

In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, the news media and the public were 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.

Mayor Shull opened the first Public Hearing at 7:00 P. M. to receive citizen input on an **Ordinance to Amend the Hospitality Tax Budget for FY 2020/2021**. Since no one appeared before Council, Mayor Shull closed the Public Hearing at 7:01 P. M.

Mayor Shull opened the next Public Hearing at 7:01 P. M. to receive citizen input on an **Ordinance to Rezone Property Located at 406 East Columbia Avenue Consisting of .63 Acres from C-1, General Commercial, to C-2, Transitional Commercial (T#006027-04-011)**. Since no one appeared before Council, Mayor Shull closed the Public Hearing at 7:02 P. M.

Mayor Shull opened the next Public Hearing at 7:02 P. M. to receive citizen input on an **Ordinance to Rezone Property Located NW West Church Street and North Ridgell Street Consisting of 8.85 acres from R-1, Single Family Residential, To C-1, General Commercial (TMS #007033-02-013)**. Since no one appeared before Council, Mayor Shull closed the Public Hearing at 7:02 P. M.

Mayor Shull opened the last Public Hearing at 7:02 P. M. to receive citizen input on an **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**. Since no one appeared before Council, Mayor Shull closed the Public Hearing at 7:03 P. M.

The Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Batesburg-Leesville was held in Building B of the Town Hall Complex. Mayor Shull called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 Kevin Taylor, Cedar Creek Church.

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 Etheredge 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 Gambrell with a second by Council Member Lemon to adopt the minutes of the April 12, 2021 Regular Council Meeting. 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 June 14, 2021.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS – Council Member Hall

Council Member Hall reported Central Midlands held a meeting Thursday, April 15, 2021. Addressed was transfer of TIP funds from eight projects, where the funds were about to lapse, to the Leesburg Road Widening Project and reassigning 2019/2020 funds to those eight projects. New officers to take effect July 1 are Chairman, Foster Senn, Mayor of Newberry and Vice-Chairman, Will Brennan, City of Columbia and lost Ms. Jessie Foster, Assistant Director for Operations who resigned. An unaudited Financial Statement from July 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021 was presented.

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE- Council Member Prouse

Council Member Prouse stated that EPAC did not meet for their regular scheduled meeting since there was no business to discuss and the next meeting is scheduled for July 21st.

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THE COMET ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Council Member Cain

Council Member Cain reported the Comet is working on the Budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Reported one of the Comet buses was in an accident today and waiting on detailed information regarding the accident. A search for a new director continues.

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION – Mayor Shull

Mayor Shull reported the Joint Municipal Water/Sewer Commission did not meet.

B-L CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – Mike Taylor, President

Reported the Chamber had a busy weekend, they hosted the Annual SC Poultry Festival/Chamber Golf Tournament on Friday with nineteen teams participating. A team from AgSouth finished first and one from Columbia Farms came in second. On Saturday the Chamber hosted a 50's Sock Hop at T & S Farm, approximately 70 tickets were sold for the event.

A zoom meeting was held Wednesday, May 5th between the Batesburg-Leesville Ministerial Alliance and Susan Whittle in hopes of finding leadership for the youth organization, Dream Catchers, which has approximately 30 children. Arts on the Ridge will begin their meetings again shortly. Approximately 90 children have missed their visual and performing camps the past two summers.

Information on vaccinations in our area:

29070 is 54% completely or partially vaccinated

29006 is 44% completely or partially vaccinated

29054 is 66% completely or partially vaccinated

In Lexington County:

39% aged 45-54 are vaccinated

58% aged 55-64 are vaccinated

95% aged 65+ are vaccinated

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA – None

MANAGER'S REPORT – Ted Luckadoo

Electronic Recycling Event

- We held the Electronic Recycling event on Saturday, April 24th at B-L High School.
- We had 203 people attend. We almost had 3 dumpsters filled with tires and paper shredding was utilized well.

2021 CDBG Award for WWTP Floating Aeration Basin #2

- We have received notification from Lexington County that they have awarded the Town \$446,385 in CDBG funds for 2021, which will be used towards floating aeration in basin #2 at the WWTP. These funds should be made available July 1, 2021.

2021 C Fund Award from Lexington County

- We also received notification from Lexington County that we have been awarded another \$35,000 for 2021 to continue with the repair of existing sidewalks throughout Town.
- These funds will be used towards the repair/replacement of 300' on North Oak Street between Faith Lutheran and West Railroad Avenue, 700' on West Railroad Avenue adjacent to Barnes Oil and Propane, and 210' on West Church Street west of Fulmer Street.

Project Updates

- ***Brodie Pump Station*** – This project is coming to a close. All SCADA has been installed and electrical improvements made. We are adding a pond level indicator to the Town pond as a part of this, that will allow our water treatment staff to monitor the level of the pond. All pumps at Brodie Pump Station can be activated remotely now versus having to drive and do it on-site.
- ***Pine Street Parking*** – All demolition work is almost finalized. There have been a number of on-site meetings to discuss upcoming SCDOT widening and relocation of utilities. At this point, it appears Dominion Energy, AT&T, and Spectrum will all be putting there utilities underground at the intersection, which will help to improve the look even more. SCDOT will be beginning their work hopefully in the next couple weeks. We are also hopeful that SCDOT will utilize Mast Arms for the traffic signals, they are evaluating the possibility. This will also improve this project.

MANAGER'S REPOPRT CONT'D.

- **Infiltration/Inflow Study** – A crew from Frazier Engineering began work today on starting manhole inspections and walking our main sewer trunk lines. They expect this portion of the Project to take a couple months to com[1]
- **Woodard Unity Park** – We closed on the old Sears building and now own 2 of the 3 parcels needed for this project.
- **Town Entrance Signs** – We have received the construction drawings for both the large and small-Town entrance sign designs, which I have tonight. We are still working with them on some minor changes, but hope to have these fully completed soon. At any point after that, we can RFP to see what they cost of each size sign would cost to construct.

TOWN FINANCIAL/BUDGET UPDATE

Monthly Account Balances for Fiscal Year 2020/2021

	Apr-21	Mar-21	Feb-21	Jan-21	Dec-20	Nov-20	Oct-20	Sep-20	Aug-20	Jul-20
General Fund Checking	\$ 1,489,505.27	\$ 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	\$ 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	\$ 21,606.94	\$ 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	\$ 35,055.71	\$ 37,324.32	\$ 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	\$ 1,110.97	\$ 547.12	\$ 584.72	\$ 429.40	\$ 349.79	\$ 1,240.47	\$ 812.95	\$ 1,359.56	\$ 1,073.76	\$ 714.00
Total (Non-Utility Funds)	\$ 1,554,308.95	\$ 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	\$ 308,200.21	\$ 297,958.96	\$ 245,445.78	\$ 413,544.84	\$ 408,886.93	\$ 338,021.79	\$ 282,177.69	\$ 240,621.22	\$ 149,392.83	\$ 92,722.75
Utility Fund Reserve	\$ 767,852.21	\$ 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	\$ 1,620,479.25	\$ 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	\$ 564,824.80	\$ 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	\$ 3.00
Senior Assistance	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Total (All Utility Funds)	\$ 3,261,361.47	\$ 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	\$ 515,768.61	\$ 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	\$ 5,331,439.03	\$ 5,298,338.68	\$ 5,492,884.92	\$ 5,470,845.70	\$ 5,079,985.17	\$ 5,065,948.74	\$ 5,307,046.12	\$ 5,425,109.18	\$ 5,408,095.31	\$ 5,467,020.99

Monthly Account Balances for April Since 2015

	Apr-21	Apr-20	Apr-19	Apr-18	Apr-17	Apr-16	Apr-15
General Fund Checking	\$ 1,489,505.27	\$ 1,179,382.79	\$ 1,115,270.45	\$ 1,469,545.15	\$ 1,351,538.36	\$ 1,322,998.78	\$ 1,536,314.08
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	\$ 5,655.06	\$ 7,778.43	\$ 9,288.87	\$ 7,031.96	\$ 7,766.10	\$ 11,838.17
Fire Department 1%	\$ 21,606.94	\$ 14,847.21	\$ 14,789.74	\$ 10,735.15	\$ 10,300.55	\$ 13,739.79	\$ 11,791.73
Municipal Court	\$ 35,055.71	\$ 29,502.98	\$ 33,814.92	\$ 31,224.54	\$ 35,240.17	\$ 29,722.92	\$ 26,769.38
Victims Assistance	\$ 1,110.97	\$ 683.71	\$ 1,043.70	\$ 934.02	\$ 184.67	\$ 162.83	\$ 225.86
Total (Non-Utility Funds)	\$ 1,554,308.95	\$ 1,267,423.30	\$ 1,210,048.79	\$ 1,559,079.28	\$ 1,441,647.26	\$ 1,417,791.97	\$ 1,656,660.29
Utility Fund Checking	\$ 308,200.21	\$ 73,181.40	\$ 153,209.73	\$ 240,874.67	\$ 454,227.76	\$ 184,041.65	\$ 61,353.51
Utility Fund Reserve	\$ 767,852.21	\$ 767,401.86	\$ 761,615.41	\$ 755,447.15	\$ 835,191.42	\$ 514,491.31	\$ 720,659.03
Capital Improvement Project/Impact	\$ 1,620,479.25	\$ 1,539,307.06	\$ 1,270,658.30	\$ 679,915.82	\$ 41,603.72	\$ 17,262.92	\$ 9,472.72
USDA Debt Service Reserve	\$ 564,824.80	\$ 564,493.88	\$ 560,237.68	\$ 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	\$ 249.35	\$ 2,840.36	\$ 1,872.91	\$ 3,111.37	\$ 1,686.37
Total (All Utility Funds)	\$ 3,261,361.47	\$ 2,944,389.20	\$ 2,745,973.47	\$ 2,234,780.00	\$ 1,563,977.81	\$ 949,988.25	\$ 1,024,251.63
Hospitality Tax Checking	\$ 515,768.61	\$ 664,113.07	\$ 135,916.81				
Total All Funds	\$ 5,331,439.03	\$ 4,875,925.57	\$ 4,091,939.07	\$ 3,793,859.28	\$ 3,005,625.07	\$ 2,367,780.22	\$ 2,680,911.92

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General Fund

<u>Revenues/Expenses thru April 2021</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% Budget</u>
Operating Revenues	\$ 3,757,296.11	\$ 4,334,551.00	87%
Operating Expenses	\$ 3,774,354.16	\$ 4,334,551.00	87%

Utility Fund

<u>Revenues/Expenses thru April 2021</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% Budget</u>
Operating Revenues	\$ 3,114,590.90	\$ 3,315,031.00	94%
Operating Expenses	\$ 2,691,524.64	\$ 3,315,031.00	81%

Victim's Assistance Fund

<u>Revenues/Expenses thru April 2021</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% Budget</u>
Operating Revenues	\$ 5,008.44	\$ 7,500.00	67%
Operating Expenses	\$ 6,255.48	\$ 7,500.00	83%

Hospitality Tax Fund

<u>Revenues/Expenses thru April 2021</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% Budget</u>
Operating Revenues	\$ 496,554.95	\$ 452,000.00	110%
Operating Expenses	\$ 670,798.60	\$ 895,790.00	75%

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Discussion of Contractual Matters Relating to Possible Property Purchase Along Lexington Street**
- B. Discussion of Personnel Matters Relating to the Town Manager's Contract**

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Etheredge to go into Executive Session at 7:40 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Gambrell to return to the Regular Council Meeting at 8:06 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. Possible Action Relating to Possible Purchase of Property Located Along Lexington Street.

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Etheredge that we approve the contract as presented tonight for the purchase of property along Lexington Street with funds from the Hospitality Tax Account. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 1 Denied – Council Member Cain

B. Possible Action Relating to the Town Manager's Contract

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Etheredge that we accept the Town Manager's contract as presented in Executive Session. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 1 Denied – Council Member Cain

POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S MEETING – June 14, 2021

A motion was made by Council Member Cain with a second by Council Member Gambrell for Council to consider a Resolution Supporting Senator Tim Scott's Policing Bill. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

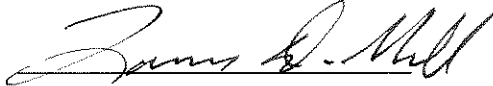
VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

ADJOURNMENT

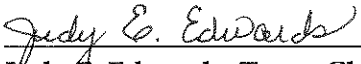
A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Etheredge to adjourn at 8:09 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

Approved this 14th day of June 2021.


Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:


Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk