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PUBLIC HEARING

November 14, 2022

Mayor Shull opened the first Public Hearing at 7:00 pm to receive citizen input on **Ordinance to Rezone Property Located at NW Etheredge Street, Consisting of 0.51 Acres from C-1 "General Commercial" to C-@ "Office and Institutional Commercial"** (TMS #007028-02-015)

No public input

The second Public Hearing opened at 7:01 pm to receive citizen input on **Ordinance to Rezone Property Located at 312 and 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).

Council Member Cain spoke regarding his concerns over impacts of rezoning.

The third Public Hearing opened at 7:04 pm to receive citizen input on **Ordinance to Annex Property Located West of Shealy Road and North of Town Pond Road, Consisting of 21.79 Acres** (TMS #007100-07-036).

No public input

COUNCIL MEETING

A 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 7:05 P. M. Members present were Mayor Shull, Council Member Brown, Gambrell, Cain, Lemon, Wise, Prouse, and Hall.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Police Chief Darren Amick.

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 Gambrell 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 Hall with a second by Council Member Prouse to adopt the minutes from the October 10, 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 December 12, 2022.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS – Council Member Hall

Council Member Hall reported he attended the COG Board meeting October 27, 2022. Discussed future services for the COMET bus service. Passed a resolution supporting the placement of cameras at all access points to long-term care facilities. This is an ongoing problem.

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

Council Member Prouse reported the October meeting was cancelled.

THE COMET ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Council Member Cain

Council Member Cain reported that The Comet lost their Executive Director to a heart attack. Right now, The Comet is in a holding pattern.

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION – Mayor Shull

Mayor Shull stated there was some discussion about sewer construction near Platt Springs Road. Additional upgrades to radio tower.

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

- Fall for the Arts festival was a great day. Thank the town and the street department for their assistance.
- Thursday November 17th will be the Chamber's Awards Banquet at T&S Farms.
- Community Thanksgiving Service is scheduled for November 20th at Leesville First Baptist Church.
- B-L Christmas Parade is scheduled for December 4th at 5:30 pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

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

VOTE: 7 Approved 1 Denied (Cain)

B. Second Reading - Ordinance to Rezone Property Located at 312 and 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 Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Wise to approve rezoning. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 6 Approved 2 Denied (Cain, Hall)

C. Second 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 Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Gambrell to approve annexation. With some discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 1 Denied (Cain)

NEW BUSINESS

A. Council Vote to Excuse Absence from Last Month's Meeting for Council Member Mitchell.

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

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

B. First Reading – Ordinance for Property Transfer on Wilson Street

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

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

C. Approval of Bid and Contractor for Infiltration and Inflow Rehabilitation Project

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Gambrell to approve contract with Portland Utilities Construction Company. Town Manager Luckadoo covered details of the contract provision regarding costs. With some discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

D. Approval of Mutual Aid Agreement Between B-L Police Department and Lexington County Sheriff's Department

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Lemon to approve. Town Manager Luckadoo explained that aid agreements are updated after change in leadership. With some discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

E. Approval of SCWARN Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement for Water and Wastewater Utilities.

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Gambrell to approve. Town Manager Luckadoo explained how the program operates with emergency responses between agencies. With some discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

MANAGER'S REPORT – Ted Luckadoo

EVENT UPDATES

- Arts on the Ridge held their 2nd Annual “Fall for the Arts” event on Sunday, October 23, 2022 on North Oak Street in the downtown Batesburg Business District. There was very positive feedback on the event and everyone in attendance seemed to have had a great time. We appreciate the Arts on the Ridge committee for all their hard work and for putting this event on.
- Halloween on Main was great this year. We got fortunate with the weather and ended up having the largest Halloween on Main event yet. We estimated close to 3,000 people came out for the event. There were 7 churches in attendance among other groups that took part. The golf cart decorating contest and parade went over well and we hope to expand on that next year. We appreciate everyone that took part in making this event great this year.
- The Annual Chamber Christmas Parade will be held Sunday, December 4th. Following the event ending in the Batesburg Downtown District, we will be having an event with dancers, singing and more. We are still working on the details and will let you know once we have finalized everything.
- The Town is sponsoring a Christmas movie night in Wilson Depot Park on Saturday, December 3rd from 5:00pm until 7:00pm. We will be showing the movie “The Grinch” and there will be hot chocolate, popcorn, drinks, and other food/snacks. Lexington county is again letting us borrow their movie screen and equipment, which we appreciate greatly.

PROJECT UPDATES

- Electrical work has all but been finalized and everything for the headworks project is in final stages. We are expecting everything to be in full operation by the end of January. We will open bids November 22nd for the liquid chemical feed project and will bring to Council in December for awarding. This project will hopefully begin in January or first part of February.
- Work began on October 17th on the SCDOT TAP Grant sidewalk project. To date, the contractors have been working on installing the storm drainage piping at the intersection of Walmart and Highway 23. They have also poured the new concrete sidewalks and ramps at the Walmart intersection and some additional sidewalks have been poured in front of Hardee’s. They seem to be progressing well.
- J&H Grading and Paving, who was awarded this year’s C Fund Sidewalk Project has met with staff to look at what scope of work will be done within the \$30,000 budget. The

focus will be on the intersection with Miller Street and driveway crossings. They are expected to begin work within the next couple weeks.\

- Dominion Energy began the conversion to LED streetlights today. They will be working on this for the next few weeks.

TOWN FINANCIAL/BUDGET UPDATE

Monthly Account Balances for Fiscal Year 2022/2023

	Oct-22	Sep-22	Aug-22	Jul-22
General Fund Checking	\$ 1,237,960.97	\$ 1,474,661.60	\$ 2,054,627.16	\$ 2,385,182.86
General Fund Savings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Police Donations	\$ 19,622.49	\$ 19,622.49	\$ 19,622.49	\$ 19,232.29
Fire Department 1%	\$ 35,154.32	\$ 24,605.75	\$ 24,934.71	\$ 21,259.67
Municipal Court	\$ 38,616.08	\$ 45,546.85	\$ 55,852.11	\$ 41,418.46
Victims Assistance	\$ 7,499.80	\$ 6,659.04	\$ 5,751.91	\$ 5,321.70
Total (Non-Utility Funds)	\$ 1,338,853.66	\$ 1,571,095.73	\$ 2,160,788.38	\$ 2,472,414.98
Utility Fund Checking	\$ 396,457.33	\$ 385,171.49	\$ 361,937.66	\$ 350,045.05
Utility Fund Reserve	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,884.18
Capital Improvement Project/Impact	\$ 2,157,109.56	\$ 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	\$ 564,851.44
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$ 1,978,559.42	\$ 841,471.38	\$ 841,471.38	\$ 841,471.38
2021 Infrastructure Revenue Bond	\$ 1,219,804.41	\$ 1,392,817.60	\$ 1,392,817.60	\$ 1,392,817.60
Total (All Utility Funds)	\$ 3,886,306.68	\$ 3,823,322.42	\$ 3,794,102.04	\$ 3,730,506.84
Hospitality Tax Checking	\$ 757,986.99	\$ 703,998.52	\$ 682,849.10	\$ 626,956.52
Total All Funds	\$ 5,983,147.33	\$ 6,098,416.67	\$ 6,637,739.52	\$ 6,829,878.34

Monthly Account Balances for October Since 2014

	Oct-22	Oct-21	Oct-20	Oct-19	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-16	Oct-15	Oct-14
General Fund Checking	\$ 1,237,960.97	\$ 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	\$ 19,622.49	\$ 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%	\$ 35,154.32	\$ 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	\$ 38,616.08	\$ 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	\$ 7,499.80	\$ 386.75	\$ 812.96	\$ 307.76	\$ 317.95	\$ 311.32	\$ 795.78	\$ 176.69	\$ 111.91
Total (Non-Utility Funds)	\$ 1,338,853.66	\$ 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	\$ 396,457.33	\$ 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	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 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	\$ 2,157,109.56	\$ 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	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 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	\$ 1,978,559.42	\$ 1,347,914.52	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -	\$ -
2021 Infrastructure Revenue Bond	\$ 1,219,804.41	\$ 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)	\$ 3,886,306.68	\$ 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	\$ 757,986.99	\$ 676,371.70	\$ 850,064.91	\$ 423,972.42					
Total All Funds	\$ 5,983,147.33	\$ 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 2022	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 900,850.56	\$ 5,214,651.00	17%
Operating Expenses	\$ 1,610,925.05	\$ 5,214,651.00	31%

Utility Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru October 2022	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 1,252,591.08	\$ 3,321,100.00	38%
Operating Expenses	\$ 1,220,816.92	\$ 3,321,100.00	37%

Victim's Assistance Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru October 2022	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 3,729.87	\$ 7,500.00	50%
Operating Expenses	\$ 2,600.55	\$ 7,500.00	35%

Hospitality Tax Fund

<u>Revenues/Expenses thru October 2022</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% Budget</u>
Operating Revenues	\$ 237,265.68	\$ 625,000.00	38%
Operating Expenses	\$ 104,140.45	\$ 625,000.00	17%

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Lemon to go into Executive Session. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

- A. Receipt of Legal Advice Relating to Contractual Matters with Gilbert-Summit Rural Water District
- B. Discussion Regarding Personnel Matters Relating to Town Judge

POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY COUNCIL IN FOLLOW UP TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S MEETING – December 12, 2022


None

ADJOURNMENT


A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Hall to adjourn at 8:16 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

Approved this 12th day of December 2022.


Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:


Judy Edwards, Town Clerk