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COUNCIL WORK SESSION

MAY 19, 2021

The Council Work Session for the Town of Batesburg-Leesville, held in Building B of the Town Hall Complex, was called to order by Mayor Shull at 6:04 P. M. Members present were Mayor Shull, Council Member Etheredge, Gambrell, Lemon, Wise, and Prouse. Council Member Cain arrived at 6:29 P. M. and Council Member Hall arrived at 6:22 P. M. Council Member Mitchell was absent.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Council Member Prouse.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was held.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion Related to Proposed Revenue Bond for Water and Sewer Infrastructure Improvements

Manager Luckadoo gave a proposal for a 20-year, \$4 million Revenue Bond from BB&T Governmental Finance at 3% interest rate with an annual bond payment around \$269,000 where our current bond payment is around \$207,000. This new bond would fund improvements at the wastewater plant. Manager Luckadoo stated what he needs tonight is the consensus from Council regarding whether to move forward with the \$4 million Bond and if so we should have a Special Called Meeting Monday night. Two things have to be done at the Special Meeting, (1) award contracts for wastewater projects and Tuesday we can notify them of the award and (2) have first reading of the Ordinance to move forward on the \$4 million Revenue Bond. Current bids expire June 2nd and we must award prior or costs may increase due to increased material costs.

B. Presentation and Discussion of Draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022

Manager Luckadoo gave the 2021/2022 Budget Across the Board Changes:

- ❖ Includes a 2% cost of living increase for all employees
 - ❖ State Retirement 1% increase for employer contribution
 - ❖ All of discussed annual action items funded in proposed budget
 - ❖ Revenues: Expenses:
- | | | |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|
| General Fund | \$4,676,151 | \$4,676,151 |
| Enterprise Fund | \$3,280,700 | \$3,280,700 |
| Hospitality Tax | \$ 565,300 | \$ 565,300 |
| Victims Assistance | \$ 7,500 | \$ 7,500 |

TOTAL BUDGET \$8,529,651

Manager Luckadoo gave Highlights for:

General Fund Revenue	Enterprise Fund Revenue
Town Council Budget	Enterprise Fund Non-Departmental
Administration Budget	Utility Administration
Fire Department	Wastewater Department
Police Department	Utility Maintenance/Distribution
Non-Departmental	


Manager Luckadoo gave the Annual Action Items for the Utility Fund and the Hospitality Fund.

After the Manager's presentation, a question and answer period was held.

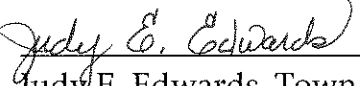
ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Prouse to adjourn at 7:19 P. M. All in favor.

Approved this 14th day of June 2021.


Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:


Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk