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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 12, 2021

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 7:00 P. M. Members present were Mayor Shull, Council Members Etheredge, Gambrell, Cain, Lemon, Prouse, and Hall. Council Members Mitchell and Wise were absent.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Rev. 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 Lemon to approve the agenda. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Gambrell to adopt the minutes of the June 14, 2021 Regular Council Meeting. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Shull reported the next Regular Council Meeting will be August 9, 2021.

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CENTRAL MIDLANDS – Council Member Hall

Council Member Hall reported COG met via Zoom Thursday, June 24, 2021 having a quorum of 35 present. The 2021-2022 Budget was adopted, also we approved the transfer of \$6 million dollars in Guideshare funds to resurface 12 miles of Longtown Road. Our next meeting will be August 26, 2021, there will be no July meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Council Member Prouse

Council Member Prouse reported EPAC is scheduled to meet later this month, July 21st.

The COMET ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Council Member Cain

The ARP funds were discussed with Manager Luckadoo which may fund a 1-year PILOT full-service bus route. Manager Luckadoo stated these funds may not come in until the latter part of the year or the first of next year.

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION – Mayor Shull

Mayor Shull reported there was no meeting for the Joint Water/Sewer Commission.

B-L CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – Mike Taylor, President

W.A.B. Sports hosted a celebrity golf tournament at Indian Trail Golf Course June 19th. Many NFL, NBA, and WNBA celebrities attended our community for the first time. Wayne Buckingham will return to B-L this month or in August to plan next year's tournament and youth camp for ages 5th to 6th grade. The camps stress the importance of education, nutrition when involved in sports and team work. Youth from around the midlands will be invited to the free camp next summer.

Unfortunately, Arts on the Ridge was unable to host their visual, performing, and choral camps this summer. The committee met for the first time since COVID 19 last week. Plans are being made for an event to be held in October. It is also the committee's desire to continue the camps next summer. Also, the Dream Catcher committee met in June.

The 33rd Annual Chamber Auction will be held at T & S Farm on Saturday, August 14th at 7:00 P. M., which is the Chamber's largest fundraising event of the year. Hope you will reserve that date and join us.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Council Vote for Excused Absence from Last Month’s Meeting for Council Member Shirley Mitchell

Mayor Shull stated Town Manager Luckadoo received a medical excuse for Council Member Mitchell. A motion was made by Council Member Hall with a second by Council Member Gambrell to approve the absence of Council Member Mitchell from last month’s meeting. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

B. Approval of Funds for the Purchase of Floating Aeration Equipment for Wastewater Treatment Plant Basin #2

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Prouse to approve funding of \$267,815 from the Capital Improvement/Impact Fee account and the pre-purchase of S&N Airoflo floating aeration equipment. Once paid for, we will submit reimbursement to Lexington County for this cost. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

MANAGER’S REPORT – Ted Luckadoo

Movie Night Series in the Park

- We have held 3 movie nights so far this summer.
- We had close to 100 people attend the second movie and had approximately 50 people attend this past Fridays movie.
- Our next movie night will be Friday, July 23rd and we will be showing Avengers.
- The August 6th movie, Remember the Titans, will be moved to Panther Stadium and shown on the new scoreboard.

National Night Out Event

- We are moving forward with this year’s National Night Out event. It is planned for Wednesday, August 4th from 6-8:00pm at College Park.

MANAGER'S REPORT CONT'D.

- We are still in the planning phase, but at this point we are planning to have another fire display, which has been a hit over the past couple NNO events. We will have law enforcement demo's going on as well.
- Our hope is to have multiple fire services and law enforcement agencies in attendance.

Project Updates

- ***Pine Street Parking*** – Last month we reported that the new curb & gutter had been poured, however, it has since been removed. This was due to the curbing having only been poured 4 inches high vs. the required 6 inches. SCDOT had it removed and they will be repouring at the appropriate height. Dominion energy is still working to finalize one easement needed for the relocation of utilities. This has been delayed due to an issue involving a trust that has not been probated.
- ***WWTP Improvement Projects*** – North American Construction Company has mobilized to the WWTP and has begun early efforts to prepare for demolition of the aeration equipment in basin #1 and screw pumps at the headworks. Basin #1 has been drained and sludge pumped to the drying beds on site. This will allow them to perform the basin repairs and full demo of existing aeration equipment. The new floating aeration equipment has been delivered and the new screws and screw pumps are ordered and should arrive over the next few weeks.
- ***C Fund Sidewalk Project*** – The RFP for this project has been posted to SCBO and the Town website for bid. Bids are due on July 29th at 4:00pm. We will bring the award recommendation to Council at the August meeting.
- ***Oak Street Repaving*** – We received an update from C.R. Jackson this past week that they have gotten one of the permits they requested at the same time as ours back this past week, which means the permit for this project should be completed very soon. Once they receive notification of the approval, they will contact us to schedule the resurfacing. We have asked that they communicate as quickly as possible, so we can communicate with the merchants in the area about the schedule.
- ***Woodard Unity Park*** – We are scheduled to close on the Worthy property this Thursday. Also, I have spoken with the Landplan Group about getting the engineering and design started for this project since funding was approved in this year's budget. They stated they will be ready to begin here soon, they just wanted to finalize a little more the engineering & design projects they currently have underway.

TOWN FINANCIAL/BUDGET UPDATE

	Jun-21	Jun-20	Jun-19	Jun-18	Jun-17	Jun-16	Jun-15
General Fund Checking	\$ 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	\$ 7,030.06	\$ 4,655.06	\$ 14,639.41	\$ 7,643.68	\$ 6,809.48	\$ 7,766.10	\$ 11,838.17
Fire Department 1%	\$ 20,844.89	\$ 14,740.23	\$ 11,375.55	\$ 10,068.91	\$ 9,589.06	\$ 12,091.06	\$ 16,379.03
Municipal Court	\$ 36,602.01	\$ 34,608.16	\$ 32,257.41	\$ 26,536.09	\$ 39,390.41	\$ 32,418.37	\$ 26,391.96
Victims Assistance	\$ 1,450.91	\$ 241.77	\$ 430.91	\$ 82.83	\$ 213.67	\$ 45.64	\$ 107.39
Total (Non-Utility Funds)	\$ 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	\$ 301,443.27	\$ 89,909.47	\$ 243,734.50	\$ 267,666.10	\$ 447,715.31	\$ 213,693.68	\$ 102,462.15
Utility Fund Reserve	\$ 767,865.00	\$ 767,618.33	\$ 762,634.24	\$ 755,546.48	\$ 903,221.00	\$ 562,732.49	\$ 783,218.35
Capital Improvement Project/Impact	\$ 1,569,786.30	\$ 1,495,820.22	\$ 1,354,222.38	\$ 760,941.33	\$ 50,839.72	\$ 32,853.72	\$ 11,907.72
USDA Debt Service Reserve	\$ 564,834.19	\$ 564,653.09	\$ 560,987.12	\$ 555,773.07	\$ 231,081.00	\$ 231,081.00	\$ 231,080.00
USDA Depreciation	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
Senior Assistance	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 763.24	\$ 416.33	\$ 1,176.89	\$ 1,860.61
Total (All Utility Funds)	\$ 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 \$ 610,173.68 \$ 690,012.26 \$ 239,763.07

Total All Funds \$ 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

	Jun-21	May-21	Apr-21	Mar-21	Feb-21	Jan-21	Dec-20	Nov-20	Oct-20	Sep-20	Aug-20	Jul-20
General Fund Checking	\$ 1,928,553.39	\$ 1,515,710.39	\$ 1,489,505.27	\$ 1,591,956.78	\$ 1,575,401.54	\$ 1,184,406.58	\$ 874,897.00	\$ 936,076.56	\$ 1,222,580.33	\$ 1,484,391.88	\$ 1,597,048.12	\$ 1,773,743.00
General Fund Savings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Police Donations	\$ 7,030.06	\$ 7,530.06	\$ 7,030.06	\$ 7,030.06	\$ 7,030.06	\$ 7,030.06	\$ 5,155.05	\$ 5,155.06	\$ 5,155.06	\$ 5,155.06	\$ 5,155.06	\$ 4,655.06
Fire Department 1%	\$ 20,844.89	\$ 21,419.65	\$ 21,606.94	\$ 21,606.94	\$ 21,783.92	\$ 21,917.69	\$ 25,385.07	\$ 26,135.07	\$ 26,629.34	\$ 26,629.34	\$ 17,591.74	\$ 14,740.23
Municipal Court	\$ 36,602.01	\$ 32,807.84	\$ 35,055.71	\$ 37,334.32	\$ 33,372.91	\$ 32,884.14	\$ 29,942.02	\$ 31,247.14	\$ 35,178.40	\$ 31,459.77	\$ 32,906.28	\$ 32,584.93
Victims Assistance	\$ 1,450.91	\$ 1,399.56	\$ 1,110.97	\$ 547.12	\$ 584.72	\$ 429.40	\$ 349.79	\$ 1,240.47	\$ 812.96	\$ 1,355.50	\$ 1,079.76	\$ 714.00
Total (Non-Utility Funds)	\$ 1,994,481.26	\$ 1,578,867.50	\$ 1,554,308.95	\$ 1,658,475.22	\$ 1,638,173.15	\$ 1,246,667.87	\$ 935,728.94	\$ 999,854.70	\$ 1,290,136.09	\$ 1,528,995.11	\$ 1,643,764.96	\$ 1,826,437.22
Utility Fund Checking	\$ 301,443.27	\$ 317,529.76	\$ 308,200.21	\$ 297,958.96	\$ 245,445.78	\$ 413,544.84	\$ 403,806.93	\$ 338,021.79	\$ 282,177.69	\$ 240,621.22	\$ 149,392.53	\$ 92,777.75
Utility Fund Reserve	\$ 767,865.00	\$ 767,858.70	\$ 767,852.21	\$ 767,845.91	\$ 767,839.43	\$ 767,833.59	\$ 767,827.12	\$ 767,814.76	\$ 767,789.54	\$ 767,756.57	\$ 767,725.47	\$ 767,683.46
Capital Improvement Project/Impact	\$ 1,569,786.30	\$ 1,522,806.90	\$ 1,620,479.25	\$ 1,315,543.96	\$ 1,564,230.19	\$ 1,547,282.05	\$ 1,512,698.79	\$ 1,544,929.45	\$ 1,551,694.04	\$ 1,517,160.04	\$ 1,520,775.56	\$ 1,481,730.95
USDA Debt Service Reserve	\$ 564,834.19	\$ 564,329.57	\$ 564,824.80	\$ 564,320.18	\$ 564,815.42	\$ 564,311.16	\$ 564,806.43	\$ 564,797.36	\$ 564,778.85	\$ 564,754.57	\$ 564,731.55	\$ 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	\$ 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	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Total (All Utility Funds)	\$ 3,203,933.76	\$ 3,172,829.93	\$ 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	\$ 3,002,531.01	\$ 2,908,843.13
Hospitality Tax Checking	\$ 610,173.68	\$ 568,301.71	\$ 515,768.61	\$ 693,689.45	\$ 712,175.95	\$ 930,701.19	\$ 890,031.96	\$ 850,525.68	\$ 850,064.91	\$ 806,007.87	\$ 761,699.34	\$ 731,740.64
Total All Funds	\$ 5,808,588.70	\$ 5,319,999.14	\$ 5,331,439.03	\$ 5,298,338.68	\$ 5,497,884.92	\$ 5,470,845.70	\$ 5,079,985.17	\$ 5,065,948.74	\$ 5,307,046.12	\$ 5,425,309.18	\$ 5,408,095.31	\$ 5,467,020.90

General Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru June 2021	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 4,938,859.18	\$ 4,334,551.00	114%
Operating Expenses	\$ 4,511,822.80	\$ 4,334,551.00	103%

Utility Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru June 2021	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 3,706,050.76	\$ 3,315,031.00	112%
Operating Expenses	\$ 3,342,502.73	\$ 3,315,031.00	101%

Victim's Assistance Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru June 2021	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 5,815.26	\$ 7,500.00	78%
Operating Expenses	\$ 7,392.84	\$ 7,500.00	99%

Hospitality Tax Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru June 2021	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 624,306.05	\$ 452,000.00	138%
Operating Expenses	\$ 704,144.63	\$ 895,790.00	79%

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Receipt of Legal Advice Relating to Amendments to Lexington County Stormwater Management Ordinance

B. Receipt of Legal Advice Relating to Water Contract with the Town of Ridge Spring

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Prouse to enter into Executive Session at 7:24 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Etheredge to return to regular session at 7:46 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY COUNCIL IN FOLLOW UP TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Possible Action Relating to Amendments to Lexington County Stormwater Management Ordinance

NO ACTION TAKEN

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B. Possible Action Relating to Water Contract with the Town of Ridge Spring

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Etheredge that Council direct the Town Attorney to negotiate with Ridge Spring to remove them as a wholesale customer from our water system as expeditiously as possible. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

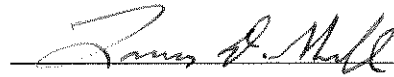
POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S MEETING – August 9, 2021

ADJOURNMENT


A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Etheredge to adjourn at 7:48 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

Approved this 9th day of August 2021.


Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:


Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk