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## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

October 10, 2022

The Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Batesburg-Leesville, held in Building B of the Town Hall Complex, was called to order by Mayor Shull at 7:00 P. M. Members present were Mayor Shull, Council Member Brown, Gambrell, Cain, Lemon, Wise, Prouse, and Hall.

## INVOCATION

The invocation was given by the Wittenberg Lutheran Church pastor, Keith Getz.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was held.

## 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:        8 Approved                      0 Denied

## ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Council Member Lemon with a second by Council Member Hall to adopt the minutes from the September 12, 2022 Regular 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 November 14, 2022.

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### **CENTRAL MIDLANDS – Council Member Hall**

Council Member Hall reported he attended the COG Board meeting via zoom on Thursday, September 22, 2022. Major items discussed were:

- Last year's fiscal budget,
- Growing locally we should address food issues in some communities,
- Received update from SCDOT on projects to include Pond Branch Road rehab which has been moved to the second quarter of 2023 due to contractor issues.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & ADVISORY COMMITTEE (E. P. A. C.) Council Member Prouse**

Council Member Prouse reported there was no meeting.

### **THE COMET ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Council Member Cain**

Council Member Cain had no report.

### **JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION – Mayor Shull**

Mayor Shull had no report

### **B-L CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – Mike Taylor, Executive Director**

Mike Taylor reported the following:

- Arts on the Ridge will host Fall for the Arts festival October 23<sup>rd</sup>. 30 artisans, food trucks, Robbie Cockrell will perform.
- Annual Banquet is November 17, 2022.
- Ministerial Alliance will conduct their Thanksgiving Community event on Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup> at First Baptist Leesville. Rev. Thomasena Rice will deliver the sermon.
- Christmas Parade will be held Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA – None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Council Vote to Excuse Absence from Last Month’s Meeting for Council Member Gambrell**

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

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied Recused – Council Member Gambrell

**B. Proclamation – Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2022**

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Wise to declare October – Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Batesburg-Leesville. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

**C. Council Approval of Contractor and Funds for Replacement of Existing Damaged Sidewalks Along Summerland Avenue.**

A motion was made by Council Member Hall with a second by Council Member Gambrell to approve J&H Grading and Paving LLC as the contractor with approval to spend the \$30,000 received from Lexington County C Fund allocation for the replacement of existing damaged sidewalks along Summerland Avenue. With some discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

**D. First Reading – Ordinance to Amend Title 5 Chapter 2 of the Town’s General Code of Ordinances Relating to Building Regulations and Code Enforcement**

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Prouse to amend Title 5 Chapter 2 of the Town’s General Code of Ordinance to adopt: The adopted modifications and the mandatory codes are as follows:

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- 2021 International Building Code with SC modifications;
- 2021 International Residential Code with SC modifications;
- 2021 International Fire Code with SC modifications;
- 2021 International Plumbing Code with SC modifications;
- 2021 International Mechanical Code with SC modifications;
- 2021 International Fuel Gas Code with SC modifications;
- 2020 National Electrical Code (NFPA 70) with SC modifications; and
- 2009 International Energy Conservation Code (unchanged).

With some discussion, a clarification for Property Maintenance Code 5-2-1 Technical Codes Section 103.5 was added to the motion stating "a schedule of fees can be obtained from the town clerk" will replace the wording "fees can be obtained from the town clerk". A vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

**E. First Reading – Ordinance to Rezone Property Located at NW Etheredge Street, Consisting of 0.51 Acres from C-1 "General Commercial" to C-2 "Office and Institutional Commercial" (TMS #007028-02-015)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Cain to adopt and make the entire town C-2. No second given. Motion failed.

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Wise approve rezoning. With some discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

**F. First Reading – Ordinance to Rezone Property Located at 312 & 300 Willis Street, Consisting of 2.12 Acres from R- 1 "Single Family Residential" to C-2 "Office and Institutional Commercial" (TMS #007017-08-016 & 007017-08-018)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Cain to adopt and make the entire town C-2. No second given. Motion failed.

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Wise approve rezoning. With some discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

**G. First Reading – Ordinance to Annex Property Located West of Shealy Road and North of Town Pond Road, Consisting of 21.79 Acres (TMS #007100-07-036)**

A motion was made by Council Prouse with a second by Council Member Wise to approve annexation. With some discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 6 Approved 1 Denied Cain and Hall

**MANAGER'S REPORT – Ted Luckadoo**

**EVENT UPDATES**

- As a reminder, Arts on the Ridge will be hosting their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual “Fall for the Arts” event on Sunday, October 23, 2022 from 3:00 until 7:00pm on North Oak Street, in the Batesburg Business District. The Robbie Cockrell Bank will be playing that day and there will be food vendors and arts/craft stands. It is free for the public.
- Just a reminder that the “Halloween on Main” Trick-or-Treat event will be held on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 until 8:00pm.
- The Annual Chamber Christmas Parade will be held Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. The route will go from Bojangles down Highway 1 to the Downtown Batesburg Business District.

**EARLY VOTING IN B-L**

- Lexington County Registration and Elections has chosen Batesburg-Leesville as one of 5 “Early Voting” locations. Early voting will be held at our local Midlands Tech campus October 24<sup>th</sup> thru November 5<sup>th</sup>, Monday thru Saturday. People can go and vote between the hours of 8:30am to 6:00pm. They will have curbside service available for those who need to utilize it.

**ISO FIRE CLASSIFICATION REVIEW**

- At least every 5 years, ISO performs a survey known as Public Protection Classification (PPC) to determine our ISO rating for Fire Service. This rating plays a large role in the rates that people pay for insurance. ISO performed the survey/inspection earlier this year and we received our results this past week. We have remained a ISO Class 3 for Fire Service. This is a very good rating, with one being the overall best you can receive and 10 being the worst.

**PROJECT UPDATES**

- Wastewater Treatment Plant projects are in the winding down phase. They aeration projects are complete and final payments made for those two basin projects. The headworks project is entering final stages as final electrical work is all but complete, screw pumps are in operation and the digester tank will be started here soon. That will complete this project. The liquid chemical feed project is currently out for bid. We will be opening bids for this project on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and will bring to Council in December for awarding.
- In follow up to our last Council meeting, Dominion Energy has informed me that they have our Town scheduled for November to mobilize in and begin changing all of our streetlights from HID to LED. They have not provided a timeline on how long the conversion will take.
- AOS Specialty Contractors, who will be installing the new sidewalks from Columbia Farms to Walmart along Highway 23, told us this week that their plan is to begin work on October 17<sup>th</sup>. There is a slight possibility that it may be October 24<sup>th</sup>, but their plan is for the 17<sup>th</sup>. They have until June 30<sup>th</sup> to complete the project.
- Our Invitation to bid for the Infiltration and Inflow rehabilitation project is currently out and bids are due in by November 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm, in which we will have the bid opening. We are having a mandatory pre-bid meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup> for any contractors who want to bid on the project. Our goal is to have this on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

**TOWN FINANCIAL/BUDGET UPDATE**

**Monthly Account Balances for Fiscal Year 2022/2023**

	Sep-22	Aug-22	Jul-22
General Fund Checking	\$ 1,474,661.60	\$ 2,054,627.16	\$ 2,385,182.86
General Fund Savings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Police Donations	\$ 19,622.49	\$ 19,622.49	\$ 19,232.29
Fire Department 1%	\$ 24,605.75	\$ 24,934.71	\$ 21,259.67
Municipal Court	\$ 45,546.85	\$ 55,852.11	\$ 41,418.46
Victims Assistance	\$ 6,659.04	\$ 5,751.91	\$ 5,321.70
<b>Total (Non-Utility Funds)</b>	<b>\$ 1,571,095.73</b>	<b>\$ 2,160,788.38</b>	<b>\$ 2,472,414.98</b>
Utility Fund Checking	\$ 385,171.49	\$ 361,937.66	\$ 350,045.05
Utility Fund Reserve	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,884.18
Capital Improvement Project/Impact	\$ 2,105,411.14	\$ 2,099,424.59	\$ 2,047,726.17
USDA Debt Service Reserve	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,851.44
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$ 841,471.38	\$ 841,471.38	\$ 841,471.38
2021 Infrastructure Revenue Bond	\$ 1,392,817.60	\$ 1,392,817.60	\$ 1,392,817.60
<b>Total (All Utility Funds)</b>	<b>\$ 3,823,322.42</b>	<b>\$ 3,794,102.04</b>	<b>\$ 3,730,506.84</b>
Hospitality Tax Checking	\$ 703,998.52	\$ 682,849.10	\$ 626,956.52
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$ 6,098,416.67</b>	<b>\$ 6,637,739.52</b>	<b>\$ 6,829,878.34</b>

**Monthly Account Balances for August Since 2014**

	Sep-22	Sep-21	Sep-20	Sep-19	Sep-18	Sep-17	Sep-16	Sep-15	Sep-14
General Fund Checking	\$ 1,474,661.60	\$ 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	\$ 19,622.49	\$ 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%	\$ 24,605.75	\$ 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	\$ 45,546.85	\$ 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	\$ 6,659.04	\$ 2,599.05	\$ 1,359.56	\$ 566.49	\$ 89.18	\$ 175.48	\$ 351.77	\$ 164.35	\$ 261.65
<b>Total (Non-Utility Funds)</b>	<b>\$ 1,571,095.73</b>	<b>\$ 1,765,378.49</b>	<b>\$ 1,528,995.11</b>	<b>\$ 1,251,873.16</b>	<b>\$ 1,417,957.79</b>	<b>\$ 1,444,149.35</b>	<b>\$ 1,308,648.54</b>	<b>\$ 1,199,464.12</b>	<b>\$ 1,244,131.49</b>
Utility Fund Checking	\$ 385,171.49	\$ 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	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 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	\$ 2,105,411.14	\$ 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	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 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	\$ 841,471.38	\$ 1,347,914.52	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -	\$ -
2021 Infrastructure Revenue Bond	\$ 1,392,817.60	\$ 2,944,905.55	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 1,859.25	\$ 778.78	\$ 1,498.79	\$ 2,366.49	\$ 587.27
<b>Total (All Utility Funds)</b>	<b>\$ 3,823,322.42</b>	<b>\$ 3,213,755.60</b>	<b>\$ 3,090,306.20</b>	<b>\$ 2,917,273.94</b>	<b>\$ 2,604,119.44</b>	<b>\$ 1,900,465.79</b>	<b>\$ 1,409,268.83</b>	<b>\$ 1,269,421.25</b>	<b>\$ 821,325.49</b>
Hospitality Tax Checking	\$ 703,998.52	\$ 660,597.95	\$ 806,007.87	\$ 384,621.45					
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$ 6,098,416.67</b>	<b>\$ 5,639,732.04</b>	<b>\$ 5,425,309.18</b>	<b>\$ 4,553,768.55</b>	<b>\$ 4,022,077.23</b>	<b>\$ 3,344,615.14</b>	<b>\$ 2,717,917.37</b>	<b>\$ 2,468,885.37</b>	<b>\$ 2,065,456.98</b>

**General Fund**

Revenues/Expenses thru September 2022	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 782,511.86	\$ 5,214,651.00	15%
Operating Expenses	\$ 1,315,476.01	\$ 5,214,651.00	25%

**Utility Fund**

Revenues/Expenses thru September 2022	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 977,676.67	\$ 3,321,100.00	29%
Operating Expenses	\$ 1,244,957.61	\$ 3,321,100.00	37%

**Victim's Assistance Fund**

Revenues/Expenses thru September 2022	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 2,674.08	\$ 7,500.00	36%
Operating Expenses	\$ 2,022.65	\$ 7,500.00	27%

**Hospitality Tax Fund**

Revenues/Expenses thru September 2022	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 178,367.10	\$ 625,000.00	29%
Operating Expenses	\$ 52,692.87	\$ 625,000.00	8%



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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY COUNCIL IN FOLLOW UP TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Hall to adjourn at 7:49 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.


VOTE:        8 Approved                    0 Denied

**Approved this 14th day of November 2022.**



**Lancer D. Shull, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Judy Edwards, Town Clerk**