

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. 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 7:01 P. M. to receive citizen input on an **Ordinance to Amend the Animal Control Ordinance with Changes Requested by Lexington County**. Since no one appeared before Council, Mayor Shull closed the Public Hearing at 7:01:38.

Mayor Shull opened the next Public Hearing at 7:01:38 P. M. to received citizen input on an **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)**. Since no one appeared before Council, Mayor Shull closed the Public Hearing at 7:02 P. M.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 13, 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, Lemon, Wise, Prouse, and Hall. Council Member Cain was late.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Rev. Neal Smith, Steadman Baptist Church.

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 Lemon to approve. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

Council Member Cain arrived after the votes were cast.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Council Member Hall with a second by Council Member Etheredge to adopt the minutes of the August 9, 2021 Regular Council Meeting. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Hall to adopt the August 18, 2021 Special Council Meeting. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Shull reported the next Regular Council Meeting will be October 11, 2021.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS – Council Member Hall

Council Member Hall reported Central Midlands met on August 26, 2021, the first “in person” meeting in over a year which was held the Columbia Convention Center with 31 participants including staff and presenters. An agenda was attached with the paper work given to each of you. Reported the majority of time was spent going over the financial statement; having a lot of problems collecting our revenue. SCDOT’s presentation for our \$1.7 billion correction to “Malfunction Junction” which each of Council has an outline of the five phases of that. The next meeting is September 23rd.

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE -Council Member Prouse

Council Member Prouse reported that EPAC has not met yet and the next scheduled meeting is October 20th.

THE COMET ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Council Member Cain

Council Member Cain reported that the Comet has met but no updated information at this point.

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION – Mayor Shull

Mayor Shull reported there was a meeting on September 8th. Reported that growth continues to grow at 3.38% on water customers and 5.49% on sewer.

B-L CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – Mike Taylor, President

Reported he just attended a meeting with Midlands Technical College Advisory Committee. Had an update from president Rhames about the college's enrollment and also a report from Dr. Atkinson from the School District on how Midlands Tech works with the school district. Group discussion on three items – are there any other community groups who would benefit from utilizing the campus; what types of personnel enrichment classes would be beneficial; what skills and talents needed by businesses that Midlands Technical College could offer. A list was compiled and would be given to Council when available

- Reported on the "Grow With Us" process which will result in a new modern comprehensive plan for Lexington County. This is a 22-month process and after each phase the steering committee completes, the residents of the county have an opportunity for their input. Please go to growwithuslexco.com and review the growth scenarios for Lexington County and share your feedback. This opportunity is open to the public until September 17th.
- Last month the B-L Chamber of Commerce hosted their 33rd Annual Auction. On behalf of our Board of Directors would like to thank our members for the most successful auction we have had in three years considering what they have been through the past eighteen months this is truly remarkable.
- Our community will host two events within 21 days – the College Street Block Party at Leesville College Park on Sunday, September 26th and Fall for the Arts on Oak Street in the Batesburg Business District on Sunday, October 17th. Both will provide a great day of entertainment for our citizens and tourist. We look forward to working with the Town on Halloween On Main set for October 31st; our Annual Banquet will be on Thursday, November 18th and the Christmas Parade in December.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Second Reading – Ordinance to Amend the Animal Control Ordinance with Changes Requested by Lexington County

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Etheredge to approve second reading. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved Denied – Council Member Cain

B. Second 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 #00-7000-03-006)

A motion was made by Council Member Hall with a second by Council Member Gambrell to approve second reading. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

NEW BUSINESS

A. Council Vote to Excuse Absence from Last Month’s Meeting for Council Member Shirley Mitchell and Council Member Paul Wise

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Lemon to excuse both Council Members Mitchell and Wise. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

B. Resolution – Designating Authorized Representative and Contact Person for Purposes of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Etheredge to approve the Resolution as presented in Council’s packet designating the Town Manager, Ted Luckadoo as the authorized representative. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved Denied – Council Member Cain

C. Approval of Quote for the Purchase of Christmas Lights as Presented in Packet

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Prouse to approve the purchase of Christmas lights as per our memo. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved Denied – Council Member Cain

D. Approval of Funds to Make Needed Repairs to Engine 261 for the Fire Department

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Etheredge to choose option 2 which is to replace the motor in the truck at an estimated cost of \$34,813.34 which would carry a two-year warranty. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

E. Discussion and Possible Action Relating to Partnership Packages for BLHS Scoreboard Sponsorship Opportunity

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell that Council adopt the \$2,000 Annual Payment Partnership for the scoreboard for one year. There was no second therefore the motion died.

A motion was made by Council Member Hall with a second by Council Member Cain that this be moved to a work session for further discussion. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

F. Discussion Regarding Having a Groundbreaking for Woodard Unity Park

A motion was made by Council Member Cain with a second by Council Member Etheredge that a groundbreaking be held for Woodward Unity Park. A date will be set at a later time. After further discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.

G. Discussion Regarding Training Session for Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals Performed by Central Midlands Council of Governments

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell to adopt this training session for the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, and Council with a second by Council Member Hall. Manager Luckadoo stated a tentative date has been set for October 21st for the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals training but may change due to the election of Council Members. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

MANAGER'S REPORT – Ted Luckadoo

ARP FUNDING UPDATE

- With the approval of the Resolution tonight, we will be filling out the required information on the MASC website, which will be followed by a link from the SC Dept. of Administration to request the funds from the State.
- Once the funds are requested, they should be wired into our bank account within 1-2 days. We have established a separate bank account solely for these funds.
- Our first deposit will be for \$1,347,912.52 and we will be able to draw the remaining funds 12 months later.
- We hope to incorporate another ARP discussion in a work session in a couple weeks, in conjunction with a presentation of I/I findings from the study.

WATER MAIN BREAK UPDATE

- Following up on the water main break that we had last week, there have been some initial discussions among administration, Tim Schumpert, water plant staff and utility maintenance about how we avoid and minimize our risks moving forward to avoid water loss on our system.
- Last week, our crew attempted to isolate the system at 6 different valve locations to avoid substantial water loss. Unfortunately, none of the 6 valves worked as they should have and wouldn't close completely, thus allowing for continuous water flow.
- Our plan is to draft a plan of action on future steps that will be taken to better control issues from the beginning. We will be obtaining a list of resources and equipment needed

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- for our crew to be better positioned for success and will bring to Council their needs. We will be understanding how we can improve upon our preventative maintenance and for those issues we find that will require financial assistance from Council, we will be bringing them, such as, valve replacements.
- At the end of this, we will understand what we could have done better, what we did well, the resources and equipment we need to put into place, and how do improve communication in the initial responses to these types of events.
- With all that said, our guys worked very hard to get the broken pipe fixed, our water treatment staff did a great job of treating water quickly and restoring water to the system. We also thank Joint Municipal W&S for their assistance in providing bottle water, a 10" pipe, and manpower to assist our guys who had been up all-night working.

Project Updates

- ***Pine Street Parking*** – Since our last Council meeting, Dominion Energy has come up with a new plan for relocating the existing power lines on the property. They will be utilizing boring to underground from FB Batesburg, down Highway 23 to Pine Street and underground behind the new sidewalks on the property to a pole in the alley way. They have stated their contractors should be beginning work on this in the next couple of weeks.
- ***WWTP Improvement Projects*** – NAC continues their work at the WWTP. Demolition of both screw pumps has been done and the channel grouting is complete. The contractor has finalized the subgrading for the new electrical room extension, we are just waiting on concrete to be poured for that. Demolition of the drying beds is underway where the new digester tank is going to be placed and Gregory Electric is continuing to install the duck bank and conduit for new electrical lines throughout the plant.
- ***Sewer Infiltration/Inflow Project*** – There is about \$34,000 approximately that is being used for CCTV work to try and find some of the manholes that couldn't be located during their initial walk of our main trunk lines from the WWTP. This work is underway and should take them the next couple weeks to complete and get information updated in the final report. We are working to schedule presentation to Council for this month for them to review their findings with Council.
- ***Woodard Unity Park*** – The Landplan Group has reached out to us, as they are ready to begin their engineering and design work on Unity Park. The survey is nearly complete. They have asked us to put together a stakeholder group for a pre-engineering and design meeting to discuss elements of this park. We will be working to put this together and will notify once it has been set up.
- ***Downtown Engineering & Design*** – The Landplan Group will also be beginning the engineering & design work for downtown districts improvements in the next few weeks once they have kicked off Unity Park and got it started. We will be looking to have further input sessions on both districts from the public to understand what improvements

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people would like to see for our downtowns. We will also put together merchants input sessions to receive their feedback before they begin designing.

TOWN FINANCIAL/BUDGET UPDATE

	Aug-21	Jul-21
General Fund Checking	\$ 1,910,524.77	\$ 2,140,759.00
General Fund Savings	\$ -	\$ -
Police Donations	\$ 9,961.02	\$ 15,696.97
Fire Department 1%	\$ 20,844.89	\$ 20,844.89
Municipal Court	\$ 35,800.50	\$ 38,478.71
Victims Assistance	\$ 2,254.28	\$ 1,955.25
Total (Non-Utility Funds)	\$ 1,979,385.46	\$ 2,217,734.82
Utility Fund Checking	\$ 229,673.30	\$ 288,354.46
Utility Fund Reserve	\$ 767,877.95	\$ 767,871.48
Capital Improvement Project/Impact Fe	\$ 1,544,163.17	\$ 1,544,580.89
USDA Debt Service Reserve	\$ 564,843.73	\$ 564,838.96
USDA Depreciation	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.00
2021 Infrastructure Revenue Bond	\$ 3,154,628.04	\$ 3,154,648.04
Total (All Utility Funds)	\$ 3,106,560.15	\$ 3,165,648.79
Hospitality Tax Checking	\$ 645,043.18	\$ 618,284.31
Total All Funds	\$ 5,730,988.79	\$ 6,001,667.92

TOWN FINANCIAL/BUDGET UPDATE

Monthly Account Balances for Fiscal Year 2021/2022

	Sep-21	Aug-21	Jul-21
General Fund Checking	\$ 1,697,943.83	\$ 1,910,524.77	\$ 2,140,759.00
General Fund Savings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Police Donations	\$ 8,088.83	\$ 9,961.02	\$ 15,696.97
Fire Department 1%	\$ 23,086.92	\$ 20,844.89	\$ 20,844.89
Municipal Court	\$ 33,659.86	\$ 35,800.50	\$ 38,478.71
Victims Assistance	\$ 2,599.05	\$ 2,254.28	\$ 1,955.25
Total (Non-Utility Funds)	\$ 1,765,378.49	\$ 1,979,385.46	\$ 2,217,734.82
Utility Fund Checking	\$ 284,577.69	\$ 229,673.30	\$ 288,354.46
Utility Fund Reserve	\$ 767,884.18	\$ 767,877.95	\$ 767,871.48
Capital Improvement Project/Impact	\$ 1,596,445.37	\$ 1,544,163.17	\$ 1,544,580.89
USDA Debt Service Reserve	\$ 564,848.36	\$ 564,843.73	\$ 564,838.96
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$ 1,347,914.52	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.00
2021 Infrastructure Revenue Bond	\$ 2,944,905.55	\$ 3,154,628.04	\$ 3,154,648.04
Total (All Utility Funds)	\$ 3,213,755.60	\$ 3,106,560.15	\$ 3,165,648.79
Hospitality Tax Checking	\$ 660,597.95	\$ 645,043.18	\$ 618,284.31
Total All Funds	\$ 5,639,732.04	\$ 5,730,988.79	\$ 6,001,667.92

Monthly Account Balances for September Since 2014

	Sep-21	Sep-20	Sep-19	Sep-18	Sep-17	Sep-16	Sep-15	Sep-14
General Fund Checking	\$ 1,697,943.83	\$ 1,464,391.88	\$ 1,146,304.31	\$ 1,319,989.38	\$ 1,345,242.52	\$ 1,194,091.20	\$ 1,092,133.40	\$ 1,029,111.13
General Fund Savings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 43,401.55	\$ 43,401.55	\$ 154,645.07
Police Donations	\$ 8,088.83	\$ 5,155.06	\$ 12,308.00	\$ 7,694.07	\$ 6,696.68	\$ 7,766.10	\$ 13,532.71	\$ 11,319.80
Fire Department 1%	\$ 23,086.92	\$ 26,629.34	\$ 22,561.19	\$ 22,471.47	\$ 19,751.37	\$ 23,311.49	\$ 20,509.19	\$ 17,147.88
Municipal Court	\$ 33,659.86	\$ 31,459.27	\$ 32,781.62	\$ 30,362.14	\$ 34,931.75	\$ 39,726.43	\$ 29,722.92	\$ 31,645.96
Victims Assistance	\$ 2,599.05	\$ 1,359.56	\$ 566.49	\$ 89.18	\$ 175.48	\$ 351.77	\$ 164.35	\$ 261.65
Total (Non-Utility Funds)	\$ 1,765,378.49	\$ 1,528,995.11	\$ 1,251,873.16	\$ 1,417,957.79	\$ 1,444,149.35	\$ 1,308,648.54	\$ 1,199,464.12	\$ 1,244,131.49
Utility Fund Checking	\$ 284,577.69	\$ 240,621.22	\$ 268,728.32	\$ 356,674.03	\$ 523,876.31	\$ 456,008.47	\$ 191,589.87	\$ 67,568.64
Utility Fund Reserve	\$ 767,884.18	\$ 767,756.97	\$ 764,173.45	\$ 758,084.10	\$ 1,074,613.98	\$ 675,638.85	\$ 832,477.17	\$ 518,208.86
Capital Improvement Project/Impact	\$ 1,596,445.37	\$ 1,517,168.04	\$ 1,322,247.90	\$ 929,859.28	\$ 70,114.72	\$ 45,040.72	\$ 11,907.72	\$ 3,880.72
USDA Debt Service Reserve	\$ 564,848.36	\$ 564,754.97	\$ 562,119.27	\$ 557,639.78	\$ 231,081.00	\$ 231,081.00	\$ 231,080.00	\$ 231,080.00
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$ 1,347,914.52	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -	\$ -
2021 Infrastructure Revenue Bond	\$ 2,944,905.55	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 1,859.25	\$ 778.78	\$ 1,498.79	\$ 2,366.49	\$ 587.27
Total (All Utility Funds)	\$ 3,213,755.60	\$ 3,090,306.20	\$ 2,917,273.94	\$ 2,604,119.44	\$ 1,900,465.79	\$ 1,409,268.83	\$ 1,269,421.25	\$ 821,325.49
Hospitality Tax Checking	\$ 660,597.95	\$ 806,007.87	\$ 384,621.45					
Total All Funds	\$ 5,639,732.04	\$ 5,425,309.18	\$ 4,553,768.55	\$ 4,022,077.23	\$ 3,344,615.14	\$ 2,717,917.37	\$ 2,468,885.37	\$ 2,065,456.98

General Fund

<u>Revenues/Expenses thru September 2021</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% Budget</u>
Operating Revenues	\$ 899,899.59	\$ 4,676,151.00	19%
Operating Expenses	\$ 1,066,318.95	\$ 4,676,151.00	23%

Utility Fund

<u>Revenues/Expenses thru September 2021</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% Budget</u>
Operating Revenues	\$ 899,163.56	\$ 3,280,700.00	27%
Operating Expenses	\$ 922,502.98	\$ 3,280,700.00	28%

Victim's Assistance Fund

<u>Revenues/Expenses thru September 2021</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% Budget</u>
Operating Revenues	\$ 1,765.90	\$ 7,500.00	24%
Operating Expenses	\$ 1,719.90	\$ 7,500.00	23%

Hospitality Tax Fund

<u>Revenues/Expenses thru September 2021</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% Budget</u>
Operating Revenues	\$ 171,213.64	\$ 565,300.00	30%
Operating Expenses	\$ 115,485.70	\$ 565,300.00	20%

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Discussion and Receipt of Legal Advice Relating to Easement Agreement with Dominion Energy for Pine Street Parking.**
- B. Receipt of Legal Information Relating to Water Contract with the Town of Ridge Spring.**

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Hall to go into Executive Session at 7:41 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Hall to return to the Regular Council Meeting at 7:51 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

Possible Actions by Council in Follow-Up to Executive Session

- A. Discussion and Receipt of Legal Advice Relating to Easement Agreement with Dominion Energy for Pine Street Parking.**

No Action Taken.

- B. Receipt of Legal Information Relating to Water Contract with the Town of Ridge Spring.**

No Action Taken.

POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S MEETING – October 11, 2021

A motion was made by Council Member Cain with a second by Council Member Lemon to place on the October 11, 2021 agenda discussion on the Town maintaining Shirley Street. With no discussion, the vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

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ADJOURNMENT

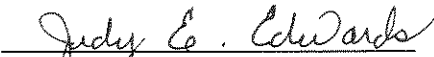
A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Hall to adjourn at 7:53 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

Approved this 11th day of October 2021.



Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:


Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk