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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 12, 2021

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 Members Etheredge, Gambrell, Cain, Lemon, Mitchell, Wise, Prouse, and Hall.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Pastor Jimmy Hufnagle with Reconciliation Ministries.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Gambrell 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 Lemon with a second by Council Member Prouse to adopt the minutes of the March 8, 2021 Regular Council Meeting. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Hall to adopt the minutes of the March 31, 2021 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 will be May 10, 2021.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS – Council Member Hall

Council Member Hall reported Central Midlands held a meeting Thursday, March 25, 2021 with a quorum present. Reported the Consent Agenda was adopted with the remainder of the meeting taken up with a presentation of the Lower Saluda Greenway Feasibility Study. A call for adjournment was delayed at the request of the director of the Comet system to consider funding for combining scattered terminals into one central location. The next scheduled meeting will be April 22, 2021.

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE Council Member Prouse

Council Member Prouse reported EPAC has not yet met, a meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2021.

THE COMET ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Council Member Cain

Council Member Cain reported the director has resigned and we now have an acting director in his place. Stated they are working through some things at this time and the finance is looking good.

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION – Mayor Shull

- Reported the general manager talked a little about the current preliminary engineering report at the Columbia plant for upgrades there is underway along with master planning for the proposed new water plant site.
- The new water tank construction behind Lowes Foods will start soon on Hwy. 378.
- GEO technical work has begun to select the best location for an input site on Lake Murray near the land site location. There will be core drilling on land and water done which will launch next week and will continue 2-4 weeks. Residents are being notified and a press release will go out this week.

B-L CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE – Mike Taylor, President

Reported that in February the General Assembly passed a Resolution which was signed by the Governor requiring DHEC divide the State into four health regions to disburse the COVID-19 vaccine. The percent of the available vaccine each region will get is determined on a per capita basis. Other criteria are the number of people who are minorities, diabetics, high blood pressure individuals, poverty level, two-week incident rate, and percent unvaccinated. DHEC has formed four care panels in the four regions. Was asked and accepted to serve on the Midlands panel. Attended a zoom meeting April 1st with DHEC officials and other region panel members to receive basic information and my understanding from this meeting is that the regional panels will help DHEC identify gaps, help engage the community, and suggest where resources need to go. My first regional meeting is this Friday and all agendas and meetings will be posted on the DHEC website.

Last month County Councilman Larry Brigham reported to the Chamber Board that the County received residential permit request on Springhill Road for 427 lots on 101 acres, Windy Hill Road for 22 lots on 13 acres, and Peach Festival Road for 53 lots on 20 acres. Stated this growth will have an impact on our businesses in the community and residential growth is headed our way.

The Chamber will host the SC Poultry Festival/Chamber Golf Tournament on Friday, May 8th. We will also be hosting a “sock Hop” at T & S Farm on Saturday, May 9th with prizes for best dressed 50’s outfit along with other contest prizes.

Peachtree 23 Yard Sale will come through our community on Friday and Saturday, June 4th and 5th.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION – Honoring the Life of Former Mayor Clabie Edmond

Mayor Shull read the Resolution and asked that we pause for a moment of silence after which he presented the Resolution to Mrs. Jessie Edmond.

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.

F. First Reading – Ordinance to Rezone Multiple Properties Along Lester Drive (TMS #183-11-01-005, 183-11-02-027, 183-11-02-027 100, 183-11-02-028) from R-1, Single Family Residential, to R-1A, Single Family and Manufactured Housing Residential was held. A motion was made by Council Member Hall with a second by Council Member Etheredge to adopt. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

MANAGER'S REPORT – Ted Luckadoo

Spring Clean Batesburg-Leesville

- The Spring Clean event was held on Saturday, March 20th. We had 266 members of our community participate in the event. We had 13 churches participate and multiple civic groups.
- In all, we ended with 353 bags of trash, 95 tires, along with other bulk type items collected, for a total of 10,960 lbs of garbage.
- We appreciate everyone who took part and look forward to doing it again in the future.

Electronic Recycling Event

- In conjunction with Lexington County Solid Waste, we will be hosting another Electronic Recycling event this year on Saturday, April 24th at B-L High School parking lot from 9:00am until 1:00pm. Items accepted at the event this year will include electronics, tires, shoes (in good condition), and paper shredding. More details will be coming out closer to the event.

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5 Year Capital Lease-Purchase

- We should be taking delivery of two of our new vehicles this week, the meter reading truck and new Code Enforcement truck.
- All other equipment and vehicles have been ordered and should be delivered within 12 weeks.

Project Updates

- ***Pine Street Parking*** – As I had previously emailed Council, SCDHEC requested a Commercial demolition permit be pulled from them. That permit was submitted, and we obtained the permit this morning. Work should resume tomorrow or Wednesday morning on the building.

MANAGER'S REPORT CONT'D.

- **Infiltration/Inflow Study** – We will be meeting on Thursday this week with Frazier Engineering regarding the results of rain events and the data received from the rain gauges and flow monitors. We will also be discussing next steps in the study. We will update following the meeting in the Weekly Report.
- **Park Input Session** – We had between 20-30 citizens attend the public input session at Town Hall regarding both of our Town own parks. The engineers were able to talk with people about improvements they would like to see. People seemed very pleased with the current concepts and just added a couple thoughts, while a couple others went into more detail on ideas.

Monthly Account Balances for Fiscal Year 2020/2021

	Mar-21	Feb-21	Jan-21	Dec-20	Nov-20	Oct-20	Sep-20	Aug-20	Jul-20
General Fund Checking	\$ 1,591,956.78	\$ 1,575,401.54	\$ 1,184,406.58	\$ 874,897.00	\$ 936,076.96	\$ 1,222,560.33	\$ 1,464,391.88	\$ 1,587,048.12	\$ 1,773,743.00
General Fund Savings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Police Donations	\$ 7,030.06	\$ 7,030.06	\$ 7,030.06	\$ 5,155.06	\$ 5,155.06	\$ 5,155.06	\$ 5,155.06	\$ 5,155.06	\$ 4,655.06
Fire Department 1%	\$ 21,606.94	\$ 21,783.92	\$ 21,917.69	\$ 25,385.07	\$ 26,135.07	\$ 26,629.34	\$ 26,629.34	\$ 17,581.74	\$ 14,740.23
Municipal Court	\$ 37,334.32	\$ 33,372.91	\$ 32,884.14	\$ 29,942.02	\$ 31,247.14	\$ 35,178.40	\$ 31,459.27	\$ 32,906.28	\$ 32,584.93
Victims Assistance	\$ 547.12	\$ 584.72	\$ 429.40	\$ 349.79	\$ 1,240.47	\$ 812.96	\$ 1,359.56	\$ 1,073.76	\$ 714.00
Total (Non-Utility Funds)	\$ 1,658,475.22	\$ 1,638,173.15	\$ 1,246,667.87	\$ 935,728.94	\$ 999,854.70	\$ 1,290,336.09	\$ 1,528,995.11	\$ 1,643,764.96	\$ 1,826,437.22
Utility Fund Checking	\$ 297,958.96	\$ 245,445.78	\$ 413,544.84	\$ 408,886.93	\$ 339,021.79	\$ 282,177.69	\$ 240,621.22	\$ 149,392.83	\$ 92,722.75
Utility Fund Reserve	\$ 767,845.91	\$ 767,839.43	\$ 767,833.59	\$ 767,827.12	\$ 767,814.76	\$ 767,789.54	\$ 767,756.97	\$ 767,725.47	\$ 767,683.46
Capital Improvement Project/Impact	\$ 1,315,543.96	\$ 1,564,230.19	\$ 1,547,282.05	\$ 1,512,698.79	\$ 1,544,929.45	\$ 1,551,894.04	\$ 1,517,168.04	\$ 1,520,775.86	\$ 1,483,730.95
USDA Debt Service Reserve	\$ 564,820.18	\$ 564,815.42	\$ 564,811.16	\$ 564,806.43	\$ 564,797.36	\$ 564,778.85	\$ 564,754.97	\$ 564,731.85	\$ 564,700.97
USDA Depreciation	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00
Senior Assistance	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Total (All Utility Funds)	\$ 2,946,174.01	\$ 3,142,335.82	\$ 3,293,476.64	\$ 3,254,224.27	\$ 3,215,568.36	\$ 3,166,645.12	\$ 3,090,306.20	\$ 3,002,631.01	\$ 2,908,843.13
Hospitality Tax Checking	\$ 693,689.45	\$ 712,375.95	\$ 930,701.19	\$ 890,031.96	\$ 850,525.68	\$ 850,064.91	\$ 806,007.87	\$ 761,699.34	\$ 731,740.64
Total All Funds	\$ 5,298,338.68	\$ 5,492,884.92	\$ 5,470,845.70	\$ 5,079,985.17	\$ 5,065,948.74	\$ 5,307,046.12	\$ 5,425,309.18	\$ 5,408,095.31	\$ 5,467,020.99

	Mar-21	Mar-20	Mar-19	Mar-18	Mar-17	Mar-16	Mar-15
General Fund Checking	\$ 1,591,956.78	\$ 1,250,406.65	\$ 1,138,110.41	\$ 1,347,486.96	\$ 1,190,322.44	\$ 1,192,108.32	\$ 1,078,501.77
General Fund Savings	\$ -	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 43,401.55	\$ 69,721.07
Police Donations	\$ 7,030.06	\$ 12,600.86	\$ 7,778.43	\$ 8,975.08	\$ 7,031.96	\$ 7,766.10	\$ 10,455.64
Fire Department 1%	\$ 21,606.94	\$ 15,185.36	\$ 14,789.74	\$ 11,135.15	\$ 10,300.55	\$ 14,347.55	\$ 11,816.43
Municipal Court	\$ 37,334.32	\$ 30,722.03	\$ 36,874.52	\$ 35,532.20	\$ 43,632.35	\$ 29,722.92	\$ 33,718.60
Victims Assistance	\$ 547.12	\$ 624.48	\$ 925.21	\$ 333.34	\$ 310.98	\$ 271.05	\$ 155.89
Total (Non-Utility Funds)	\$ 1,658,475.22	\$ 1,346,890.93	\$ 1,235,829.86	\$ 1,440,814.28	\$ 1,288,949.83	\$ 1,287,617.49	\$ 1,204,369.40
Utility Fund Checking	\$ 297,958.96	\$ 95,409.46	\$ 220,883.98	\$ 220,333.65	\$ 455,929.19	\$ 204,355.97	\$ 52,221.79
Utility Fund Reserve	\$ 767,845.91	\$ 767,244.25	\$ 761,114.85	\$ 755,375.75	\$ 847,136.88	\$ 489,674.17	\$ 703,830.59
Capital Improvement Project/Impact	\$ 1,315,543.96	\$ 1,491,684.60	\$ 1,260,136.44	\$ 638,775.81	\$ 38,446.72	\$ 15,484.72	\$ 8,330.72
USDA Debt Service Reserve	\$ 564,820.18	\$ 564,377.95	\$ 559,869.47	\$ 555,700.00	\$ 231,081.00	\$ 231,080.00	\$ 231,080.00
USDA Depreciation	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
Senior Assistance	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 176.79	\$ 1,506.21	\$ 834.08	\$ 1,743.54	\$ 3,251.77
Total (All Utility Funds)	\$ 2,946,174.01	\$ 2,918,721.26	\$ 2,802,184.53	\$ 2,171,693.42	\$ 1,573,428.87	\$ 942,339.40	\$ 998,714.87
Hospitality Tax Checking	\$ 693,689.45	\$ 608,683.82	\$ 85,646.17				
Total All Funds	\$ 5,298,338.68	\$ 4,874,296.01	\$ 4,123,660.56	\$ 3,612,507.70	\$ 2,862,378.70	\$ 2,229,956.89	\$ 2,203,084.27

GENERAL FUND

Revenues/Expenses thru March 2021	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 3,356,027.96	\$ 4,334,551.00	77%
Operating Expenses	\$ 3,255,814.39	\$ 4,334,551.00	75%

UTILITY FUND

Revenues/Expenses thru March 2021	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 2,570,025.71	\$ 3,315,031.00	78%
Operating Expenses	\$ 2,458,710.03	\$ 3,315,031.00	74%

VICTIM'S ASSISTANCE FUND

Revenues/Expenses thru March 2021	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 4,193.62	\$ 7,500.00	56%
Operating Expenses	\$ 5,402.46	\$ 7,500.00	72%

HOSPITALITY TAX FUND

Revenues/Expenses thru March 2021	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 438,701.21	\$ 452,000.00	97%
Operating Expenses	\$ 435,024.02	\$ 452,000.00	49%

