

In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, the news media and the public were notified of the time, date, and place along with a copy of the agenda of this meeting and a notice was posted on the outdoor bulletin board at the Batesburg-Leesville Town Hall and the Town's website no later than twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

September 12, 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, Cain, Lemon, Mitchell, Wise, Prouse, and Hall.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by the Christ Community Church Pastor, Kent Suits.

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 Lemon 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 August 8, 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 October 10, 2022.

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CENTRAL MIDLANDS – Council Member Hall

Council Member Hall reported he attended the COG Board meeting via zoom on Thursday, August 25, 2022 which was held at the Harbison Campus of Midlands Technical College with a quorum present. Major items discussed or voted on were:

- 8 amendments to the TIP 2020-2027 Plan
- 1 amendment to the Rural LRTP Plan (Drayton Street Bridge in Newberry)
- 1 amendment to the 2045 LRTP (Lexington Town Projects which are part of the Penny Tax Proposal

Received an update detail report on the Budget (\$14,952,452)

Next meeting will be Thursday, September 22, 2022.

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 reported funding is being worked on with the county.

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:

- The Annual Chamber Auction was held on August 20th at T & S Farms.
- Over 100 tickets and 15 sponsorships for the event were sold.
- Once again our business community was very generous with their contributions for our silent and live auction
- In order to have a successful auction it requires ticket sales, sponsorships, merchandise for auction, good food and drink, and those willing to hold up their hands and bid

B-L Chamber of Commerce Cont.d

- The Batesburg-Leesville Ministerial Alliances' Community Prayer Service that was scheduled for this Wednesday, September 14th has been postponed.
- Oak Street will be active in October with Faith Lutheran Church's Fall Festival on Saturday, October 8th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. This event includes free popcorn Hot dogs, entertainment, inflatables, hayride, and more.
- Arts on the Ridge will host Fall For the Arts on Sunday, October 23rd beginning at 3:00 pm and ending at 7:00 pm. The Robbie Cockrell Band will perform. There will be food trucks and over 25 artisans exhibiting their various talents.
- Capital Projects Sales Tax will be voted on by our citizens in Lexington County in November. If passed Council Brigham's District (our District) would benefit with 72 projects, 49.6 miles of resurfacing, 52.8 miles dirt to pave for 102.4 total miles. These improvements are estimated at 81.7 million dollars. The CPST will generate \$536 million over 8 years. Currently C-Funds provides 5-7 million per year for the entire county, these improvements only occur if there is a YES in November. We will be working with other chambers in Lexington County to get the facts out to our citizens. All the information about CPST is located at www.lexingtoncountycpst.com.

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 Members Mitchell and Hall

A motion was made by Council Prouse with a second by Council Member Wise to excuse their absence. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied Recused – Council Member Prouse

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.

B. Council Approval of Christmas Light Purchase

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Lemon to approve the refurbishment of 14 items and the purchase of 40 new Christmas Lights from Holiday Designs and additional electrical work to support the Christmas lights total up to \$50,000 from the Christmas Lights line item in the H-Tax budget. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 1 Denied – Council Member Cain

C. Council Approval of Agreement with Dominion Energy Covering Municipal Lighting

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Wise to approve the contract between the Town of Batesburg-Leesville and Dominion Energy for the conversion program from HID to LED streetlights. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

D. Council Approval of Funds for Purchase of New Wastewater Treatment Vehicle and Utility Vehicle.

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Wise to approve the purchase of a 2022 Ford Ranger with four wheel drive and a 2022 John Deere Gator utility vehicle to replace the ones that were stolen at a cost of \$47,500 from the Capital Improvement line item.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

MANAGER'S REPORT – Ted Luckadoo

EVENT UPDATES

- The SC Poultry Festival, in partnership with the Town, will be hosting again this year the Cruise In Concert event at College Park. It will be September 25th beginning at 2:00pm. They will 2 bands playing over the course of the afternoon,

- The Finesse Band and The Experiment, and will have the car show and cornhole tournament again this year. The event will last from 2:00pm until 7:00pm.
- Arts on the Ridge will be hosting their 2nd 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 31st.

PROJECT UPDATES

- We have posted an RFP to the Town website and SC Business Opportunities (SCBO) website for the \$30,000 in existing sidewalk repairs. Bid opening will be held on September 22, 2022 at 4:00pm at Town Hall. This is for sidewalk repairs along Summerland Avenue from Miller Street to B-L High School. We will bring to Council in October for approval.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant projects continues to progress. The new screw pumps have been installed and have been started up and tested. They have applied the new grout in the screw pump channels and curing should be complete soon. Once complete, the new screw pumps can be placed into operation and full operational permit can be received from SCDHEC and new digester tank can begin operation. Since improvements have been made, we have not had one violation and it appears we are on track to satisfying our current WWTP DHEC Consent Order. With regards to the Liquid Chemical Feed project, bid documents will be posted next week.
- Our Engineers for the water project have been working diligently to complete our funding request through the SC Rural Infrastructure Authority for the state ARPA funds (SCIIP). Our request is for the maximum amount of \$10 million. We are also beginning discussions with USDA-RD about funding opportunities towards this overall project.

- We have great news to report regarding the long standing SCDOT TAP Grant Project for new sidewalks along Highway 23 from Columbia Farms to Walmart. We attended a recent pre-construction meeting at SCDOT and the notice to proceed has been issued to AOS Contractors, who won the bid. They expect to begin work in October and the contract end date is set for June 30, 2023.
- Frazier Engineering will be sending us the draft RFP for the Infiltration and Inflow improvement project next week. We hope to have it reviewed and posted by the end of next week. Bid opening will likely be in the later part of October and brought to Council in November for approval.

TOWN FINANCIAL/BUDGET UPDATE

Monthly Account Balances for Fiscal Year 2022/2023

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

Monthly Account Balances for August Since 2014

	Aug-22	Aug-21	Aug-20	Aug-19	Aug-18	Aug-17	Aug-16	Aug-15	Aug-14
General Fund Checking	\$ 2,054,627.16	\$ 1,910,524.77	\$ 1,587,048.12	\$ 1,272,435.29	\$ 1,555,865.60	\$ 1,522,832.27	\$ 1,364,152.08	\$ 1,347,194.55	\$ 1,240,686.53
General Fund Savings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 43,401.55	\$ 46,433.63	\$ 154,645.07
Police Donations	\$ 19,622.49	\$ 9,961.02	\$ 5,155.06	\$ 11,558.00	\$ 9,757.17	\$ 8,146.52	\$ 7,766.10	\$ 11,804.98	\$ 11,349.75
Fire Department 1%	\$ 24,934.71	\$ 20,844.89	\$ 17,581.74	\$ 13,875.50	\$ 14,238.98	\$ 10,979.05	\$ 14,069.87	\$ 11,149.01	\$ 8,638.40
Municipal Court	\$ 55,852.11	\$ 35,800.50	\$ 32,906.28	\$ 30,975.24	\$ 31,073.07	\$ 33,587.40	\$ 34,993.83	\$ 29,722.92	\$ 31,404.58
Victims Assistance	\$ 5,751.91	\$ 2,254.28	\$ 1,073.76	\$ 289.67	\$ 280.77	\$ 4.22	\$ 233.55	\$ 143.30	\$ 195.59
Total (Non-Utility Funds)	\$ 2,160,788.38	\$ 1,979,385.46	\$ 1,643,764.96	\$ 1,366,485.25	\$ 1,648,567.14	\$ 1,612,901.01	\$ 1,464,616.98	\$ 1,446,448.39	\$ 1,446,919.92
Utility Fund Checking	\$ 361,937.66	\$ 229,673.30	\$ 149,392.83	\$ 256,559.43	\$ 324,234.51	\$ 485,624.80	\$ 377,448.76	\$ 188,174.28	\$ 47,092.65
Utility Fund Reserve	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,877.95	\$ 767,725.47	\$ 763,671.20	\$ 757,585.86	\$ 1,011,818.95	\$ 650,792.12	\$ 782,777.02	\$ 460,969.33
Capital Improvement Project/Impact Fee	\$ 2,099,424.59	\$ 1,544,163.17	\$ 1,520,775.86	\$ 1,291,512.30	\$ 777,588.04	\$ 58,295.72	\$ 39,901.72	\$ 11,907.72	\$ 3,880.72
USDA Debt Service Reserve	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,843.73	\$ 564,731.85	\$ 561,749.82	\$ 557,273.27	\$ 231,081.00	\$ 231,081.00	\$ 231,080.00	\$ 231,080.00
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$ 841,471.38	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -	\$ -
2021 Infrastructure Revenue Bond	\$ 1,392,817.60	\$ 3,154,628.04	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2,453.46	\$ 1,611.57	\$ 2,269.31	\$ 3,114.39	\$ 1,215.85
Total (All Utility Funds)	\$ 3,794,102.04	\$ 3,106,560.15	\$ 3,002,631.01	\$ 2,873,497.75	\$ 2,419,138.14	\$ 1,788,433.04	\$ 1,301,493.91	\$ 1,217,053.41	\$ 744,238.55
Hospitality Tax Checking	\$ 682,849.10	\$ 645,043.18	\$ 761,699.34	\$ 320,249.72					
Total All Funds	\$ 6,637,739.52	\$ 5,730,988.79	\$ 5,408,095.31	\$ 4,560,232.72	\$ 4,067,705.28	\$ 3,401,334.05	\$ 2,766,110.89	\$ 2,663,501.80	\$ 2,191,158.47

General Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru August 2022	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 606,535.48	\$ 5,214,651.00	12%
Operating Expenses	\$ 804,918.22	\$ 5,214,651.00	15%

Utility Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru August 2022	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 632,809.40	\$ 3,321,100.00	19%
Operating Expenses	\$ 829,853.22	\$ 3,321,100.00	25%

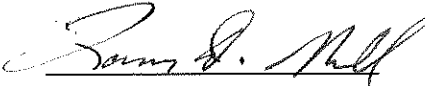
Victim's Assistance Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru August 2022	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 1,516.33	\$ 7,500.00	20%
Operating Expenses	\$ 1,155.80	\$ 7,500.00	15%

Hospitality Tax Fund

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Approved this 10th day of October 2022.


Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:

Judy Edwards, Town Clerk