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PUBLIC HEARING

December 12, 2022

Mayor Shull opened the first Public Hearing at 7:00 pm to receive citizen input on **Ordinance for property transfer on Wilson Street.**

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 7:02 P. M. Members present were Mayor Shull, Council Member Brown, Gambrell, Cain, Lemon, Mitchell, Wise, Prouse, and Hall.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Pastor Kent Suits of Christ Community 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 Hall to approve the agenda. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Council Member Hall with a second by Council Member Gambrell to adopt the minutes from the November 14, 2022 Regular Council Meeting. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied 1 Abstained (Mitchell)

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Wise to adopt the minutes from the November 21, 2022 Council Work Session. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied 1 Abstained (Mitchell)

A motion was made by Council Member Hall with a second by Council Member Prouse to adopt the minutes from the December 5, 2022 Special Council Meeting. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied 1 Abstained (Mitchell)

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Shull reported the next Regular Council Meeting will be January 9, 2023.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS – Council Member Hall

Council Member Hall reported the COG Board met December 8, 2022. They board discussed setting performance standards for SCDOT and briefly discussed a draft comprehensive economic development strategy and will vote on in January.

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

Council Member Prouse reported there was no meeting in November.

THE COMET ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Council Member Cain

Council Member Cain had no report.

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION – Mayor Shull

Mayor Shull stated there was no meeting but it was their annual holiday party.

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

- At their annual banquet The Root Cellar received the Small Business of the Year Award while the B-L Branch Library received the President’s Award and the employees of Shealy’s BBQ won the Chairman’s Award.
- B-L Christmas Parade was December 4th and Taylor stated he received numerous compliments on the parade.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Second Reading – Ordinance to Property Transfer on Wilson Street.

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Gambrell to approve transfer. Councilman Hall asked who was bearing the costs of the transfer. Manager Luckadoo stated the town would be covering these costs. With no further discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

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

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied 1 Abstained (Mitchell)

B. First Reading – Ordinance for the Sell of Town Owned Property Along East Columbia Avenue (TMS# 006028-01-003, TMS# 006028-01-011) encompassing 2.87 acres.

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Lemon to approve. Question from Council Member Mitchell about which properties. Manager Luckadoo stated these properties are the Landmark Trailer Park and the Black Dog Inn. With no further discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied 1 abstained (Cain)

C. First Reading – Ordinance to Amend the Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget.

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Wise to approve. Council Member Hall asked a point of order to clarify that the funds will come from the General Fund checking account and that there would be a balance remaining. With no further discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied 1 abstained (Cain)

D. Approval of Bid and Contractor for Liquid Chemical Feed Project

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Wise to approve. The low bid was J.L. Construction for a total of \$1,149,455. \$458,201 is available in CDBG grants with the town paying the balance of \$691,254. \$691,061.80 would come from the Revenue Bond and the additional \$192.20 would come from the utility fund operating budget. With some discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

E. Approval of Regular Council Meeting Dates for 2023

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: 9 Approved 0 Denied

MANAGER'S REPORT – Ted Luckadoo

EVENT UPDATES

- On Saturday, December 3rd, we had the Christmas Movie Night in the Wilson Depot Park. There was a great turnout, with approximately 200 people attending. We appreciate Lexington Co. Recreation & Aging for allowing us to use the equipment. A special thank you to all the community volunteers that came out and had food/refreshments and to Jay and Stacey and others who helped to set up.

UPCOMING TOWN HOLIDAYS

- It's that time of the year. We have a number of holiday days coming up in which the offices will be closed. Offices will be closed for Christmas holiday on Friday, December 23rd, Monday, December 26th and Tuesday December 27th. We will also be closed on Monday, January 2nd for New Year's.

PROJECT UPDATES

- AOS Specialty Contractors have continued work on the new sidewalks along Church Street. Weather has certainly impacted their ability to work as much, but they are still making progress.
- J&H Grading and Paving is slated to begin work this week on the \$30K in sidewalk repairs/replacement along Summerland Avenue. Weather could impact the actual start date, but they are expected to begin sometime soon.
- Dominion Energy completed the LED street light conversion since our last meeting. They were able to complete this over 3 days. The new lights look good.
- Since the last Council meeting when we awarded the job to Portland Utilities, we have issued them a Notice of Award and a Notice to Proceed. We will have a Pre-Con meeting after the first of the New Year to discuss communication, scope of work, reporting of work completed among other things. We expect them to begin work in January on repairing manholes and lines.

TOWN FINANCIAL/BUDGET UPDATE

Monthly Account Balances for Fiscal Year 2022/2023

	Nov-22	Oct-22	Sep-22	Aug-22	Jul-22
General Fund Checking	\$ 1,072,932.64	\$ 1,237,960.97	\$ 1,474,661.60	\$ 2,054,627.16	\$ 2,385,182.86
General Fund Savings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Police Donations	\$ 22,650.68	\$ 19,622.49	\$ 19,622.49	\$ 19,622.49	\$ 19,232.29
Fire Department 1%	\$ 32,669.10	\$ 35,154.32	\$ 24,605.75	\$ 24,934.71	\$ 21,259.67
Municipal Court	\$ 38,235.99	\$ 38,616.08	\$ 45,546.85	\$ 55,852.11	\$ 41,418.46
Victims Assistance	\$ 7,886.52	\$ 7,499.80	\$ 6,659.04	\$ 5,751.91	\$ 5,321.70
Total (Non-Utility Funds)	\$ 1,174,374.93	\$ 1,338,853.66	\$ 1,571,095.73	\$ 2,160,788.38	\$ 2,472,414.98
Utility Fund Checking	\$ 385,406.30	\$ 396,457.33	\$ 385,171.49	\$ 361,937.66	\$ 350,045.05
Utility Fund Reserve	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,884.18
Capital Improvement Project/Impact	\$ 2,064,548.86	\$ 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	\$ 564,851.44
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$ 1,965,053.07	\$ 1,978,559.42	\$ 841,471.38	\$ 841,471.38	\$ 841,471.38
2021 Infrastructure Revenue Bond	\$ 973,978.55	\$ 1,219,804.41	\$ 1,392,817.60	\$ 1,392,817.60	\$ 1,392,817.60
Total (All Utility Funds)	\$ 3,782,694.95	\$ 3,886,306.68	\$ 3,823,322.42	\$ 3,794,102.04	\$ 3,730,506.84
Hospitality Tax Checking	\$ 727,019.08	\$ 757,986.99	\$ 703,998.52	\$ 682,849.10	\$ 626,956.52
Total All Funds	\$ 5,684,088.96	\$ 5,983,147.33	\$ 6,098,416.67	\$ 6,637,739.52	\$ 6,829,878.34

Monthly Account Balances for October Since 2014

	Nov-22	Nov-21	Nov-20	Nov-19	Nov-18	Nov-17	Nov-16	Nov-15	Nov-14	
General Fund Checking	\$ 1,072,932.64	\$ 1,264,096.96	\$ 936,076.96	\$ 738,830.01	\$ 856,156.86	\$ 959,181.73	\$ 821,316.83	\$ 733,072.09	\$ 701,088.00	3.64
General Fund Savings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 43,401.55	\$ 43,401.55	\$ 168,645.07	5.07
Police Donations	\$ 22,650.68	\$ 9,917.03	\$ 5,155.06	\$ 11,957.47	\$ 10,615.07	\$ 8,005.68	\$ 10,246.96	\$ 13,585.37	\$ 9,613.92	3.87
Fire Department 1%	\$ 32,669.10	\$ 22,297.79	\$ 26,135.07	\$ 21,546.86	\$ 21,546.58	\$ 18,687.22	\$ 21,989.57	\$ 19,684.39	\$ 16,644.49	4.49
Municipal Court	\$ 38,235.99	\$ 34,242.60	\$ 31,247.14	\$ 32,896.72	\$ 30,257.84	\$ 36,356.52	\$ 39,807.43	\$ 29,722.92	\$ 31,645.96	5.96
Victims Assistance	\$ 7,886.52	\$ 354.10	\$ 1,240.47	\$ 500.20	\$ 94.08	\$ 406.05	\$ 152.94	\$ 313.97	\$ 175.19	1.91
Total (Non-Utility Funds)	\$ 1,174,374.93	\$ 1,330,908.48	\$ 999,854.70	\$ 843,082.81	\$ 956,021.98	\$ 1,059,988.75	\$ 936,915.28	\$ 839,780.29	\$ 927,812.63	4.94
Utility Fund Checking	\$ 385,406.30	\$ 336,884.69	\$ 338,021.79	\$ 248,905.85	\$ 422,130.80	\$ 363,493.56	\$ 579,807.34	\$ 230,337.28	\$ 82,013.96	6.06
Utility Fund Reserve	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,814.76	\$ 765,195.75	\$ 759,098.24	\$ 773,738.51	\$ 794,173.91	\$ 578,559.71	\$ 584,862.42	6.25
Capital Improvement Project/Impact	\$ 2,064,548.86	\$ 1,632,591.86	\$ 1,544,929.45	\$ 1,420,606.67	\$ 995,217.72	\$ 429,086.93	\$ 35,961.72	\$ 13,049.72	\$ 4,451.72	0.72
USDA Debt Service Reserve	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,797.36	\$ 562,871.12	\$ 558,385.76	\$ 555,700.00	\$ 231,081.00	\$ 231,080.00	\$ 231,080.00	0.00
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$ 1,965,053.07	\$ 1,347,914.52	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -	\$ -	-
2021 Infrastructure Revenue Bond	\$ 973,978.55	\$ 2,808,179.06	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 1,006.07	\$ 2,346.89	\$ 94.72	\$ 1,232.05	\$ 2,865.43	1.35
Total (All Utility Funds)	\$ 3,782,694.95	\$ 3,302,216.34	\$ 3,215,568.36	\$ 2,997,584.39	\$ 2,735,841.59	\$ 2,124,366.89	\$ 1,641,119.69	\$ 1,054,258.76	\$ 905,273.53	4.38
Hospitality Tax Checking	\$ 727,019.08	\$ 640,405.82	\$ 850,525.68	\$ 422,043.84						
Total All Funds	\$ 5,684,088.96	\$ 5,273,530.64	\$ 5,065,948.74	\$ 4,262,711.04	\$ 3,691,863.57	\$ 3,184,355.64	\$ 2,578,034.97	\$ 1,894,039.05	\$ 1,833,086.16	9.32

General Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru November 2022	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 1,163,412.32	\$ 5,214,651.00	22%
Operating Expenses	\$ 2,251,845.98	\$ 5,214,651.00	43%

Utility Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru November 2022	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 1,518,400.23	\$ 3,321,100.00	46%
Operating Expenses	\$ 1,587,197.14	\$ 3,321,100.00	48%

Victim's Assistance Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru November 2022	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 4,324.53	\$ 7,500.00	58%
Operating Expenses	\$ 3,178.45	\$ 7,500.00	42%

Hospitality Tax Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru November 2022	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 258,637.97	\$ 625,000.00	41%
Operating Expenses	\$ 109,446.03	\$ 625,000.00	18%

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: 9 Approved 0 Denied

A. Discussion regarding contractual matters relating to Town Judge

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Hall to return to regular session from Executive Session. 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 relating to interviews for the position of Town Judge.

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Lemon to approve the contract as presented. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

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 Cain to adjourn at 7:39 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied


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Approved this 9th day of January 2023.



Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:



Judy Edwards, Town Clerk