

Regular Council Meeting

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ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Hall to adopt the minutes from the October 12, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Shull reported the next Council Meeting would be December 14, 2020 and also reported the Middle School Panthers have a championship game tomorrow night and Veterans' Day on Wednesday.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS COG – Council Member Hall

Council Member Hall reported on the CMCOG meeting via zoom on Thursday October 22, 2020 with 38 participants.

- All items on the agenda provided to Council were approved.
- The Comprehensive Economic Development presentation and the Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan of which Council Members have excerpts can find those that apply to Batesburg-Leesville.
- There will be no meeting in November and the next scheduled meeting will be December 10, 2020.

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Council Member Prouse

Council Member Prouse reported there was no meeting during the month of October but there is a meeting scheduled for January 20th.

THE COMET ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Council Member Cain

Council Member Cain thanked Town Manager Luckadoo for helping him with the bus route. He further stated The Comet is submitting a proposal to the Town for consideration to expand Route 97 to operate five days a week with an additional stop added at Midlands Technical College – Airport Campus. The expense would be shared

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The Comet Advisory Committee Cont'd.

between the Town of Batesburg-Leesville and the Towns of Lexington, Springdale, and Cayce. Discussion will be held on the proposed cost at a Council work session.

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION – Mayor Shull

Mayor Shull reported the last Commission meeting was October 14th with a very light agenda. David Curry was recognized with having 20 years of service; an extension of a Resolution to conduct electronic meetings; and consideration of proposed changes to Commission Procurement Policies and Procedures.

B-L CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – Mike Taylor, President

Reported the Batesburg-Leesville Chamber of Commerce & Visitor's Center is planning on hosting the 2020 Christmas Parade on Sunday, December 6th. A letter and entry form have gone out to all participants from last year. The letter and entry form are on our website and Facebook page. The deadline for entries is November 23rd and after the deadline we will determine the feasibility of having the parade.

Our Annual Banquet will be Thursday, November 19th at T&S Farms beginning at 7:00 P. M. Otis Rawl will be our guest speaker. Mr. Rawl served twenty-three years with the Department of Revenue retiring on November 30, 2001 as Deputy Director for Revenue and Regulatory Operations. He joined the SC Chamber of Commerce as President of Public Policy. In 2004 he was named chief operating officer and was in charge of the Chamber's overall operations including public policy, legislative affairs, work force development, administration, membership, and communications. On October 1, 2008 he was named President and CEO of the SC State Chamber. Mr. Rawl served as President and CEO of the Greater Lexington Chamber of Commerce from 2016 until 2020.

Reported he had received an email today from Midlands Education and Business Alliance with information on a Virtual Career Fair for students in the Midlands. It gives businesses an opportunity to provide a video on career opportunities in their business. This information is posted on the Chamber website in the Community Calendar.

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MANAGER'S REPORT – Ted Luckadoo

CDBG “Minor Home Repair” and “Comprehensive Repair” Information Sessions

- On the Thursday following the last Council meeting, we held the two informational sessions at Town Hall concerning Lexington County’s “Minor Home Repair” and “Comprehensive Repair” programs.
- We had 37 total people attend between the two sessions. There was great discussion and enthusiasm about the programs from those who attended. Attendees left with application packages to begin the process should they choose to move forward and qualify for the grant funding.
- Since then, we have had multiple people contact Town Hall, come by and make copies, and ask for some assistance with the applications.

Christmas Lights, Parade, and Tree Lighting

- Our new Christmas lights are in and staff will begin putting the Christmas lights up around Town next week.
- At the moment, the B-L Chamber is still planning to host the B-L Christmas Parade on December, 6th. Due to COVID-19, it is unsure what impact that will have on participation in this years parade. While it is still planned, the Chamber is still determining the feasibility and are asking those interested in being in the parade to respond by November 23rd. This year’s theme, should the parade continue is “Season of Hope.”
- The determination has been made that it is probably not in the best interest to move forward with holding the Tree Lighting ceremony this year. This is due to many people being confined in a smaller area, while the parade allows people to spread out over a much larger area and stay within their family or group.

Downtown Business District Line Painting

- Line painting was performed today in both business districts.

MANAGER'S REPORT CONT'D.

Community Clean Up Even

Christ Community Church, in conjunction with some community members, organized and held a community clean up this past Saturday from 8:00-12:00. We appreciate them for putting this together and working hard to improve our Town.

- They collected 43 bags of litter, which weighed just over 400 lbs. they had other bulk items as well.

Devil's Backbone Water Project, Brodie Pump Station, WWTP, Town Hall Roof, GIS RFP

- The Devil's Backbone water line relocation project, which was approved at the last Council meeting has been finalized and SCDOT is moving forward with their remaining work to finalize that intersection. The contractor was able to do the work within the \$40,000 budget and did not need to use additional funds due to rock.
- We are still awaiting the contractor to come on site and finalize the Brodie Pump Station project. We believe it will be within the next week or two. Once he is on-site, the work should be completed in not much more than a week.
- With Council approval at the last meeting to purchase the aeration equipment, that order has been placed and confirmed by the manufacturers. It is expected to take 8-10 weeks to build. The aeration drawings for the bid package are being finalized and should be submitted to SCDHEC anytime now. Once submitted, SCDHEC has agreed to prioritize the review and get it stamped quickly.
- Once SCDHEC has approved the drawings, both the aeration construction and RIA Funded headworks project will be put out for bid together in hopes to get one contractor for both jobs. SCDHEC did approve our permit for the headworks job and that bid package has been sent to RIA for final review prior to advertising.
- The materials for Town Hall roof are on order and the contractor is awaiting that to come in. Our contact is trying to determine their timeline with his production staff so he can provide us with a timeline for them to come and re-roof building A.
- The RFP for the Sewer Collection System GIS has been reviewed internally by multiple people and should be going out this week. It will be posted for 30 days and we hope to bring this to Council in December for approval.

TOWN FINANCIAL/BUDGET UPDATE

Monthly Account Balances for Fiscal Year 2020/2021

	Oct-20	Sep-20	Aug-20	Jul-20
General Fund Checking	\$ 1,222,560.33	\$ 1,464,391.88	\$ 1,587,048.12	\$ 1,773,743.00
General Fund Savings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Police Donations	\$ 5,155.06	\$ 5,155.06	\$ 5,155.06	\$ 4,655.06
Fire Department 1%	\$ 26,629.34	\$ 26,629.34	\$ 17,581.74	\$ 14,740.23
Municipal Court	\$ 31,459.27	\$ 31,459.27	\$ 32,906.28	\$ 32,584.93
Victims Assistance	\$ 812.96	\$ 1,359.56	\$ 1,073.76	\$ 714.00
Total (Non-Utility Funds)	\$ 1,286,616.96	\$ 1,528,995.11	\$ 1,643,764.96	\$ 1,826,437.22
Utility Fund Checking	\$ 282,177.69	\$ 240,621.22	\$ 149,392.83	\$ 92,722.75
Utility Fund Reserve	\$ 767,789.54	\$ 767,756.97	\$ 767,725.47	\$ 767,683.46
Capital Improvement Project/Impact Fe	\$ 1,551,894.04	\$ 1,517,168.04	\$ 1,520,775.86	\$ 1,483,730.95
USDA Debt Service Reserve	\$ 564,778.85	\$ 564,754.97	\$ 564,731.85	\$ 564,700.97
USDA Depreciation	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00
Senior Assistance	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Total (All Utility Funds)	\$ 3,166,645.12	\$ 3,090,306.20	\$ 3,002,631.01	\$ 2,908,843.13
Hospitality Tax Checking	\$ 850,064.91	\$ 806,007.87	\$ 761,699.34	\$ 731,740.64
Total All Funds	\$ 5,303,326.99	\$ 5,425,309.18	\$ 5,408,095.31	\$ 5,467,020.99

	Oct-20	Oct-19	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-16	Oct-15	Oct-14
General Fund Checking	\$ 1,222,560.33	\$ 1,107,273.29	\$ 1,059,212.08	\$ 1,188,163.08	\$ 1,004,317.07	\$ 908,991.93	\$ 870,603.64
General Fund Savings	\$ -	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 43,401.55	\$ 43,401.55	\$ 154,645.07
Police Donations	\$ 5,155.06	\$ 11,957.47	\$ 7,919.07	\$ 6,696.68	\$ 12,366.96	\$ 13,532.71	\$ 9,643.87
Fire Department 1%	\$ 26,629.34	\$ 22,157.82	\$ 22,193.87	\$ 19,496.25	\$ 22,861.24	\$ 20,404.58	\$ 16,644.49
Municipal Court	\$ 31,459.27	\$ 33,369.62	\$ 29,467.29	\$ 37,257.39	\$ 39,726.43	\$ 29,722.92	\$ 31,645.96
Victims Assistance	\$ 812.96	\$ 307.76	\$ 317.95	\$ 311.32	\$ 795.78	\$ 176.69	\$ 111.91
Total (Non-Utility Funds)	\$ 1,286,616.96	\$ 1,212,417.51	\$ 1,156,461.81	\$ 1,289,276.27	\$ 1,123,469.03	\$ 1,016,230.38	\$ 1,083,294.94
Utility Fund Checking	\$ 282,177.69	\$ 232,090.51	\$ 414,258.90	\$ 312,629.85	\$ 537,345.95	\$ 224,873.02	\$ 93,026.06
Utility Fund Reserve	\$ 767,789.54	\$ 764,692.81	\$ 758,599.31	\$ 770,357.84	\$ 740,814.01	\$ 867,182.31	\$ 550,636.25
Capital Improvement Project/Impact Fe	\$ 1,551,894.04	\$ 1,371,820.61	\$ 938,576.82	\$ 376,720.26	\$ 36,975.72	\$ 13,049.72	\$ 3,880.72
USDA Debt Service Reserve	\$ 564,778.85	\$ 562,501.24	\$ 558,018.76	\$ 555,700.00	\$ 231,081.00	\$ 231,080.00	\$ 231,080.00
USDA Depreciation	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -	\$ -
Senior Assistance	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 1,349.16	\$ 2,900.25	\$ 919.78	\$ 1,796.52	\$ 3,151.35
Total (All Utility Funds)	\$ 3,166,645.12	\$ 2,931,110.17	\$ 2,670,805.95	\$ 2,018,309.20	\$ 1,547,137.46	\$ 1,337,981.57	\$ 881,774.38
Hospitality Tax Checking	\$ 850,064.91	\$ 423,972.42					
Total All Funds	\$ 5,303,326.99	\$ 4,567,500.10	\$ 3,827,267.76	\$ 3,307,585.47	\$ 2,670,606.49	\$ 2,354,211.95	\$ 1,965,069.32

General Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru October 2020	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 1,157,537.78	\$ 4,334,551.00	27%
Operating Expenses	\$ 1,450,986.74	\$ 4,334,551.00	33%

Utility Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru October 2020	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 1,275,786.83	\$ 3,315,031.00	38%
Operating Expenses	\$ 1,080,956.28	\$ 3,315,031.00	33%

Victim's Assistance Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru October 2020	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 2,194.08	\$ 7,500.00	29%
Operating Expenses	\$ 2,559.06	\$ 7,500.00	34%

Hospitality Tax Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru October 2020	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 190,283.67	\$ 452,000.00	42%
Operating Expenses	\$ 30,231.02	\$ 452,000.00	7%

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Discussion of Negotiations Incident to Proposed Contractual Arrangements for Possible Purchase of Property.

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Hall to go into Executive Session at 7:42 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

Return to Council Meeting

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Gambrell to return to the Regular Council Meeting at 8:00 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

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POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY COUNCIL IN FOLLOW UP TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Possible Action Relating to Proposed Contractual Arrangements for Possible Purchase of Property

No action was taken.

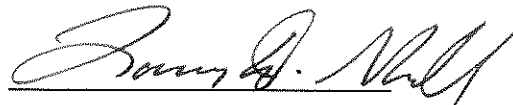
POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S MEETING – December 14, 2020

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Prouse to adjourn at 8:02 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

Approved this 14th day of December 2020.



Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:



Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk