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PUBLIC HEARING

April 10, 2023

Mayor Shull opened the first Public Hearing at 7:00 pm to receive citizen input on **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 sharing programs; to execute and deliver one or more participant program supplements; and other matters relating thereto.**

There was no public input. Mayor Shull closed the hearing at 7:00 pm.

COUNCIL MEETING

April 10, 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 7:01 P. M. Members present were Mayor Shull, Council Member Brown, Gambrell, Cain, Lemon, Wise, Prouse, and Hall.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Kent Suits of Christ Community Church.

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 Prouse with a second by Council Member Gambrell to approve the agenda. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

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ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Hall to adopt the minutes from the March 13, 2023 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 May 8, 2023.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS – Council Member Hall

Council Member Hall reported that Central Midlands COG met on March 30th. Discussed two amendments to LRTP and five amendments 2027 TIP program. Ron Mitchum, Executive Director of the Berkley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments spoke about their structure and how it functions.

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

Council Member Prouse

Council Member Prouse reported there has been no meeting.

THE COMET ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Council Member Cain

Council Member Cain reported The Comet is trying to figure out how to get Lexington County to help fund route 97.

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION – Mayor Shull

Mayor Lancer Shull reported there was no meeting.

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

Mike Taylor reviewed recent events such as Taste of the Town and their guest speaker from March meeting and Good Friday service. South Carolina Poultry Festival Golf Tournament is Friday May 12th at 10:00 am. Arts of the Ridge will host an Artist Introduction event at the B-L Leisure Center on April 29th from 6-9 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Second 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 Hall with a second by Council Member Wise to approve the ordinance. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Vote to Excuse Absence from last month's meeting for Council Member Mitchell.** Motion by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Lemon.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

- B. Proclamation – Poultry Festival Day 2023**

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

- C. Resolution – Poultry Festival Yard Sales prohibited within the area of the Poultry Festival.** A motion was made by Council Member Hall with a second by Council Member Lemon to approve the ordinance. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 1 Denied (Cain)

D. First Reading – Ordinance to Annex Property located at 143 Town Pond Road consisting of 2.00 Acres(Lexington County TMS#007100-06-056). A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Wise to approve the ordinance. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

E. First Reading – Ordinance to Annex Property located along Town Pond Road consisting of 0.50 acres, owned by the Town of Batesburg-Leesville, (Lexington County TMS#007000-01-051). A motion was made by Council Member Hall with a second by Council Member Lemon to approve the ordinance. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

MANAGER'S REPORT – Ted Luckadoo

TOWN EVENTS

- We held our Annual Town Egg Hunt last Wednesday at College Park. We are estimating that 1,200 people total and about 500 children came out. We appreciate all the people that came out and for those churches and organizations that took part in making this a great event.
- We held our Annual Spring Clean event on Saturday, March 18th from 9:00am until noon. We had 130 community members come out and take part. We had 292 tires collected (4.25 tons) and had 83 people come out and have paper shredded. We are still awaiting the final weight of all the trash collected, but it was a large amount.
- Our event coordinator is currently organizing a “Batesburg-Leesville Kicking Off Summer” concert in College park on Saturday, June 3rd. Cody Webb and his band will be performing in the evening. There are still more details being worked on at this time and we will release the details as we know them.
- The Leesville Merchant’s Association will be holding their Annual Classic Car and Truck Cruise In this Sunday, April 16th from 3:00-6:00pm on Main Street Leesville. They have partnered with Sole Stepping and have asked for donations of new girls or boys athletic shoes, sizes 8 toddler up to size 5.5 womens or 9 mens, new athletic socks, preferably ankle or no-show.

PROJECT UPDATES

- Based on the discussion we had with the contractors at the pre-construction meeting for the Liquid Chemical Feed project, they should get started with work this month at the WWTP. They have been ordering materials over the past month. The first step of the project will be under slab piping and conduit for the building and the building slab. They will start work once the block for the building has been shipped.
- Since last month's Council Meeting, we have had about 385 ft. of 18" sewer line replaced off a major gravity truck line in the area of Brookwood Drive. It was reported to the Town that a sink hole had started at this section of line. Once it was dug up by our crew, they found that the concrete sewer main had collapsed in a portion of this line. After inspecting the rest of the line, it was determined this whole section needed to be replaced. This was done this past week. The contractors will be on site this week at the Davis Pond property and will begin their CIP work along this sewer main leading into the plant.
- With regards to the Water Project, engineering and design is about 85% complete and bidding is expected to occur in June. We are expecting to hear word this month on whether or not we will be awarded up to \$14 million towards our project. We are working to secure 3 easements needed for our portion of the project, two permanent easements and one temporary easement.

TOWN FINANCIAL/BUDGET UPDATE

Monthly Account Balances for Fiscal Year 2022/2023

Mar-23	Feb-23	Jan-23	Dec-22	Nov-22	Oct-22	Sep-22	Aug-22	Jul-22
\$1,354,847.17	\$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
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\$ 13,775.39	\$ 14,217.50	\$ 14,167.50	\$ 17,992.41	\$ 22,650.68	\$ 19,622.49	\$ 19,622.49	\$ 19,622.49	\$ 19,232.29
\$ 25,250.52	\$ 25,250.52	\$ 26,108.38	\$ 31,926.00	\$ 32,669.10	\$ 35,154.32	\$ 24,605.75	\$ 24,934.71	\$ 21,259.67
\$ 44,830.99	\$ 42,075.85	\$ 40,577.36	\$ 37,314.74	\$ 38,235.99	\$ 38,616.08	\$ 45,546.85	\$ 55,852.11	\$ 41,418.46
\$ 10,173.95	\$ 9,201.70	\$ 8,813.95	\$ 8,489.42	\$ 7,886.52	\$ 7,499.80	\$ 6,659.04	\$ 5,751.91	\$ 5,321.70
\$1,448,878.02	\$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
\$ 204,750.07	\$ 169,659.92	\$ 227,088.00	\$ 362,932.59	\$ 385,406.30	\$ 396,457.33	\$ 385,171.49	\$ 361,937.66	\$ 350,045.05
\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.18
\$2,082,487.47	\$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
\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,851.44
\$1,899,079.13	\$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
\$ 973,978.55	\$ 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
\$3,619,977.33	\$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
\$ 893,505.19	\$ 884,143.54	\$ 841,904.25	\$ 794,410.12	\$ 727,019.08	\$ 757,986.99	\$ 703,998.52	\$ 682,849.10	\$ 626,956.52
\$5,962,360.54	\$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 March Since 2015

	Mar-23	Mar-22	Mar-21	Mar-20	Mar-19	Mar-18	Mar-17	Mar-16	Mar-15
General Fund Checking	\$ 1,354,847.17	\$ 1,811,680.83	\$ 1,591,956.78	\$ 1,250,406.65	\$ 1,138,110.41	\$ 1,347,486.96	\$ 1,190,322.44	\$ 1,192,108.32	\$ 1,078,501.77
General Fund Savings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 43,401.55	\$ 69,721.07
Police Donations	\$ 13,775.39	\$ 10,936.15	\$ 7,030.06	\$ 12,600.86	\$ 7,778.43	\$ 8,975.08	\$ 7,031.96	\$ 7,766.10	\$ 10,455.64
Fire Department 1%	\$ 25,250.52	\$ 22,878.84	\$ 21,606.94	\$ 15,185.36	\$ 14,789.74	\$ 11,135.15	\$ 10,300.55	\$ 14,347.55	\$ 11,816.43
Municipal Court	\$ 44,830.99	\$ 40,170.66	\$ 37,334.32	\$ 30,722.03	\$ 36,874.52	\$ 35,532.20	\$ 43,632.35	\$ 29,722.92	\$ 33,718.60
Victims Assistance	\$ 10,173.95	\$ 2,317.29	\$ 547.12	\$ 624.48	\$ 925.21	\$ 333.34	\$ 310.98	\$ 271.05	\$ 155.89
Total (Non-Utility Funds)	\$ 1,448,878.02	\$ 1,887,983.77	\$ 1,658,475.22	\$ 1,346,890.93	\$ 1,235,829.86	\$ 1,440,814.28	\$ 1,288,949.83	\$ 1,287,617.49	\$ 1,204,369.40
Utility Fund Checking	\$ 204,750.07	\$ 340,711.47	\$ 297,958.96	\$ 95,409.46	\$ 220,883.98	\$ 220,333.65	\$ 455,929.19	\$ 204,355.97	\$ 52,221.79
Utility Fund Reserve	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,845.91	\$ 767,244.25	\$ 761,114.85	\$ 755,375.75	\$ 847,136.88	\$ 489,674.17	\$ 703,830.59
Capital Improvement Project/Impact Fe	\$ 2,082,487.47	\$ 1,922,153.54	\$ 1,315,543.96	\$ 1,491,684.60	\$ 1,260,136.44	\$ 638,775.81	\$ 38,446.72	\$ 15,484.72	\$ 8,330.72
USDA Debt Service Reserve	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,820.18	\$ 564,377.95	\$ 559,869.47	\$ 555,700.00	\$ 231,081.00	\$ 231,080.00	\$ 231,080.00
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$ 1,899,079.13	\$ 1,166,463.88	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
2021 Infrastructure Revenue Bond	\$ 973,978.55	\$ 1,767,135.56	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 176.79	\$ 1,506.21	\$ 834.08	\$ 1,743.54	\$ 3,251.77
Total (All Utility Funds)	\$ 3,619,977.33	\$ 3,595,604.80	\$ 2,946,174.01	\$ 2,918,721.26	\$ 2,802,184.53	\$ 2,171,693.42	\$ 1,573,428.87	\$ 942,339.40	\$ 998,714.87
Hospitality Tax Checking	\$ 893,505.19	\$ 564,604.05	\$ 693,689.45	\$ 608,683.82	\$ 85,646.17				
Total All Funds	\$ 5,962,360.54	\$ 6,048,192.62	\$ 5,298,338.68	\$ 4,874,296.01	\$ 4,123,660.56	\$ 3,612,507.70	\$ 2,862,378.70	\$ 2,229,956.89	\$ 2,203,084.27

General Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru March 2023	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 3,299,651.52	\$ 5,214,651.00	63%
Operating Expenses	\$ 4,145,420.02	\$ 5,214,651.00	79%

Utility Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru March 2023	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 2,580,397.60	\$ 3,321,100.00	78%
Operating Expenses	\$ 2,551,090.02	\$ 3,321,100.00	77%

Victim's Assistance Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru March 2023	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 7,486.40	\$ 7,500.00	100%
Operating Expenses	\$ 5,779.00	\$ 7,500.00	77%

Hospitality Tax Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru March 2023	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 551,092.33	\$ 625,000.00	88%
Operating Expenses	\$ 234,039.71	\$ 625,000.00	37%

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion from Council Member Hall with a second from Council Member Prouse to go into Executive Session at 7:27 pm.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

- A. **Receipt of Legal Advice and Discussion Relating to Contractual Matters with Gilbert-Summit Rural Water District**
- B. **Receipt of Legal Advice and Discussion Relating to Ridge Spring-Monetta Water Service**
- C. **Receipt of Legal Advice and Discussion Relating to Contractual Matters with Waste Management**
- D. **Receipt of Legal Advice and Discussion of Contractual Matters Relating to the Sale of Town Owned Property on Lookout Point Road (Saluda County)**

A motion from Council Member Gambrell with a second from Council Member Lemon to return from Executive Session at 7:57 pm.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

XII POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY COUNCIL IN FOLLOW UP TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- C. **Possible Action Relating to Contractual Matters with Waste Management**
Motion made by Council Member Prouse to direct staff to enter into contract negotiations with Waste Management based on the information that was presented to council in executive session. Second by Council Member Gambrell.
Vote: 7 Approved 1 Denied (Cain)
- D. **Possible Action Relating to Contractual Matters for the Sale of Town Owned Property on Lookout Point Road.** Motion made by Council Member Prouse to approve the contract of sale of property on Lookout Point Road as presented in executive session. Second by Council Member Wise.
Vote: 8 Approved 0 Denied

POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S MEETING – May 8, 2023

Council Member Cain made the motion to place a resolution regarding Moldova. Second by Council Member Gambrell.

Vote: 8 Approved 0 Denied

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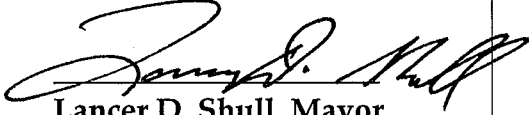
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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Hall with a second by Council Member Gambrell to adjourn at 8:01 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.


VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

Approved this 8th day of May, 2023.



Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:



Judy Edwards, Town Clerk