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COUNCIL MEETING

March 13, 2023

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 7:00 P. M. Members present were Mayor Shull, Council Member Brown, Gambrell, Cain (arrived 7:07), 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 Councilmember Gambrell.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Council Member Hall with a second by Council Member Wise to adopt the minutes from the February 13, 2023 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 10, 2023.

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CENTRAL MIDLANDS – Council Member Hall

Council Member Hall reported that Central Midlands COG met on February 23rd and voted to provide funds for a Corley Mill Road feasibility study. Also had a presentation by SCDOT on I-77 bridge repair plan. Advised that Executive Director Benjamin Mauldin will be retiring soon and that Rebecca Vance will serve as the Interim Director.

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

Council Member Prouse

Council Member Prouse reported the next meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2023.

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION – Mayor Shull

The commission met and Shull stated that their Charter Oak water tank has been licensed to operate. Had presentation from about concept design for the JMWSC's new proposed water plant.

THE COMET ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Council Member Cain

Council Member Cain reported that route 97 was discussed with two potential circulating buses as well as potential for the town working with the Comet on potential for dedicated buses for route 97.

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

- Taste of the Town is scheduled for March 18th at T&S Farms
- David Dougherty, Community Navigator Business Consultant with the SC Small Business Development Centers, will present the program at the general membership meeting on March 23rd at 7:30 am at Shealy's BBQ.
- B-L Ministerial Alliance will hold their Community Good Friday Service on April 7th at 11:00 am.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS

A. Proclamation – Women’s History Month 2023.

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

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

B. First Reading for Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Town of Batesburg-Leesville to enter into an intergovernmental agreement relating to South Carolina local revenue services; to participate in one or more local revenue service programs; and other matters relating thereto.

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

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

MANAGER'S REPORT – Ted Luckadoo

UPCOMING TOWN EVENTS

- The Town will be hosting our Annual Spring Clean event on Saturday, March 18th from 9:00am until noon. We are calling on everyone who has participated in the past, along with new churches, organizations, businesses, and citizens to come take part in what has been a wonderful event over the past couple of years. If interested in participating, people should contact Jay Hendrix. We will also have paper shredding and tire recycling that will be done in College Park.
- The Town Easter Egg Hunt will be Wednesday, April 5th from 5:30pm until 7:00pm at College Park. There will be games, activities, food and more.

2023 SC ETHICS STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST

- The SC Ethics Commission Statement of Economic Interest is due by March 30, 2023. Each Councilmember is required by law to file the SEI by March 30th or it will result in a penalty starting at \$100 if the report is not filed within 5 days. SEI's must be filed using the Commission's Electronic Filing System, available at <http://ethics.sc.gov>.

GRANTS RECEIVED & APPLIED FOR

- We are excited to report that Lexington County has just awarded us a mid-year CDBG grant in the amount of \$350,000. They had some additional fund left from some other projects they had funded and they need to move the funds off of their books, so they have awarded the funds to us. These funds will not be utilized towards any new project, rather will be placed on top of the funds they had already awarded for floating aeration. We have already pulled invoices that have been paid totaling the \$350,000 and will submit those for reimbursement sometime over the next couple of weeks once HUD has released the funds. We again appreciate their continued support. They have now funded \$1,192,019 towards our aeration improvements.
- We have also applied for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 CDBG funds from Lexington County, to be used towards our infiltration/inflow improvement project. CDBG staff has tentatively designated \$307,000, which will be their recommendation to County Council as a part of their upcoming action plan for CDBG funding.
- We have also applied for \$50,000 in C Funds from Lexington County for 2023. Our request is to continue the repair and replacement of broken sidewalks in town. The areas focused on for this application is Summerland Avenue, Line Street between Summerland Ave. and West Church St., West Church St. in front of St. John's Methodist Church, Saluda Ave. around the area of Ruby St., Lexington Ave. between Fulmer Street and North Peachtree St, and Rabun St. between West Church St. and Rikard St. We should hopefully know something around April-May on this funding request.

PROJECT UPDATES

- The contractor for the sidewalk repair/replacement along Summerland Avenue has gotten a large portion of this work complete since last month's meeting. They still have a little more to do before being completed, but work has progressed.
- AOS Specialty Contractors have gotten all of the sidewalk installed along Highway 23 and have done most of their cleaning up at this point. They did widen the turn radius at

the corner of North Lee Street and Highway 23, they still have another layer of asphalt to lay down before that is done. They have been moving most of their equipment out and should be completely wrapped up here soon.

- Since last month's Council Meeting, the contractors for the infiltration/inflow remediation project have begun work. So far, the engineers have issued 3 work orders to the contractor. Currently underway is CCTV of all smoke testing defects that were found and 24" piping around the WWTP. They also issued the work order to locate and uncover 78 manholes that couldn't be found during the study. The 3rd work order is the installation of CIPP liner on severe smoke defects and laterals. Following the completion of these items, they engineers will issue work orders for CIPP of 24" trunk line near the plant and rehab of manholes along the 24" main.
- We met over this past month with our engineers about moving forward with bidding and constructing some new Town entrance signs on different roads leading into town. We were able to identify locations along multiple different roads and have identified where we would need easements and where we would be within SCDOT ROW. The engineers are going to be lining up a meeting with SCDOT and Dominion Energy to discuss and will start drafting the bid documents.
- We met within the past month with the architect/engineers about this project and they have drawn up the preliminary concept based on feedback they received from the stakeholder group. There were a couple of staff changes suggested that would add more parking than the plan showed, among a couple of other things. They will be making the changes and will put together a 3D rendering of their recommendations, which will go back to the stakeholder group and ultimately Council.

TOWN FINANCIAL/BUDGET UPDATE

Monthly Account Balances for Fiscal Year 2022/2023

	Feb-23	Jan-23	Dec-22	Nov-22	Oct-22	Sep-22	Aug-22	Jul-22
General Fund Checking	\$ 1,563,169.48	\$ 1,076,295.79	\$ 906,304.20	\$ 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	\$ 14,217.50	\$ 14,167.50	\$ 17,992.41	\$ 22,650.68	\$ 19,622.49	\$ 19,622.49	\$ 19,622.49	\$ 19,232.29
Fire Department 1%	\$ 25,250.52	\$ 26,108.38	\$ 31,926.00	\$ 32,669.10	\$ 35,154.32	\$ 24,605.75	\$ 24,934.71	\$ 21,259.67
Municipal Court	\$ 42,075.85	\$ 40,577.36	\$ 37,314.74	\$ 38,235.99	\$ 38,616.08	\$ 45,546.85	\$ 55,852.11	\$ 41,418.46
Victims Assistance	\$ 9,201.70	\$ 8,813.95	\$ 8,489.42	\$ 7,886.52	\$ 7,499.80	\$ 6,659.04	\$ 5,751.91	\$ 5,321.70
Total (Non-Utility Funds)	\$ 1,653,915.05	\$ 1,165,962.98	\$ 1,002,026.77	\$ 1,174,374.93	\$ 1,338,853.66	\$ 1,571,095.73	\$ 2,160,788.38	\$ 2,472,414.98
Utility Fund Checking	\$ 169,659.92	\$ 227,088.00	\$ 362,932.59	\$ 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	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,884.18
Capital Improvement Project/Impact Fee	\$ 2,080,329.08	\$ 2,117,491.87	\$ 2,093,036.01	\$ 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	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,851.44
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$ 1,933,744.05	\$ 1,950,092.34	\$ 1,952,556.09	\$ 1,965,053.07	\$ 1,978,559.42	\$ 841,471.38	\$ 841,471.38	\$ 841,471.38
2021 Infrastructure Revenue Bond	\$ 973,978.55	\$ 973,978.55	\$ 973,978.55	\$ 973,978.55	\$ 1,219,804.41	\$ 1,392,817.60	\$ 1,392,817.60	\$ 1,392,817.60
Total (All Utility Funds)	\$ 3,582,728.79	\$ 3,677,319.66	\$ 3,788,708.39	\$ 3,782,694.95	\$ 3,886,306.68	\$ 3,823,322.42	\$ 3,794,102.04	\$ 3,730,506.84
Hospitality Tax Checking	\$ 884,143.54	\$ 841,904.25	\$ 794,410.12	\$ 727,019.08	\$ 757,986.99	\$ 703,998.52	\$ 682,849.10	\$ 626,956.52
Total All Funds	\$ 6,120,787.38	\$ 5,685,186.89	\$ 5,585,145.28	\$ 5,684,088.96	\$ 5,983,147.33	\$ 6,098,416.67	\$ 6,637,739.52	\$ 6,829,878.34

Monthly Account Balances for February Since 2015

	Feb-23	Feb-22	Feb-21	Feb-20	Feb-19	Feb-18	Feb-17	Feb-16	Feb-15
General Fund Checking	\$ 1,563,169.48	\$ 1,955,849.14	\$ 1,575,401.54	\$ 1,257,082.58	\$ 1,323,309.07	\$ 1,452,873.85	\$ 1,349,312.96	\$ 1,247,195.26	\$ 1,148,348.90
General Fund Savings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 43,401.55	\$ 43,401.55	\$ 69,721.07
Police Donations	\$ 14,217.50	\$ 8,786.15	\$ 7,030.06	\$ 5,655.06	\$ 13,887.82	\$ 13,280.68	\$ 9,531.96	\$ 8,629.07	\$ 10,485.59
Fire Department 1%	\$ 25,250.52	\$ 22,878.84	\$ 21,783.92	\$ 15,448.71	\$ 16,091.20	\$ 11,759.27	\$ 13,459.67	\$ 14,410.24	\$ 11,985.50
Municipal Court	\$ 42,075.85	\$ 42,343.85	\$ 33,372.91	\$ 37,686.82	\$ 35,607.29	\$ 29,495.94	\$ 39,807.43	\$ 29,722.92	\$ 31,485.05
Victims Assistance	\$ 9,201.70	\$ 1,426.16	\$ 584.72	\$ 395.26	\$ 288.14	\$ 253.97	\$ 130.02	\$ 143.78	\$ 99.89
Total (Non-Utility Funds)	\$ 1,653,915.05	\$ 2,031,284.14	\$ 1,638,173.15	\$ 1,353,619.98	\$ 1,426,535.07	\$ 1,545,015.26	\$ 1,455,643.59	\$ 1,343,502.82	\$ 1,272,126.00
Utility Fund Checking	\$ 169,659.92	\$ 313,027.73	\$ 245,445.78	\$ 119,802.48	\$ 247,270.91	\$ 246,831.39	\$ 409,522.34	\$ 196,367.19	\$ 98,729.95
Utility Fund Reserve	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,839.43	\$ 766,723.23	\$ 760,597.92	\$ 755,279.52	\$ 847,749.51	\$ 561,651.49	\$ 699,008.44
Capital Improvement Project/Impact Fee	\$ 2,080,329.08	\$ 1,869,162.12	\$ 1,564,230.19	\$ 1,441,469.82	\$ 1,157,595.61	\$ 597,171.69	\$ 44,726.72	\$ 15,484.72	\$ 7,759.72
USDA Debt Service Reserve	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,815.42	\$ 563,994.68	\$ 559,489.23	\$ 555,700.00	\$ 231,081.00	\$ 231,080.00	\$ 231,080.00
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$ 1,933,744.05	\$ 1,166,463.88	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
2021 Infrastructure Revenue Bond	\$ 973,978.55	\$ 2,818,388.41	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 82.99	\$ 498.83	\$ 2,435.42	\$ 689.53	\$ 2,206.21
Total (All Utility Funds)	\$ 3,582,728.79	\$ 3,514,929.64	\$ 3,142,335.82	\$ 2,891,995.21	\$ 2,725,039.66	\$ 2,155,483.43	\$ 1,535,515.99	\$ 1,005,273.93	\$ 1,038,284.32
Hospitality Tax Checking	\$ 884,143.54	\$ 656,614.13	\$ 712,375.95	\$ 551,537.15	\$ 41,502.71				
Total All Funds	\$ 6,120,787.38	\$ 6,202,827.91	\$ 5,492,884.92	\$ 4,797,152.34	\$ 4,193,077.44	\$ 3,700,498.69	\$ 2,991,159.58	\$ 2,348,776.75	\$ 2,310,410.32

General Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru February 2023	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 3,087,361.24	\$ 5,214,651.00	59%
Operating Expenses	\$ 3,706,071.93	\$ 5,214,651.00	71%

Utility Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru February 2023	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 2,317,085.16	\$ 3,321,100.00	70%
Operating Expenses	\$ 2,566,930.30	\$ 3,321,100.00	77%

Victim's Assistance Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru February 2023	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 6,263.53	\$ 7,500.00	84%
Operating Expenses	\$ 4,912.15	\$ 7,500.00	65%

Hospitality Tax Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru February 2023	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 490,464.75	\$ 625,000.00	78%
Operating Expenses	\$ 182,692.77	\$ 625,000.00	29%

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session

POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S MEETING – April 10, 2023

None


ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Lemon to adjourn at 7:27 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

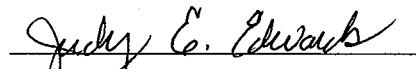
VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

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Approved this 10th day of April, 2023.


Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:


Judy Edwards, Town Clerk