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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 9, 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 7:02 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

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 Hall 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 Gambrell with a second by Council Member Lemon to adopt the minutes of the July 12, 2021 Regular Council Meeting. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Hall to adopt the minutes of the July 14, 2021 Council Work Session. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

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MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Shull reported the next Regular Council Meeting will be September 13, 2021.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS – Council Member Hall

Council Member Hall reported there was no meeting in July; our next meeting is Thursday a week. Thirty-five new members are to be indoctrinated to the Board.

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Council Member Prouse

Council Member Prouse reported EPAC did not meet on their regularly scheduled meeting for July stating there was no new business to address.

THE COMET ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Council Member Cain

Council Member Cain reported discussion was held on the request from Batesburg to do a 5-day a week bus service, which has gone to the proper committees. This will be visited again next month if it is voted on by the committees to do so.

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION – Mayor Shull

Mayor Shull reported Joint Municipal Water/Sewer Commission did have a summer break but will be meeting on August 18th. Projects include the new tanks behind Lowes Foods, sewer improvements in the Red Bank community, and recent FERC permit approval for the future water plant on Calks Ferry Road. Despite the rainy spring they did meet revenue projections due to very conservative physical planning. Requested additional capacity at the CWC Water Treatment Plant for the next plant expansion.

B-L CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – Mike Taylor, President

Reported the SC Poultry Festival, Chamber Annual Auction, Accommodation Tax funds, and membership dues are the major sources of revenue for the B-L Chamber & Visitor's Center. The 33rd Annual Auction is this Saturday, August 14th at T & S Farms beginning at 7:00 P. M. Needless to say, the past sixteen months have been very

B-L CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CONT'D.

challenging for many of our businesses but the pandemic has not dimmed their community spirit nor commitment to its future progress. Thanks to our merchants and members, we have a varied assortment of items for our silent and live auction.

Dream Catchers Administrators have met and a new registration form is now ready when students return to class. Arts on the Ridge will host an event in the Batesburg Business District in October. When plans are finalized they will be given out.

The General Membership Meeting is Thursday, August 26th. The SC Chamber of Commerce will bring their grassroots tour to Batesburg-Leesville, which allows for the state chamber to hear from businesses of all types and sizes around the state on the issues they are facing that need to be addressed. The feedback received from the meetings will shape the state Chamber's 2021 Competitiveness Agenda and set the Chamber's priorities for the 2021 legislative session.

Read portions of an email from Ms. Sarah Johnson, Director, Department of Economic Development for Lexington County concerning Palmetto Site Program for the Batesburg-Leesville Industrial Park.

- The County of Lexington Department of Economic Development plans to submit the Batesburg-Leesville Industrial Park (BLIP) into the Palmetto Sites Program hosted by the SC Department of Commerce.
- The Palmetto Sites Program was designed to streamline the process of industrial site development in SC. Each property is different and should have customized solutions that best position it for success.
- The invaluable feedback received from this exercise will provide us with the recommended "next steps" for the marketability and long-term viability of the B-L Industrial Park. To that end, the next round of applications will be in August. The process takes several months from start to finish, but the information received at the conclusion of the project from Site Selection Group and SC DOC can assist Lexington County Council in determining the appropriate improvements needed within the BLIP.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA – None

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.

D. First Reading – Ordinance to Rezone 27.18 Acres Located At 431 South Pine Street from R-1, Single Family Residential, to C-2, Office and Institutional Commercial (TMS #007000-03-006)

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell to rezone 27.18 acres on 431 South Pine Street from R-1 to Office and Institutional Commercial with a second by Council Member Etheredge. After a lengthy discussion which involved the Zoning Supervisor, owner of the property, and Council; a motion was made by Council Member Hall with a second by Council Member Cain to table the first reading. With no discussion held, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 2 Approved – Council Member Cain, Hall 5 Denied

The motion failed to table.

VOTE: 7 Approved First Reading 0 Denied

MANAGER'S REPORT – Ted Luckadoo

Movie Night Series in the Park

- We held our last movie night this past Friday. We had about 50 people attend the movie, not including the football team that was present.
- We appreciate everyone that came out over the 5 movie nights and took part.

National Night Out Event

- We had our NNO event this past Wednesday at College Park. We estimated about 300 people attended over the course of the 2 hour time period.
- A special thanks goes out to everyone who assisted with putting this event together.
- Lexington County Sheriff's Department, BLPD, Lex. Co. Animal Control, Highway Patrol, BLFD, Reconciliation Ministries, Radius Church, Representative Cal Forrest, SLED, Christ Community Church, Cedar Creek Church, T-Mobile, Blue Bell Ice Cream, Celebrate Freedom Foundation, Carolyn Ellis (Face Painting), Boy Scout Troop 29, Lexington County Library, and SC Army National Guard

MANAGER'S REPORT CONT'D.

Project Updates

- ***Pine Street Parking*** – Since the last meeting, the new curb & gutter and sidewalk has been poured at this location. Dominion Energy is still working to identify the route of running utilities to do away with the poles at this location. It appears they may be on track to run the utilities from First Citizens Bank down Pine Street at this point. More on that to come at a later date. We have received some draft language from SCDOT regarding the right-of-way for drafting the deed. This has got to be reviewed by our engineers and Attorney Spradley.
 - ***WWTP Improvement Projects*** – North American Construction Company continues to move forward with the two projects at the WWTP. We are in the process of working with them and Summit Engineering regarding some recent change orders requested by Gregory Electric, which deal both with material costs increases and a scaling error in the plans that has led to increased costs. We are planning to bring this to council soon in a Special meeting to discuss in further detail. \$122,000
 - ***Sewer Infiltration/Inflow Project*** – We met with Frazier Engineering about the draft report from their I/I study this past week. They reviewed their findings with staff from flow monitoring, manhole inspections, and smoke testing. There is some additional video work they are going to complete to locate some manholes in flood zone areas and then they can finalize the draft plan. We have spoken with them about putting together a presentation for Council in the next few weeks for a work session.
- Woodard Unity Park*** – Since our last meeting, we have closed on the final piece of needed for this project.

TOWN FINANCIAL/BUDGET UPDATE

Monthly Account Balances for Fiscal Year 2021/2022

	Jul-21
General Fund Checking	\$2,140,759.00
General Fund Savings	\$ -
Police Donations	\$ 15,696.97
Fire Department 1%	\$ 20,844.89
Municipal Court	\$ 38,478.71
Victims Assistance	\$ 1,955.25
Total (Non-Utility Funds)	\$2,217,734.82
Utility Fund Checking	\$ 288,354.46
Utility Fund Reserve	\$ 767,871.48
Capital Improvement Project/Impact	\$ 1,544,580.89
USDA Debt Service Reserve	\$ 564,838.96
USDA Depreciation	\$ 3.00
2021 Infrastructure Revenue Bond	\$ 3,154,648.04
Total (All Utility Funds)	\$ 3,165,648.79
Hospitality Tax Checking	\$ 618,284.31
Total All Funds	\$ 6,001,667.92

Monthly Account Balances for July Since 2014

	Jul-21	Jul-20	Jul-19	Jul-18	Jul-17	Jul-16	Jul-15	Jul-14
General Fund Checking	\$2,140,759.00	\$1,773,743.00	\$1,591,678.14	\$1,745,192.37	\$1,730,880.67	\$1,619,736.64	\$1,521,135.73	\$1,435,594.89
General Fund Savings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 43,401.55	\$ 162,907.50
Police Donations	\$ 15,696.97	\$ 4,655.06	\$ 13,299.41	\$ 9,657.17	\$ 6,809.48	\$ 7,766.10	\$ 10,247.16	\$ 11,379.70
Fire Department 1%	\$ 20,844.89	\$ 14,740.23	\$ 11,319.35	\$ 10,068.91	\$ 8,199.12	\$ 11,949.30	\$ 11,102.03	\$ 7,008.18
Municipal Court	\$ 38,478.71	\$ 32,584.93	\$ 37,644.57	\$ 29,489.19	\$ 33,940.35	\$ 32,418.37	\$ 29,722.92	\$ 31,146.48
Victims Assistance	\$ 1,955.25	\$ 714.00	\$ 654.70	\$ 145.15	\$ 128.90	\$ 137.19	\$ 296.87	\$ 172.54
Total (Non-Utility Funds)	\$2,217,734.82	\$1,826,437.22	\$1,691,947.72	\$1,831,904.34	\$1,817,310.07	\$1,715,409.15	\$1,618,938.34	\$1,648,209.29
Utility Fund Checking	\$ 288,354.46	\$ 92,722.75	\$ 260,914.03	\$ 285,308.50	\$ 490,964.95	\$ 318,329.17	\$ 105,793.93	\$ 35,816.59
Utility Fund Reserve	\$ 767,871.48	\$ 767,683.46	\$ 763,152.55	\$ 755,546.48	\$ 961,960.58	\$ 601,556.74	\$ 792,583.50	\$ 430,094.13
Capital Improvement Project/Impact	\$1,544,580.89	\$1,483,730.95	\$1,364,853.81	\$ 767,767.75	\$ 58,295.72	\$ 34,762.72	\$ 11,907.72	\$ 1,971.72
USDA Debt Service Reserve	\$ 564,838.96	\$ 564,700.97	\$ 561,368.36	\$ 555,773.07	\$ 231,081.00	\$ 231,081.00	\$ 231,080.00	\$ 231,080.00
USDA Depreciation	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -	\$ -
2021 Infrastructure Revenue Bond	\$3,154,648.04	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 3,154.44	\$ 2,267.66	\$ 3,088.52	\$ 1,093.09	\$ 2,024.11
Total (All Utility Funds)	\$3,165,648.79	\$2,908,843.13	\$2,950,293.75	\$2,367,552.24	\$1,744,570.91	\$1,188,819.15	\$1,142,458.24	\$ 700,986.55
Hospitality Tax Checking	\$ 618,284.31	\$ 731,740.64	\$ 288,457.50					
Total All Funds	\$6,001,667.92	\$5,467,020.99	\$4,930,698.97	\$4,199,456.58	\$3,561,880.98	\$2,904,228.30	\$2,761,396.58	\$2,349,195.84

General Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru July 2021	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 641,806.51	\$ 4,676,151.00	14%
Operating Expenses	\$ 366,572.29	\$ 4,676,151.00	8%

Utility Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru July 2021	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 306,752.90	\$ 3,280,700.00	9%
Operating Expenses	\$ 188,359.12	\$ 3,280,700.00	6%

Victim's Assistance Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru July 2021	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 709.44	\$ 7,500.00	9%
Operating Expenses	\$ 573.30	\$ 7,500.00	8%

Hospitality Tax Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru July 2021	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 61,453.80	\$ 565,300.00	11%
Operating Expenses	\$ 48,039.50	\$ 565,300.00	8%

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Receipt of Legal Information Relating to Water Contract with the Town of Ridge Spring**
- B. Discussion Relating to Matters Involving Property Purchase Along East Columbia Avenue**

A motion was made by Council Member Lemon with a second by Council Member Gambrell to go into Executive Session at 7:44 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 Hall to return to Regular Session at 8:01 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 Water Contract with the Town of Ridge Spring
NO ACTION TAKEN**

- B. Possible Action Relating to Matters Involving Property Purchase Along East Columbia Avenue – NO ACTION TAKEN**

POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S MEETING-September 13, 2021

Council Member Cain made a motion with a second by Council Member Gambrell to discuss having a ground breaking for Woodard Unity Park on the agenda September 13, 2021. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 5 Approved 2 Denied – Council Member Prouse, Hall

Council Member Cain made a motion to put on next month's agenda for discussion having Council Meetings 2 times a month. Motion failed due to no second.

Council Member Gambrell made a motion with a second by Council Member Etheredge to put on next month's agenda for discussion giving Manager Luckadoo the authority to go to COG and set up a training session. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

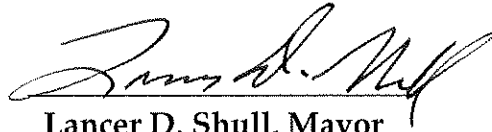
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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Lemon to adjourn at 8:05 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.


VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

Approved this 13th day of September 2021.



Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:



Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk