additionally, they will be conducting staff/stakeholder input sessions and will have a community drop in for input from 5:00-7:30pm that evening.

## **Water Alternative Study**

- To date, Hazen and Sawyer has complete stakeholder meetings with SCWSA, JMWSC, G-S Rural Water District and the Town of Ridge Spring to discuss the 3 options being evaluated.
- They will be working to setup a meeting with the Saluda County Council to discuss the Lake Murray option soon.
- They will begin moving further into their infrastructure and water modeling this week and financial analysis components.
- They are approximately 4-5 weeks into the study and still have about 8-10 weeks left.
- In the next few weeks, we will be setting up a time for them to come and update Council on where they stand and to share any pertinent information they have obtained to date.

## **Brodie Mill Pump Station Remediation**

- We have been working with Lexington County CDBG staff to get this project going, since they have awarded us \$240,000 in mid-year funds.
- We have ordered the new pumps for this project and they are being built.
- Additionally, all environmental evaluations are being completed as a part of the grant.
- We are having the electrical components of the pump station evaluated currently.
- While there is not much physical work being done on this project right now, all preliminary work is underway so we can begin work as soon as possible. Once there are more confirmed dates on work beginning, I will provide an update.

## WWTP Chemical Feed System CDBG Project

- County Council has awarded the \$395,634, however, funds for 2019 year will not be available until after July 1, 2019, which means we can't get started on the work until after that time.
- With that said, we have completed surveying for the new chemical feed building.
- As well, CMCOG will be conducting the environmental reviews and we have design
  work being done, so we have that completed by the time funds are available and were
  able to RFP the job.

## WWTP RIA Grant for Improvements to Sludge Handling and Plant Headworks

- We completed a grant funding application with the Rural Infrastructure Authority approx. 2 months ago to replace the current centrifuge operation with a rotary filter press system.
- Additionally, the application is to replace and install 2 new screw pumps and perform some headwork modifications where the sewer enters the plant.
- The total projected project cost for this is \$1,218,000 and RIA typically funds up to \$500,000.
- However, I held a phone conference with Ms. Bonnie Ammons, Executive Director of RIA, and Ms. Jackie Mack, Program Manager, about our project and funding request.
- They expressed their understanding of our needs and the financial burden large projects like this can be on smaller systems, so they are going to recommend to their board that our project be funded and for the \$500,000 to be increased to \$800,000, which greatly reduces the amount the Town has to contribute.
- The project still has to be awarded and funded by their board, but they feel good about the chances and we are appreciative of their willingness to recommend the additional funding.

### C Fund Sidewalk Repair Project

- The RFP for sidewalk repairs was submitted to the SCBO website and was posted on the Town's website April 26, 2019.
- We held a mandatory pre-bid conference on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> to go over the sidewalks included in the bid posting and to answer any questions interested contractors had.
- Responses are due to us this Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> by 4:00pm.
- We will evaluate the responses and bring bids to Council at the June 10<sup>th</sup> regular council meeting to award contractors and funds.
- We would anticipate this work beginning around August 2019.

• Location	Width	Length
Wilson St. (Pine St. to Fair St. – North Side)*	60"	1,100′
Wilson St. (Fair St. to Charleston Ave. – North Side)*	48"	150′
123 N. Pine Street (West Side)	60"	10'
239 E. Columbia Ave (North Side)	54"	10′
113 W. Columbia Ave (North Side)	54"	42'
123 W. Columbia Ave (Multiple Sections – North Side)	54"	175'
101 W. Columbia Ave (Lifelong Learning Center)	54"	90'

## **SCDHEC Consent Order Update**

- Our response to the updated Consent Order is due by this Thursday.
- With regards to the security gates at the Water Plant, we have put a RFP out for the installation of new automatic security gates and have held a pre-bid conference with interested contractors. Bids will be received soon and we will come to Council for funding request and to award contractor at June 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.
- We have drafted the valve maintenance program and hydrant flushing program and will submit and have that completed soon.
- We have ordered the new chemical metering pumps that were written into the updated order and will have them installed around the first of June.
- It appears we will have all items listed in the new order completed with the exception of the water source quantity completed within the next couple months.
- With regards to the water source quantity, we will have our full response and plan of action to them once the study is complete and we can pick a direction and better put together a timeline of implementation.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Whittle to adjourn at 9:11 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:

9 Approved

0 Denied

Approved this 10th day of June 2019.

Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:

JudyJE. Edwards

**Town Clerk**