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PUBLIC HEARINGS

NOVEMBER 8, 2021

Mayor Shull opened the first Public Hearing at 7:00 P. M. to receive citizen input on an **Ordinance to Amend the Stormwater Management Ordinance with Changes Made by the County of Lexington**. Since no one appeared before Council, Mayor Shull closed the Public Hearing at 7:01 P. M.

Mayor Shull opened the second Public Hearing at 7:01 P. M. to receive citizen input on an **Ordinance to Rezone Property Located at 645 Academy Street from C-1, General Commercial, to C-2 Transitional Commercial (TMS #007026-06-001.)** Since no one appeared before Council, Mayor Shull closed the Public Hearing at 7:01 P. M.

Mayor Shull opened the last Public Hearing at 7:02 P. M. to receive citizen input on an **Ordinance to Rezone Property Located at 459 North Lee Street from R-2, General Residential, to R-1A, Single-Family and Manufactured Housing Residential (TMS#006000-01-006.)** Since no one appeared before Council, Mayor Shull closed the Public Hearing at 7:02 P. M.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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 Member Etheredge, Gambrell, Lemon, Wise, Prouse, and Hall. Council Member Cain arrived at 7:07 P. M. and Council Member Mitchell was 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.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Etheredge 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 Lemon to adopt the minutes of the October 11, 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 December 13, 2021.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS – Council Member Hall

Council Member Hall reported Central Midlands Council of Governments, Board of Directors, met on October 28th. This was a “Hybrid” meeting (in person and via zoom) on the Harbison Campus of Midlands Tech. A quorum was present which allowed the Board to conduct business so far as the “Consent Agenda.” The majority of the meeting was consumed with three presentations by COG staff:

- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
- Natural Hazard Risk Assessment and Mitigation Plan
- Long-term Care Ombudsman Program

There will be copies available of the Comprehensive Economic Development Plan as soon as they are made. The one major issue that arose was the difficulty in replacing staff in the COG. Despite excellent compensation package and robust annual adjustments, several positions are unfilled. The next COG Board meeting will be December 9th on the Airport Campus of Midlands Tech.

Council Member Cain arrived during Council Member Hall's report.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Council Member Prouse

Reported the October 20th EPAC meeting was cancelled at the last minute because there was no business to discuss.

THE COMET ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Council Member Cain

Council Member Cain reported the Comet has met on several occasions; the financial situation is very good. There is a new Executive Director, Derrick Huggins.

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION – Mayor Shull

Mayor Shull reported the Commission met October 13th, the growth continues. The Charter Oak elevated water tank construction is under way and the design for Phase two of the water transmission main is complete. Completed a small section in front of Lake Murray Elementary to comply with the commitment to the school district. The audit is continuing and the Wooten Company has provided final plans for the Pelion Water Main Project. Old Cherokee/St. Peter's Church Road relocation for traffic circle was bid by SCDOT and the growth for the month was 2 1/2 %.

B-L CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – Mike Taylor, President

In the absence of Mike, Mayor Shull gave his report.

On behalf of Arts on the Ridge and the Chamber many thanks to all Town employees involved with the "Fall For The Arts" event on Sunday, October 17th. Stated he felt the event was a tremendous success and enjoyed by all who attended.

This Thursday Midlands Technical College and the B-L Chamber will host a Cyber Security class for businesses held on the B-L campus of MTC beginning at 6:15 P. M. Businesses will learn the basic explanations of the Dark Web, Malware, Ransomware and other technology buzzwords, how and why people want your information, what they do with it, and ways to protect yourself, clients, and your business. Any business planning to attend needs to contact the Chamber office.

The Annual Awards Banquet will be Thursday, November 18th at T & S Farm. Georgia Mjartan, Executive Director of SC First Steps, will be the guest speaker.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CONT'D.

The B-L Ministerial Alliance's Thanksgiving Community Service will be held on Sunday, November 21st beginning at 6:00 P. M. The service will be held at Faith Lutheran Church located at 119 N. Oak Street.

The 2021 Christmas Parade will be held on Sunday, December 5th beginning at 5:00 P. M. Parade applications are on the Chamber's website and Facebook page. The parade route this year will begin at the corner of Hendrix Street and Hwy. #1 and proceed down Hwy. #1 to Main Street and go to College Street.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**A. Second Reading – Ordinance to Amend the Stormwater Management Ordinance
With Changes Made by County of Lexington.**

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

VOTE: 7 Approved 1 Denied – Council Member Cain

**B. Second Reading – Ordinance to Rezone Property Located at 645 Academy Street
From C-1, General Commercial, to C-2 Transitional Commercial
(TMS #007026-06-001)**

A motion was made by Council Member Hall with a second by Council Member Prouse to approve. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

**C. Second Reading – Ordinance to Rezone Property Located at 459 North Lee Street
From R-2, General Residential, to R-1A, Single-Family and
Manufactured Housing Residential (TMS #006000-01-006)**

A motion was made by Council Member Hall with a second by Council Member Lemon to approve. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.

F. Approval of Contractor and Funds for Wastewater Treatment Plant Aeration Basin #2 Floating Aeration Project was held. A motion was made by Council Gambrell with a second by Council Member Prouse to approve the contractor and funds for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Aeration Basin #2 as presented in Council's packet. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 6 Approved 2 Denied – Council Member Cain, Hall

G. Approval of Funds for the Purchase of a Bucket Truck was held. A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Hall to approve funds not to exceed \$60,000 from the Hospitality Tax Fund towards the purchase of a new/used bucket truck. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 1 Denied – Council Member Cain

H. Discussion Regarding Guard Rails Along Summerland Avenue was held. Manager Luckadoo reported he has been in contact with SCDOT District 1 Chief Engineer and emailed him a map showing the exact location. He and his Team will have an on-site meeting to look at the location. When I described the drop off into a creek and we discussed what criteria constitutes having guard rails installed, he felt this may indeed qualify and they would determine that after the on-site meeting. After visiting the site, this qualifies and has been placed on their list.

I. Discussion Related to Allowing Council Members to Attend Council Meetings Virtually for Approved Reasons was held. Attorney Spradley stated Council would have to adopt a new ordinance and have two readings since our ordinance presently states attendance for Council Meetings requires a Council Member's physical presence. Council Member Hall made a motion to delay any action on this item until after Executive Session with a second by Council Member Lemon. The agenda does not need to be amended since there has to be a 2/3 vote on this item. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 1 Denied – Council Member Cain

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.

J. Acceptance of Results from the November 2, 2021 Election

Attorney Spradley read the certified results from the Lexington County Board of Canvassers. Lancer Shull – Mayor; Barbara Brown – District 1; Stephen Cain – District 3; Shirley Etheredge Mitchell – District 5; Jason Prouse – District 7. A motion was made by Council Member Hall with a second by Council Member Wise to accept these results. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

K. Recognition of Outgoing Council Member – District 1 - Cynthia Etheredge

A plaque was presented to Ms. Etheredge for her service to the Town of Batesburg-Leesville.

L. Swearing in of Council Members from the November 2, 2021 Election

Before Attorney Spradley Administered the Oath of Office to each candidate, he read “What is means to take the Oath of Office” – it is a solemn appeal to God by man; an official promise by a person who has been elected to a public office to fulfill the duties of the office according to law.

Attorney Spradley administered the Oath of Office to Lancer Shull, Barbara Brown, and Jason Prouse, after which they took their seat on Council. Stephen Cain gave the Town Clerk a signed, notarized Oath of Office rather than being sworn in by Attorney Spradley. Ms. Shirley Mitchel will be sworn in during the December meeting.

MANAGER’S REPORT – Ted Luckadoo

TOWN OF RIDGE SPRING CONTRACT

- Following last month’s Council meeting and your vote to approve the termination contract with Ridge Spring, it has been signed by both sides and is in effect.
- The existing agreement between the two towns will terminate effective September 30, 2023.

MANAGER'S REPORT CONT'D.

UPCOMING TOWN HOLIDAYS

- We are entering the holiday season and have a number of Town holidays over the next couple months.
- Town offices will be closed the following dates:
 - This Thursday, November 11th for Veterans Day
 - November 25th and 26th for Thanksgiving Holiday
 - December 23rd, 24th, and 27th for Christmas Holiday
 - December 31st for New Year's Holiday

UPCOMING TOWN EVENTS

- **Halloween on Main** – We had an estimated 2,000-3,000 people attend the event. There was a lot of positive feedback and we appreciate the 13 merchants opening their doors and participating on a Sunday evening in addition to four churches and 15 residential homes.
- **Christmas Parade** – This will be held on December 5th at 5:00pm. The route will begin at intersection of Hendrix Street and Highway 1 and proceed down Highway 1 to Main Street to College Park.
- **Christmas in Leesville** – The Leesville Merchants will hold their annual Christmas in Leesville event on Friday, December 3rd from 6:00-8:00pm.

PROJECT UPDATES

- **WWTP Improvement Projects** – Since the last Council meeting, NACC has finalized its work on basin #1. The new floating aerators have been installed and are working great. SCDHEC officials met on-site this past Friday and inspected the new aeration equipment and have granted us a permit for operation of basin #1. With regards to the headworks project, we anticipate the new screws to be in in December and the foundation is ready for the new digester tank to be installed once Fisher Tank is done constructing. Electrical work continues on this project.
- **Sewer Collection GIS** – This project is all but completed at this point. The contractor surveyed over 586 manholes and they combined their data with Frazier Engineerings data and were able to input a total of 777 manholes into the new GIS software. They were also able to input over 314 asbuilt plans of our system into the new system. We have held a training session with them on using the system. We now can reference our entire sewer infrastructure on GIS and don't have to utilize paper plans.

- **Sewer Infiltration/Inflow Project** – Frazier Engineering has completed all CCTV work on the additional lines they were going to do and have the information reviewed. They have updated the final draft document from their study to include cost estimates and priority ranking of issues that need to be addressed. We are going to schedule a work session for them to present their findings to Council and discuss approach to addressing the priorities.

TOWN FINANCIAL/BUDGET UPDATE

	Oct-21	Sep-21	Aug-21	Jul-21
General Fund Checking	\$ 1,486,972.36	\$ 1,697,943.83	\$ 1,910,524.77	\$ 2,140,759.00
General Fund Savings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Police Donations	\$ 8,088.83	\$ 8,088.83	\$ 9,961.02	\$ 15,696.97
Fire Department 1%	\$ 22,844.09	\$ 23,086.92	\$ 20,844.89	\$ 20,844.89
Municipal Court	\$ 32,111.87	\$ 33,659.86	\$ 35,800.50	\$ 38,478.71
Victims Assistance	\$ 386.75	\$ 2,599.05	\$ 2,254.28	\$ 1,955.25
Total (Non-Utility Funds)	\$ 1,550,403.90	\$ 1,765,378.49	\$ 1,979,385.46	\$ 2,217,734.82
Utility Fund Checking	\$ 314,405.61	\$ 284,577.69	\$ 229,673.30	\$ 288,354.46
Utility Fund Reserve	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,884.18	\$ 767,877.95	\$ 767,871.48
Capital Improvement Project/Impact	\$ 1,589,625.44	\$ 1,596,445.37	\$ 1,544,163.17	\$ 1,544,580.89
USDA Debt Service Reserve	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,848.36	\$ 564,843.73	\$ 564,838.96
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$ 1,347,914.52	\$ 1,347,914.52	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.00
2021 Infrastructure Revenue Bond	\$ 2,550,186.68	\$ 2,944,905.55	\$ 3,154,628.04	\$ 3,154,648.04
Total (All Utility Funds)	\$ 3,236,770.84	\$ 3,213,755.60	\$ 3,106,560.15	\$ 3,165,648.79
Hospitality Tax Checking	\$ 676,371.70	\$ 660,597.95	\$ 645,043.18	\$ 618,284.31
Total All Funds	\$ 5,463,546.44	\$ 5,639,732.04	\$ 5,730,988.79	\$ 6,001,667.92

	Oct-21	Oct-20	Oct-19	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-16	Oct-15	Oct-14
General Fund Checking	\$ 1,486,972.36	\$ 1,222,560.33	\$ 1,107,273.29	\$ 1,059,212.08	\$ 1,188,163.08	\$ 1,004,317.07	\$ 908,991.93	\$ 870,603.64
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	\$ 11,957.47	\$ 7,919.07	\$ 6,696.68	\$ 12,366.96	\$ 13,532.71	\$ 9,643.87
Fire Department 1%	\$ 22,844.09	\$ 26,629.34	\$ 22,157.82	\$ 22,193.87	\$ 19,496.25	\$ 22,861.24	\$ 20,404.58	\$ 16,644.49
Municipal Court	\$ 32,111.87	\$ 35,178.40	\$ 33,369.62	\$ 29,467.29	\$ 37,257.39	\$ 39,726.43	\$ 29,722.92	\$ 31,645.96
Victims Assistance	\$ 386.75	\$ 812.96	\$ 307.76	\$ 317.95	\$ 311.32	\$ 795.78	\$ 176.69	\$ 111.91
Total (Non-Utility Funds)	\$ 1,550,403.90	\$ 1,290,336.09	\$ 1,212,417.51	\$ 1,156,461.81	\$ 1,289,276.27	\$ 1,123,469.03	\$ 1,016,230.38	\$ 1,083,294.94
Utility Fund Checking	\$ 314,405.61	\$ 282,177.69	\$ 232,090.51	\$ 414,258.90	\$ 312,629.85	\$ 537,345.95	\$ 224,873.02	\$ 93,026.06
Utility Fund Reserve	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,789.54	\$ 764,692.81	\$ 758,599.31	\$ 770,357.84	\$ 740,814.01	\$ 867,182.31	\$ 550,636.25
Capital Improvement Project/Impact	\$ 1,589,625.44	\$ 1,551,894.04	\$ 1,371,820.61	\$ 938,576.82	\$ 376,720.26	\$ 36,975.72	\$ 13,049.72	\$ 3,880.72
USDA Debt Service Reserve	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,778.85	\$ 562,501.24	\$ 558,018.76	\$ 555,700.00	\$ 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	\$ 2,550,186.68	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 1,349.16	\$ 2,900.25	\$ 919.78	\$ 1,796.52	\$ 3,151.35
Total (All Utility Funds)	\$ 3,236,770.84	\$ 3,166,645.12	\$ 2,931,110.17	\$ 2,670,805.95	\$ 2,018,309.20	\$ 1,547,137.46	\$ 1,337,981.57	\$ 881,774.38
Hospitality Tax Checking	\$ 676,371.70	\$ 850,064.91	\$ 423,972.42					
Total All Funds	\$ 5,463,546.44	\$ 5,307,046.12	\$ 4,567,500.10	\$ 3,827,267.76	\$ 3,307,585.47	\$ 2,670,606.49	\$ 2,354,211.95	\$ 1,965,069.32

GENERAL FUND

Revenues/Expenses thru October 2021	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 1,144,517.84	\$ 4,676,151.00	24%
Operating Expenses	\$ 1,541,081.63	\$ 4,676,151.00	33%

UTILITY FUND

Revenues/Expenses thru October 2021	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 1,200,783.11	\$ 3,280,700.00	37%
Operating Expenses	\$ 1,596,144.58	\$ 3,280,700.00	48%

* Operating expenses includes \$665,588.36 in payments towards WWTP improvements that has come from Revenue Bond Funds

Victim's Assistance Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru October 2021	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 2,172.20	\$ 7,500.00	29%
Operating Expenses	\$ 2,579.85	\$ 7,500.00	34%

Hospitality Tax Fund

<u>Revenues/Expenses thru October 2021</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% Budget</u>
Operating Revenues	\$ 214,473.85	\$ 565,300.00	38%
Operating Expenses	\$ 142,972.16	\$ 565,300.00	25%

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Discussion Regarding Potential Economic Development Opportunity in the B-L Industrial Park
- B. Discussion Related to Allowing Council Members to Attend Council Meetings Virtually for Approved Reasons

A motion was made by Council Member Hall with a second by Council Member Prouse to enter Executive Session at 7:52 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

Council Member Cain did not attend the Executive Session and left the meeting.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

A motion was made by Council Member Brown with a second by Council Member Hall to return to Regular Session at 8:24 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 Potential Economic Development Opportunity In the Industrial Park
- B. Discussion Related to Allowing Council Members to Attend Council Meetings Virtually for Approved Reasons

No Action taken.

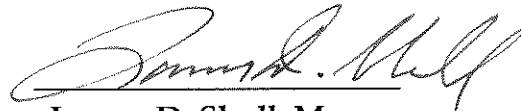
POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S MEETING – December 13, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Hall with a second by Council Member Lemon to adjourn at 8:25 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

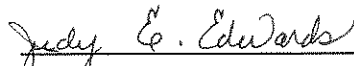
VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

Approved this 13th day of December 2021.



Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:



Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk