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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 11, 2022

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 7:00 P. M. Members present were Mayor Shull, Council Member Brown, Gambrell, Cain (arrived at 7:08 pm), Speech-Lemon, Mitchell, Wise, Prouse, and Hall.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by the Christ Community Church Pastor, Kent Suits.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Gambrell led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Council Member Hall with a second by Council Member Speech-Lemon to adopt the minutes from the June 13, 2022 Regular Council Meeting. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Hall to adopt the minutes from the June 21, 2022 Special Council Meeting. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied 1 Abstained (Mitchell)

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Shull reported the next Regular Council Meeting will be August 8, 2022.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS - Council Member Hall

Council Member Hall presented a summary of the June 23, 2022 meeting. Discussed revised budget for 2022-23 and the 2045 Long Range Transportation plan with 22 projects which will be included on the Capital Penny Sales Tax referendum for Lexington County. These projects total \$250 million.

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

Council Member Prouse reported there was no meeting this month and the next scheduled meeting is July 20, 2022.

THE COMET ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Council Member Cain

No report as council member Cain had not yet arrived.

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION - Mayor Shull

Mayor Shull reported the commission has had record sales. The commission closed on the water tank site of four acres on Old Field Road near US Highway One. This site is part of the partnership with the Town of Batesburg-Leesville's water project.

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

Mike Taylor reported the following:

- Held "A Night of Small Business Encouragement" on June 30th at the Midlands Technical College campus.
- Noted that Lexington County had submitted a request for a grant from the SC Department of Commerce. This grant would provide partial funding to clear, grub, and grade a pad on parcel one, which is the last remaining large lot, in the Batesburg-

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Leesville Industrial Park. Taylor also noted that the state budget includes \$1,250,000 for preparation of the parcel and \$2,100,000 for a speculative building on that parcel.

- Goodwill Industries will have a Community Imp[act Presentation on July 19th at their site at 218 West Columbia Avenue.
- The Annual Chamber Auction is schedule for August 20th at T&S Farms.

(Council member Cain arrived following the Chamber of Commerce report)

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Approval of School Resource Officer contract with Lexington School District Three for the 2022/23 school year.** A motion was made by Council Member Prouse to approve the agreement with a second by Council Member Gambrell. After discussion, a vote was taken
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| VOTE: | 7 Approved | 2 Denied (Cain and Mitchell) |
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- B. **Discussion related to the Comet Bus Service.** A discussion about the potential resumption and expansion of Comet Bus Service to Batesburg-Leesville. Potential for this to be a work session in the future. No vote was taken.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Ted Luckadoo

EVENT UPDATES

- To date, we have had two of our summer movie nights in the park. The first night, we had about 90 people attend and this past Friday, we had about 60 people attend. The next movie night (final one) will be August 5th at Panther Stadium at sunset. We will be showing the movie Invincible, another football theme movie.
- Our National Night Out event will be held on Wednesday, August 3rd from 6-8:00pm at College Park. We are in the process of organizing all the events that night. We will once again have public safety demonstrations and a live burn display.

PROJECT UPDATES

- Pine Street corner parking intersection widening is now officially complete and now includes a left turn lane, straight lane and left turn lane. This has improved traffic flow tremendously.
- We are still awaiting a few materials needed to get this project completed. We are awaiting the mixers for the new digester tank and awaiting supplies to redo the screw pump chamber coming into the plant. The headworks project is close to completion, but just need to receive these materials to get it finalized.
- JMWSC completed the purchase of property where the water tank is going to be. Engineers have begun work on the site plan and design for that property with the tank. The engineers are also working on package pump station designs. In our last discussion, they expect to be able to bid this job in Spring of 2023.

Monthly Account Balances for Fiscal Year 2021/2022

	Jun-22	May-22	Apr-22	Mar-22	Feb-22	Jan-22	Dec-21	Nov-21	Oct-21	Sep-21	Aug-21	Jul-21
General Fund Checking	\$ 2,305,371.48	\$ 1,553,088.52	\$ 1,673,814.68	\$ 1,811,680.83	\$ 1,955,849.14	\$ 1,546,651.98	\$ 1,096,802.21	\$ 1,264,096.96	\$ 1,486,972.36	\$ 1,697,943.83	\$ 1,910,524.77	\$ 2,140,759.00
General Fund Savings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants & Donations	\$ 19,232.29	\$ 20,399.18	\$ 10,936.15	\$ 10,936.15	\$ 8,786.15	\$ 8,786.15	\$ 8,786.15	\$ 9,917.03	\$ 8,088.83	\$ 8,088.83	\$ 9,961.02	\$ 15,696.97
Department 1%	\$ 21,267.97	\$ 22,535.49	\$ 22,535.49	\$ 22,878.84	\$ 22,878.84	\$ 22,878.84	\$ 13,523.85	\$ 22,297.79	\$ 22,844.09	\$ 23,086.92	\$ 20,844.89	\$ 20,844.89
Municipal Court	\$ 41,418.46	\$ 30,712.04	\$ 38,643.43	\$ 40,170.66	\$ 42,343.85	\$ 34,595.29	\$ 35,955.70	\$ 34,242.60	\$ 32,111.87	\$ 33,659.86	\$ 35,800.50	\$ 38,478.71
Victims Assistance	\$ 4,646.86	\$ 3,723.56	\$ 3,060.02	\$ 2,317.29	\$ 1,426.16	\$ 1,017.33	\$ 891.90	\$ 354.10	\$ 386.75	\$ 2,599.05	\$ 2,254.28	\$ 1,955.25
Total (Non-Utility Funds)	\$ 2,391,937.06	\$ 1,630,458.79	\$ 1,748,989.77	\$ 1,887,983.77	\$ 2,031,284.14	\$ 1,613,929.59	\$ 1,155,959.81	\$ 1,330,908.48	\$ 1,550,403.90	\$ 1,765,378.49	\$ 1,979,385.46	\$ 2,217,734.82
Utility Fund Checking	\$ 681,093.95	\$ 432,058.35	\$ 321,967.05	\$ 340,711.47	\$ 313,027.73	\$ 283,872.00	\$ 260,520.24	\$ 336,884.69	\$ 314,405.61	\$ 284,577.69	\$ 229,673.30	\$ 288,354.46
Utility Fund Reserve	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,884.18	\$ 767,877.95	\$ 767,871.48
Capital Improvement Project/Impact	\$ 1,968,084.06	\$ 1,933,116.49	\$ 1,899,148.99	\$ 1,922,153.54	\$ 1,869,162.12	\$ 1,799,536.70	\$ 1,688,018.28	\$ 1,632,591.86	\$ 1,589,625.44	\$ 1,596,445.37	\$ 1,544,163.17	\$ 1,544,580.89
USDA Debt Service Reserve	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,848.36	\$ 564,843.73	\$ 564,838.96
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$ 841,471.38	\$ 841,471.38	\$ 1,166,463.88	\$ 1,166,463.88	\$ 1,166,463.88	\$ 1,166,463.88	\$ 1,166,463.88	\$ 1,347,914.52	\$ 1,347,914.52	\$ 1,347,914.52	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.00
2021 Infrastructure Revenue Bond	\$ 1,445,232.72	\$ 1,663,084.74	\$ 1,663,084.74	\$ 1,767,135.56	\$ 2,818,388.41	\$ 2,676,669.61	\$ 2,832,749.06	\$ 2,808,179.06	\$ 2,550,186.68	\$ 2,944,905.55	\$ 3,154,628.04	\$ 3,154,648.04
Total (All Utility Funds)	\$ 3,981,917.80	\$ 3,697,914.63	\$ 3,553,855.83	\$ 3,595,604.80	\$ 3,514,929.64	\$ 3,416,148.49	\$ 3,281,278.31	\$ 3,302,216.34	\$ 3,236,770.84	\$ 3,213,755.60	\$ 3,106,560.15	\$ 3,165,648.79
Hospitality Tax Checking	\$ 599,949.53	\$ 562,639.88	\$ 575,876.73	\$ 564,604.05	\$ 656,614.13	\$ 601,999.73	\$ 629,132.01	\$ 640,405.82	\$ 676,371.70	\$ 660,597.95	\$ 645,043.18	\$ 618,284.31
Total All Funds	\$ 6,973,804.39	\$ 5,891,013.30	\$ 5,878,722.33	\$ 6,048,192.62	\$ 6,202,827.91	\$ 5,632,077.81	\$ 5,066,370.13	\$ 5,273,530.64	\$ 5,463,546.44	\$ 5,639,732.04	\$ 5,730,988.79	\$ 6,001,667.92

Monthly Account Balances for June Since 2015

	Jun-22	Jun-21	Jun-20	Jun-19	Jun-18	Jun-17	Jun-16	Jun-15
General Fund Checking	\$ 2,305,371.48	\$ 1,928,553.39	\$ 1,540,053.45	\$ 1,382,913.49	\$ 1,468,728.22	\$ 1,460,579.15	\$ 1,360,682.07	\$ 1,288,532.06
General Fund Savings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 43,401.55	\$ 46,433.63
Police Donations	\$ 19,232.29	\$ 7,030.06	\$ 4,655.06	\$ 14,639.41	\$ 7,643.68	\$ 6,809.48	\$ 7,766.10	\$ 11,838.17
Fire Department 1%	\$ 21,267.97	\$ 20,844.89	\$ 14,740.23	\$ 11,375.55	\$ 10,068.91	\$ 9,589.06	\$ 12,091.06	\$ 16,379.03
Municipal Court	\$ 41,418.46	\$ 36,602.01	\$ 34,608.16	\$ 32,257.41	\$ 26,536.09	\$ 39,390.41	\$ 32,418.37	\$ 26,391.96
Victims Assistance	\$ 4,646.86	\$ 1,450.91	\$ 241.77	\$ 430.91	\$ 82.83	\$ 213.67	\$ 45.64	\$ 107.39
Total (Non-Utility Funds)	\$ 2,391,937.06	\$ 1,994,481.26	\$ 1,594,298.67	\$ 1,478,968.32	\$ 1,550,411.28	\$ 1,553,933.32	\$ 1,456,404.79	\$ 1,389,682.24
Utility Fund Checking	\$ 681,093.95	\$ 301,443.27	\$ 89,909.47	\$ 243,734.50	\$ 267,666.10	\$ 447,715.31	\$ 213,693.68	\$ 102,462.15
Utility Fund Reserve	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,865.00	\$ 767,618.33	\$ 762,634.24	\$ 755,546.48	\$ 903,221.00	\$ 562,732.49	\$ 783,218.35
Capital Improvement Project/Impact	\$ 1,968,084.06	\$ 1,569,786.30	\$ 1,495,820.22	\$ 1,354,222.38	\$ 760,941.33	\$ 50,839.72	\$ 32,853.72	\$ 11,907.72
USDA Debt Service Reserve	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,834.19	\$ 564,653.09	\$ 560,987.12	\$ 555,773.07	\$ 231,081.00	\$ 231,081.00	\$ 231,080.00
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$ 841,471.38	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
2021 Infrastructure Revenue Bond	\$ 1,445,232.72	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 763.24	\$ 416.33	\$ 1,176.89	\$ 1,860.61
Total (All Utility Funds)	\$ 3,981,917.80	\$ 3,203,933.76	\$ 2,918,006.11	\$ 2,921,781.24	\$ 2,340,692.22	\$ 1,633,274.36	\$ 1,041,538.78	\$ 1,130,528.83
Hospitality Tax Checking	\$ 599,949.53	\$ 610,173.68	\$ 690,012.26	\$ 239,763.07				
Total All Funds	\$ 6,973,804.39	\$ 5,808,588.70	\$ 5,202,317.04	\$ 4,640,512.63	\$ 3,891,103.50	\$ 3,187,207.68	\$ 2,497,943.57	\$ 2,520,211.07

General Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru June 2022	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 5,240,165.44	\$ 4,676,151.00	112%
Operating Expenses	\$ 5,302,496.55	\$ 4,676,151.00	113%

Utility Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru June 2022	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 5,078,868.00	\$ 3,280,700.00	155%
Operating Expenses	\$ 5,850,597.11	\$ 3,280,700.00	185%

* Operating expenses and revenues includes funds towards WWTP improvements that has come from Revenue Bond funds

Victim's Assistance Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru June 2022	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 8,624.88	\$ 7,500.00	115%
Operating Expenses	\$ 7,640.15	\$ 7,500.00	102%

Hospitality Tax Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru June 2022	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 677,515.18	\$ 565,300.00	120%
Operating Expenses	\$ 682,435.66	\$ 565,300.00	121%

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Receipt of legal advice relating to petition to close road within town limits. A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Hall to go into Executive Session at 7:36 P.M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 1 Denied (Cain)

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Hall to return from to Regular Session at 7:56 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 motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Wise to direct the Town Attorney to act on behalf of the town in a way as discussed in Executive Session.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S MEETING-August 8, 2022

None


ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Hall with a second by Council Member Gambrell to adjourn at 7:59 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

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Approved this 8th day of August 2022.


Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jay Hendrix, Assistant Town Manager