

Regular Council Meeting
March 14, 2022
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ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Hall to adopt the minutes of the February 14, 2022 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 April 11, 2022.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS – COUNCIL MEMBER HALL

Council Member Hall reported Central Midlands COG Board met Thursday, February 18, 2022 at the Airport Campus of Midlands Technical College with a quorum present. Actions taken included the addition of \$1.5 million dollars to the Saluda River Greenway Project. This is a 10.5 mile project of walking and bike paths along the Saluda River. The next 3 phases projected to cost approximately \$23 million dollars. Had first reading approval to add the City of Newberry Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan to the 2022/23 Rural Planning Work Program with funding of \$137,000.

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Council Member Prouse

Council Member Prouse reported EPAC did not meet last month and the next meeting is scheduled for May.

THE COMET ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Council Member Cain

No report, Council Member Cain was not present.

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION – Mayor Shull

Mayor Shull reported the Commission did not meet this month, a meeting will be next month.

NEW BUSINESS

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

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

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

B. First reading on an Ordinance to Annex 16.33 Acres Owned by Shetland Properties, LLC & Located North West of East Church Street into the Town Limits of Batesburg-Leesville, Lexington County, TMS #005900-06-022 was held.

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Gambrell to adopt. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

C. First read on an Ordinance Adopting Changes Made by Lexington County to the Animal Control Ordinance was held. A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Wise to adopt. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

D. Resolution – Approving Expenditures Related to American Rescue Plan Funds

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Gambrell to adopt the Resolution as presented in the packet. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

MANAGER'S REPORT – Ted Luckadoo

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Just as a reminder, the Town Egg Hunt will be held on Wednesday, April 13th from 5:30-7:30pm at Leesville College Park. Our staff has been working hard to organize the event and put together fun activities for the children. We encourage the community to come out and take part.
- As a reminder, hosting our 2nd Annual Batesburg-Leesville Spring Clean event this year on Saturday, March 19th from 9:00-12:00am. We have reached out to many who took part last year and should have a good slate of people helping this weekend.

*****Council Member Mitchell arrived.***

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MANAGER'S REPORT CONT'D.

- This year's Electronic Recycling event will be held on Saturday, April 23rd from 8:00-12:00pm at the B-L High School parking lot. We will be accepting tires (limit 8), scrap metal, paper shredding, and electronic (limit 8).

2022 SC ETHICS COMMISSION STATE OF ECONOMIC INTEREST

- Just a reminder that Council members need to complete their annual Statement of Economic Interest if they haven't already done so.
- Each Councilmember is required by law to file the SEI by March 30, 2021 or it will result in a penalty starting at \$100 if the report is not filed within five (5) days. SEI's must be filed using the Commission's electronic filing system, available at <http://ethics.sc.gov>

PROJECT UPDATES

- Oak Street resurfacing from Highway 23 to Highway 1 is now complete and is a one-way street. Line striping was changed and spaces were made longer and wider to better accommodate larger vehicles and to create more of a one-way feel. All signage has been installed and ground markings for one-way and railroad crossing. We appreciate C.R. Jackson and their crew for accommodating the district in their timing and scheduling.
- Progress continues to be made at the WWTP. The new digester tank is being installed as we speak and is progressing nicely. We have received all the floating aeration equipment for basin #2 and demolition is underway of existing aeration equipment. We are still awaiting the new screw pumps and hopefully they should be in this month.
- Work is underway for the JMWSC project. Surveyors have begun their path markings and programming for the drone to complete aerial surveying. We are also underway is trying to secure the property for the future tank, pump station site along Highway 1. There are discussions occurring with property owners in and around the area of where it needs to be located. This property acquisition is primarily being handled by JMWSC as they would own the site. We are also continuing to work on funding opportunities.

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	Feb-22	Jan-22	Dec-21	Nov-21	Oct-21	Sep-21	Aug-21	Jul-21
General Fund Checking	\$ 1,955,849.14	\$ 1,546,651.98	\$ 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	\$ 8,786.15	\$ 8,786.15	\$ 9,917.03	\$ 8,088.83	\$ 8,088.83	\$ 9,961.02	\$ 15,696.97
Fire Department 1%	\$ 22,878.84	\$ 22,878.84	\$ 13,523.85	\$ 22,297.79	\$ 22,844.09	\$ 23,086.92	\$ 20,844.89	\$ 20,844.89
Municipal Court	\$ 42,343.85	\$ 34,595.29	\$ 35,955.70	\$ 34,242.60	\$ 32,111.87	\$ 33,659.86	\$ 35,800.50	\$ 38,478.71
Victims Assistance	\$ 1,426.16	\$ 1,017.33	\$ 891.90	\$ 354.10	\$ 386.75	\$ 2,599.05	\$ 2,254.28	\$ 1,955.25
Total (Non-Utility Funds)	\$ 2,031,284.14	\$ 1,613,929.59	\$ 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	\$ 313,027.73	\$ 283,872.00	\$ 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	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,884.18	\$ 767,877.95	\$ 767,871.48
Capital Improvement Project/Impact	\$ 1,869,162.12	\$ 1,799,536.70	\$ 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	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,848.36	\$ 564,843.73	\$ 564,838.96
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$ 1,166,463.88	\$ 1,166,463.88	\$ 1,166,463.88	\$ 1,347,914.52	\$ 1,347,914.52	\$ 1,347,914.52	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.00
2021 Infrastructure Revenue Bond	\$ 2,818,388.41	\$ 2,676,669.61	\$ 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)	\$ 3,514,929.64	\$ 3,416,148.49	\$ 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	\$ 656,614.13	\$ 601,999.73	\$ 629,132.01	\$ 640,405.82	\$ 676,371.70	\$ 660,597.95	\$ 645,043.18	\$ 618,284.31
Total All Funds	\$ 6,202,827.91	\$ 5,632,077.81	\$ 5,066,370.13	\$ 5,273,530.64	\$ 5,463,546.44	\$ 5,639,732.04	\$ 5,730,988.79	\$ 6,001,667.92

GENERAL FUND

Revenues/Expenses thru February 2022	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 3,278,717.63	\$ 4,676,151.00	70%
Operating Expenses	\$ 3,365,683.83	\$ 4,676,151.00	72%

UTILITY FUND

Revenues/Expenses thru February 2022	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 3,156,230.20	\$ 3,280,700.00	96%
Operating Expenses	\$ 3,004,837.95	\$ 3,280,700.00	92%

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

Victim's Assistance Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru February 2022	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 4,470.61	\$ 7,500.00	60%
Operating Expenses	\$ 5,060.30	\$ 7,500.00	67%

Hospitality Tax Fund

<u>Revenues/Expenses thru February 2022</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% Budget</u>
Operating Revenues	\$ 434,895.18	\$ 565,300.00	77%
Operating Expenses	\$ 383,151.06	\$ 565,300.00	68%

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Discussion of Contractual Matters relating to the Sale of Town Owned Property**
- B. Receipt of Legal Advice Relating to Redistricting**

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Gambrell to go into Executive Session at 7:24 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Gambrell to return to Regular Session at 8:09 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY COUNCIL IN FOLLOW UP TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Possible Action by Council in Follow Up to Discussions Relating to the Sale of Town Owned Property**

No action taken in follow up to Executive Session.

- B. Possible Action by Council in Follow Up to Receipt of Legal Advice Relating to Redistricting**

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Hall to direct the Town Attorney to begin the process of creating a referendum question for the purpose of asking the public whether they would like to reduce the number of Council districts to six from the current 8. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 6 Approved 2 Denied – Council Member Lemon, Mitchell

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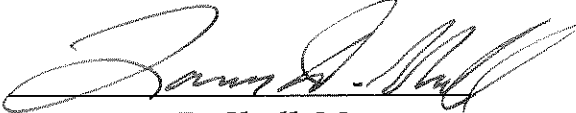
POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S MEETING – April 11, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

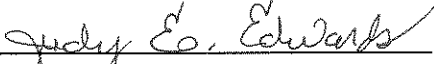
A motion was made by Council Member Hall with a second by Council Member Gambrell to adjourn at 8:20 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

Approved this 11th day of April 2022.


Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:


Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk