

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.

PUBLIC HEARING – Ordinance to Sell Property Owned by the Town of Batesburg-Leesville Located at 171 Lookout Point, Saluda, South Carolina

Mayor Shull opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 P. M. to receive citizen input. Since no one appeared before Council, Mayor Shull closed the Public Hearing at 7:00 P. M.

PUBLIC HEARING – Ordinance Amending Rates to Water Tap Fees

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PUBLIC HEARING – Ordinance to Amend Water Base Rates and Water Rates Per 1,000 Gallons

Mayor Shull opened the Public Hearing at 7:01 P. M. to receive citizen input. Since no one appeared before Council, Mayor Shull closed the Public Hearing at 7:01 P. M.

PUBLIC HEARING – Ordinance to Amend Section 1-7-3 of the Town's Code of Ordinances Relating to Filing for Candidacy For Mayor and Council Positions

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 10, 2023

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 7:02 P. M. Members present were Council Member Brown, Gambrell, Lemon, Wise, Prouse, and Hall. Council Member Mitchell was absent and Council Member Cain arrived at 7:07 P. M.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Council Member Prouse.

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 Hall with a second by Council Member Gambrell 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 Gambrell with a second by Council Member Hall to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2023 Regular Council Meeting. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Prouse to approve the minutes from the Special Council Meeting of June 21, 2023. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Hall to approve the minutes from the Emergency Council Meeting of June 24, 2023. 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 August 14, 2023.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS – Council Member Hall

Council Member Hall reported Central Midlands Council of Government Board of Directors met Thursday June 22nd at the Harbison Campus of Midlands Tech with a quorum present.

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CENTRAL MIDLANDS CONT'D.

Meeting was the last for Mayor Foster Senn of Newberry as Chairman of the Board and was presented a plaque in recognition of his service. Mr. Will Brennan accepted the gavel from Mayor Senn.

Ms. Vance announced that she would be available through July 3rd with Mr. Poole taking over as Executive Director on that date.

Budget for FY 23/24 was presented and approved.

No meeting in July with the next meeting August 24th.

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Council Member Prouse

Council Member Prouse stated July 19th is the next meeting.

THE COMET ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Council Member Cain

Council Member Cain was not present at this time.

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION – Mayor Shull

Mayor Shull reported there was not a meeting in June; there is a meeting this week.

B-L CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – Mike Taylor, President

President Taylor spoke on the importance of retaining information on the things that are happening now for the future of our town. A place to house this information is needed also since the Chamber has all of Mrs. Riley's volumes of history.

Spoke on the 60th Anniversary of Hitachi Rail which he attended.

Spoke on the Midlands Community Development Series: Developing Local Entrepreneurs course which is a 30-hour course over several weeks.

Council Member Cain arrived during his presentation

B-L CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CONT'D.

The annual Chamber auction is coming up Saturday, August 19th

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Second Reading - Ordinance to Sell Property Owned by the Town of Batesburg-Leesville Located at 171 Lookout Point, Saluda, South Carolina

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

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

B. Second Reading - Ordinance Amending Rates to Water Tap Fees

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

VOTE: 7 Approved 1 Denied – Council Member Cain

C. Second Reading – Ordinance to Amend Water Base Rates and Water Rates Per 1,000 Gallons

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

VOTE: 7 Approved 1 Denied – Council Member Cain

D. Second Reading - Ordinance to Amend Section 1-7-3 of the Town's Code of Ordinances Relating to Filing for Candidacy For Mayor and Council Positions

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

VOTE: 7 Approved 1 Denied – Council Member Cain

NEW BUSINESS

A. Council Vote for Excused Absence from Last Month's Meeting for Council Member Shirley Mitchell

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

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

B. First Reading – Ordinance to Rezone Three (3) Parcels of Property consisting of 3.01 Acres Owned by Randy Walston, Located on the Corner of East Church Street and Schumpert Street, Lexington County TMS #006021-01-036 (1.5 Acres), #006021-01-002 (0.37 Acres), and #006021-01-032 (1.14 Acres) from Two-Family Residential to R-1A, Single Family and Manufactured Housing Residential. A motion was made by Council Member Lemon with a second by Council Member Wise to approve. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 5 Approved 3 Denied – Mayor Shull, Council Member Gambrell, Prouse

C. Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Audit – Neal Crider, McGregor & Co.

Mr. Crider presented the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Audit for the Town of Batesburg-Leesville by stating there were no reportable findings for fiscal year 2022. Stated after conducting our audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 and obtaining sufficient and appropriate evidence to support our opinions, we issue an unmodified opinion on the financial statements, or clean opinion. We considered the Town's internal control over financial reporting to determine our audit procedures to express our opinion on the financial statements but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control. Mr. Crider thanked Council for allowing him to present the audit.

MANAGER'S REPORT CONT'D.

	Jun-23	Jun-22	Jun-21	Jun-20	Jun-19	Jun-18	Jun-17	Jun-16	Jun-15
General Fund Checking	\$ 719,246.63	\$ 2,305,371.48	\$ 1,928,553.39	\$ 1,540,053.45	\$ 1,382,913.49	\$ 1,468,728.22	\$ 1,460,579.15	\$ 1,360,682.07	\$ 1,288,532.06
General Fund Savings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 43,401.55	\$ 46,483.63
General Fund LGIP Account	\$ 1,102,210.13								
Police Donations	\$ 13,384.32	\$ 19,232.29	\$ 7,030.06	\$ 4,655.06	\$ 14,639.41	\$ 7,643.68	\$ 6,809.48	\$ 7,766.10	\$ 11,838.17
Fire Department 1%	\$ 29,756.31	\$ 21,267.97	\$ 20,844.89	\$ 14,740.23	\$ 11,375.55	\$ 10,068.91	\$ 9,589.06	\$ 12,091.06	\$ 16,379.03
Municipal Court	\$ 40,699.19	\$ 41,418.46	\$ 36,602.01	\$ 34,608.16	\$ 32,257.41	\$ 26,536.09	\$ 39,390.41	\$ 32,418.37	\$ 26,391.96
Victims Assistance	\$ 12,152.25	\$ 4,646.86	\$ 1,450.91	\$ 241.77	\$ 430.91	\$ 82.83	\$ 213.67	\$ 45.64	\$ 107.39
Total (Non-Utility Funds)	\$ 1,917,448.83	\$ 2,391,937.06	\$ 1,994,481.26	\$ 1,594,298.67	\$ 1,478,968.32	\$ 1,550,411.28	\$ 1,553,933.32	\$ 1,456,404.79	\$ 1,389,682.24
Utility Fund Checking	\$ 84,465.34	\$ 681,093.95	\$ 301,443.27	\$ 89,909.47	\$ 243,734.50	\$ 267,666.10	\$ 447,715.31	\$ 213,693.68	\$ 102,462.15
Utility Fund Reserve	\$ -	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,865.00	\$ 767,618.33	\$ 762,634.24	\$ 755,546.48	\$ 908,221.00	\$ 562,732.49	\$ 783,218.35
Utility Fund LGIP Account	\$ 2,838,997.57								
Capital Improvement Project/Impact Fee	\$ 480,429.06	\$ 1,968,084.06	\$ 1,569,786.30	\$ 1,495,820.22	\$ 1,354,222.38	\$ 760,941.33	\$ 50,899.72	\$ 32,853.72	\$ 11,907.72
USDA Debt Service Reserve	\$ -	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,834.19	\$ 564,653.09	\$ 560,987.12	\$ 555,773.07	\$ 231,081.00	\$ 231,081.00	\$ 231,080.00
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$ 1,441,512.52	\$ 841,471.38	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
2021 Infrastructure Revenue Bond	\$ 595,119.26	\$ 1,445,232.72	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 763.24	\$ 416.33	\$ 1,176.89	\$ 1,860.61
Total (All Utility Funds)	\$ 3,403,891.97	\$ 3,981,917.80	\$ 3,203,933.76	\$ 2,918,006.11	\$ 2,921,781.24	\$ 2,340,692.22	\$ 1,633,274.36	\$ 1,041,538.78	\$ 1,130,528.83
Hospitality Tax Checking	\$ 171,392.28	\$ 599,949.53	\$ 610,173.68	\$ 690,012.26	\$ 239,763.07				
Hospitality Tax LGIP Account	\$ 901,914.89								
Total (H-Tax Funds)	\$ 1,073,307.17								
Total All Funds	\$ 6,394,647.97	\$ 6,973,804.39	\$ 5,808,588.70	\$ 5,202,317.04	\$ 4,640,512.63	\$ 3,891,103.50	\$ 3,187,207.68	\$ 2,497,943.57	\$ 2,520,211.07

Monthly Account Balances for June Since 2015

UTILITY FUND

Revenues/Expenses thru June 2023	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 3,336,659.79	\$ 3,321,100.00	100%
Operating Expenses	\$ 3,620,746.65	\$ 3,321,100.00	109%

Victim's Assistance Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru June 2023	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 10,272.39	\$ 7,500.00	137%
Operating Expenses	\$ 7,512.70	\$ 7,500.00	100%

Hospitality Tax Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru June 2023	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 756,885.19	\$ 625,000.00	121%
Operating Expenses	\$ 259,944.58	\$ 625,000.00	42%

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

A. Discussion and Receipt of Legal Advice Regarding a Memorandum of Understanding Between the Town of Batesburg-Leesville and Town of Monetta

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Hall to return to Regular Council Meeting at 8:17 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

A. Possible Action in follow up to Executive Session Regarding a Memorandum of Understanding Between the Town of Batesburg-Leesville and Town of Monetta

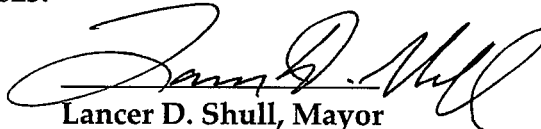
No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

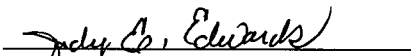
A motion was made by Council Member Hall with a second by Council Member Brown to adjourn at 8:19 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

Approved this 14th day of August 2023.


Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:


Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk