

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution Recognizing the B-L High School Panther Band was read by the Mayor Shull. A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Gambrell to adopt. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Shull reported the next Regular Council Meeting will be February 14, 2022

CENTRAL MIDLANDS – Council Member Hall

Council Member Hall reported COG has not met since our last Council Meeting. Our next meeting is 2 weeks from this Thursday.

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Council Member Prouse

Council Member Prouse reported EPAC has not met but a meeting is scheduled for January 19th.

THE COMET ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Council Member Cain

Council Member Cain reported the Comet has met numerous times. We have a new Executive Director and we are working our way through this year's budget; reported he was on the Finance Committee.

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION – Mayor Shull

Mayor Shull reported the Commission did not meet but did have a nice Christmas party.

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.

D. Approval of Fund Transfer for Utility Sewer Line & Materials and Professional Services

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Prouse to approve the transfer of \$101,495 from the Utility Non-Departmental "Utility Reserve" expense line item, with \$71,495 going to Utility Maintenance "Professional Services" and \$30,000 going to Utility Maintenance "Water/Sewer Line Materials" line item. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 1 Denied – Council Member Cain

E. Discussion Relating to Line Street Roadway Condition

Manager Luckadoo gave an update on the Line Street roadway repair and he is to request an on-site meeting with SCDOT for their evaluation of the roadway repair.

MANAGER'S REPORT

UPCOMING MASC HLAD AND MEO INSTITUTE

- Just a reminder, if you wish to attend the HLAD and MEO Institute on February 1st and 2nd respectively, please let me know so we can get you registered if you haven't done so already. Registration deadline is January 21, 2022.

UPCOMING TOWN HOLIDAYS

- Town offices will be closed next Monday, January 17th for MLK Jr. Holiday

UPCOMING WORK SESSION ON JANUARY 26TH AT 6:00PM

- Just as a reminder for Council members, we will be having a work session on Wednesday, January 26th at 6:00pm.
- Frazier Engineering, who performed our Infiltration/Inflow study will be in attendance to present their final report/findings to Council.
- Following the presentation, we will have a discussion related to ARP and how we wish to spend the remainder of the first allotment.

MANAGER'S REPORT CONT'D.

PARTNERSHIP WITH LC REGISTRATION/ELECTIONS FOR PRIMARIES

- We have been working with Lexington County Registration and Elections to host an “Absentee Mobile Voting” unit at Town Hall this year. This will be for primaries held in June. They are going to confirm the June date with us later, but wanted to secure a location in the B-L area. We held absentee voting at Town Hall last major election and it was very successful and provided people an opportunity to vote absentee without having to drive to Lexington.

UPCOMING MERCHANT INPUT SESSIONS ON DOWNTOWN E&D

- We are currently working with both the LMA and BBA to schedule dates/times to hold merchant input sessions relating to both downtown district future improvements and what our businesses would like to see completed.
- It appears the date at this point is likely to be January 25th in the evening, but we still have a few more merchants to hear from before we solidify the date/time.

PROJECT UPDATES

- ***WWTP Improvement Projects*** – With regards to the headworks project that is underway at the WWTP, the new screw pumps are now expected to arrive mid to late March. The new filter press is expected to arrive in mid-February and our new aerators for basin #2 are expected to arrive in mid to late February. Our equipment is being delayed by material shortages in the manufacturing process. In the meantime, work still continues at the plant. We should see installation of the new digester tank beginning very soon as Fisher Tank is close to finishing the material for constructing that. Additionally, basin #2 has been drained and is being cleaned and any needed repairs made in the basin. Part of the old aeration equipment has been demolished and removed and we are awaiting a crane to come on site to finalize the rest of the old aeration equipment.
- ***Lease-Purchase Update*** – The new Ford Explorer police vehicle, which is a part of this year’s budget, is now at Kinard Controls to have all radios, cameras, and other equipment installed. Once it is done there, we will have decals installed and it will be placed into service. The 3 remaining Dodge Durango police vehicles were picked up this past week by the PD and they are being sent to Kinard Controls to have all equipment installed and should be on the road soon.

TOWN FINANCIAL/BUDGET UPDATE

	Dec-21	Nov-21	Oct-21	Sep-21	Aug-21	Jul-21
General Fund Checking	\$ 1,096,802.21	\$ 1,264,096.96	\$ 1,486,972.36	\$ 1,697,943.83	\$ 1,910,524.77	\$ 2,140,759.00
General Fund Savings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Police Donations	\$ 8,786.15	\$ 9,917.03	\$ 8,088.83	\$ 8,088.83	\$ 9,961.02	\$ 15,696.97
Fire Department 1%	\$ 13,523.85	\$ 22,297.79	\$ 22,844.09	\$ 23,086.92	\$ 20,844.89	\$ 20,844.89
Municipal Court	\$ 35,955.70	\$ 34,242.60	\$ 32,111.87	\$ 33,659.86	\$ 35,800.50	\$ 38,478.71
Victims Assistance	\$ 891.90	\$ 354.10	\$ 386.75	\$ 2,599.05	\$ 2,254.28	\$ 1,955.25
Total (Non-Utility Funds)	\$ 1,155,959.81	\$ 1,330,908.48	\$ 1,550,403.90	\$ 1,765,378.49	\$ 1,979,385.46	\$ 2,217,734.82
Utility Fund Checking	\$ 260,520.24	\$ 336,884.69	\$ 314,405.61	\$ 284,577.69	\$ 229,673.30	\$ 288,354.46
Utility Fund Reserve	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,884.18	\$ 767,877.95	\$ 767,871.48
Capital Improvement Project/Impact	\$ 1,688,018.28	\$ 1,632,591.86	\$ 1,589,625.44	\$ 1,596,445.37	\$ 1,544,163.17	\$ 1,544,580.89
USDA Debt Service Reserve	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,848.36	\$ 564,843.73	\$ 564,838.96
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$ 1,166,463.88	\$ 1,347,914.52	\$ 1,347,914.52	\$ 1,347,914.52	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.00
2021 Infrastructure Revenue Bond	\$ 2,832,749.06	\$ 2,808,179.06	\$ 2,550,186.68	\$ 2,944,905.55	\$ 3,154,628.04	\$ 3,154,648.04
Total (All Utility Funds)	\$ 3,281,278.31	\$ 3,302,216.34	\$ 3,236,770.84	\$ 3,213,755.60	\$ 3,106,560.15	\$ 3,165,648.79
Hospitality Tax Checking	\$ 629,132.01	\$ 640,405.82	\$ 676,371.70	\$ 660,597.95	\$ 645,043.18	\$ 618,284.31
Total All Funds	\$ 5,066,370.13	\$ 5,273,530.64	\$ 5,463,546.44	\$ 5,639,732.04	\$ 5,730,988.79	\$ 6,001,667.92

Monthly Account Balances for December Since 2014

	Dec-21	Dec-20	Dec-19	Dec-18	Dec-17	Dec-16	Dec-15	Dec-14
General Fund Checking	\$ 1,096,802.21	\$ 874,897.00	\$ 563,841.61	\$ 634,357.84	\$ 785,086.49	\$ 735,895.08	\$ 575,748.24	\$ 565,567.25
General Fund Savings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 43,401.55	\$ 43,401.55	\$ 158,645.07
Police Donations	\$ 8,786.15	\$ 5,155.06	\$ 11,594.21	\$ 11,080.07	\$ 11,280.68	\$ 10,331.96	\$ 11,010.89	\$ 10,045.49
Fire Department 1%	\$ 13,523.85	\$ 25,385.07	\$ 15,585.40	\$ 16,091.20	\$ 12,856.95	\$ 13,758.68	\$ 19,183.63	\$ 16,501.49
Municipal Court	\$ 35,955.70	\$ 29,942.02	\$ 35,935.29	\$ 30,817.79	\$ 30,799.02	\$ 27,518.46	\$ 30,038.31	\$ 29,790.70
Victims Assistance	\$ 891.90	\$ 349.79	\$ 465.85	\$ 77.63	\$ 235.22	\$ 288.81	\$ 175.40	\$ 146.19
Total (Non-Utility Funds)	\$ 1,155,959.81	\$ 935,728.94	\$ 664,773.91	\$ 729,776.08	\$ 877,609.91	\$ 831,194.54	\$ 679,558.02	\$ 780,696.19
Utility Fund Checking	\$ 260,520.24	\$ 408,886.93	\$ 261,399.12	\$ 427,768.26	\$ 403,910.28	\$ 578,474.79	\$ 208,741.46	\$ 68,998.40
Utility Fund Reserve	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,827.12	\$ 765,715.74	\$ 759,615.11	\$ 755,096.42	\$ 845,920.41	\$ 567,798.29	\$ 608,761.02
Capital Improvement Project/Impact	\$ 1,688,018.28	\$ 1,512,698.79	\$ 1,467,856.57	\$ 1,096,787.25	\$ 484,527.85	\$ 35,961.72	\$ 13,049.72	\$ 7,188.72
USDA Debt Service Reserve	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,806.43	\$ 563,253.60	\$ 558,766.26	\$ 555,700.00	\$ 231,081.00	\$ 231,080.00	\$ 231,080.00
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$ 1,166,463.88	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -	\$ -
2021 Infrastructure Revenue Bond	\$ 2,832,749.06	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 551.27	\$ 1,323.08	\$ 2,437.81	\$ 722.34	\$ 2,428.63
Total (All Utility Funds)	\$ 3,281,278.31	\$ 3,254,224.27	\$ 3,058,230.03	\$ 2,843,491.15	\$ 2,200,558.63	\$ 1,693,876.73	\$ 1,021,391.81	\$ 918,456.77
Hospitality Tax Checking	\$ 629,132.01	\$ 890,031.96	\$ 474,264.48					
Total All Funds	\$ 5,066,370.13	\$ 5,079,985.17	\$ 4,197,268.42	\$ 3,573,267.23	\$ 3,078,168.54	\$ 2,525,071.27	\$ 1,700,949.83	\$ 1,699,152.96

MANAGER'S REPORT CONT'D.

General Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru December 2021	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 1,555,331.62	\$ 4,676,151.00	33%
Operating Expenses	\$ 2,508,378.28	\$ 4,676,151.00	54%

Utility Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru December 2021	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 2,283,805.77	\$ 3,280,700.00	70%
Operating Expenses	\$ 2,353,898.58	\$ 3,280,700.00	72%

** Operating expenses and revenues includes funds towards WWTP improvements that has come from Revenue Bond funds*

Victim's Assistance Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru December 2021	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 3,338.51	\$ 7,500.00	45%
Operating Expenses	\$ 3,913.70	\$ 7,500.00	52%

Hospitality Tax Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru December 2021	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 322,247.19	\$ 565,300.00	57%
Operating Expenses	\$ 298,004.44	\$ 565,300.00	53%

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Discussion Regarding Contract with Town Attorney**
- B. Discussion Regarding the Selection of Council Members to Serve on Town Manager's Evaluation Committee**

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Gambrell to go into Executive Session at 7:38 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

Council Member Mitchell did not attend Executive Session.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Wise to return to Regular Council Meeting at 7:59 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY COUNCIL IN FOLLOW UP TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Possible Action in Follow Up to Discussion Regarding Contract with Town Attorney

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Lemon that we adopt the contract as presented in Executive Session. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 1 Denied – Council Member Cain

B. Possible Action in Follow Up to Selection of Council Members to Serve on Town Manager's Evaluation Committee

A motion was made by Council Member Cain with a second by Council Member Hall that he and Council Member Hall be added to that committee. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 3 Approved 6 Denied – Council Member Brown, Gambrell,
Lemon, Wise, Prouse, Mayor Shull

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Gambrell that in addition to the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem that Council Member

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Lemon and Council Member Wise be added to that committee. Council Member Hall "called for the question" to end discussion with a second by Council Member Gambrell.

VOTE: 8 Approved 1 Denied – Council Member Cain (NO Vote)

Vote on Council Member Lemon and Council Member Wise for the Town Manager's Evaluation Committee.

VOTE: 8 Approved 1 Denied – Council Member Cain

POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S MEETING – February 14, 2022

ADJOURNMENT


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

VOTE: 8 Approved 1 Denied – Council Member Cain (NO Vote)

Approved this 14th day of February 2022.


Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:


Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk