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#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

**August 14, 2023**

Mayor Shull opened the first Public Hearing at 7:00 P.M. to receive citizen input on an Ordinance to rezone three (3) parcels of property, consisting of 3.01 acres. Owned by Randy Walston, located at 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 R-2, Two-Family Residential to R-1A, Single Family and Manufactured Housing Residential. Owner Randy Walston spoke in support of his rezoning request. No one else appeared before Council, Mayor Shull closed the Public Hearing at 7:02 P.M.

#### **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

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 7:03 P. M. Members present were Mayor Shull, Council Member Brown, Cain (arrived at 7:07), Speech-Lemon, Mitchell, Wise, Prouse, and Hall.

#### **INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by the Council Member Prouse.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Member Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Shull requested that **Item IX B. Resolution – Recognizing the B-L Youth Sports Coach's Pitch Team on their second place national ranking** be moved to the top of the agenda. A motion was made stating this by Council Member Lemon, with a second by Council Member Brown to approve the agenda. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                      7 Approved                      0 Denied

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#### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Wise to adopt the minutes from the July 10, 2023 Regular Council Meeting. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                    7 Approved                    0 Denied

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Shull presented a **Resolution – Recognizing the B-L Youth Sports Coach’s Pitch Team on their second place national ranking.** The resolution was presented to the coaches and players.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Shull reported the next Regular Council Meeting will be September 11, 2023.

#### **CENTRAL MIDLANDS - Council Member Hall**

Council Member Hall reported that Central Midlands did not meet in July. Their next meeting is scheduled for August 24, 2023.

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

##### **Council Member Prouse**

Council Member Prouse reported there was no meeting. October 18, 2023.

#### **THE COMET ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Council Member Cain**

Council Member Cain reported that he had no report.

#### **JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION - Mayor Shull**

Mayor Shull reported the commission did not meet in July.

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

Mike Taylor reported the following:

- Midlands Technical College Community Development Series Course: Developing Local Entrepreneurs will begin on Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 9:00 pm at the B-L campus. The course is free to attendees. Registration will be offered in September.
- During the July MTC Batesburg-Leesville Campus Advisory Board meeting Dr. Ron Rhames announced that Voorhees College would begin offering advanced courses at the B-L campus in the near future.
- The B-L Chamber of Commerce will hold its 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction on Saturday August 19<sup>th</sup> at T&S Farms.
- Arts on the Ridge will host Fall for the Arts on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> on Oak Street from 2:00 – 6:00 pm. The Experiment and the I-20 Horns will provide the entertainment. Artisans will display their talents and food trucks will be available.

**PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA - None**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - Ordinance to rezone three (3) parcels of property, consisting of 3.01 acres. Owned by Randy Walston, located at 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 R-2, Two-Family Residential to R-1A, Single Family and Manufactured Housing Residential. No motion was made.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Council vote for excused absence from last month’s meeting for Council Member Mitchell.**

VOTE:                                      7 Approved                      0 Denied                      1 Abstained (Mitchell)

**MANAGER'S REPORT – Ted Luckadoo**

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

- Our annual National Night Out event was held on Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm until 8:00pm at College Park. Several churches, the VFW, and library provided games, face painting, snacks and other activities. Sled, the Sheriff's Department, Animal Control and other law enforcement attended. Our Fire Department did the live burn again this year. We had smaller attendance than we had hoped for, but there was still a decent turnout for the event. We are now in the planning phase of Halloween on Main.

**PROJECT UPDATES**

- We held our non-mandatory pre-bid meeting this past week, in conjunction with JMWSC, at the JMWSC offices. We had \_\_\_\_\_ number of contractors and suppliers attend. Items discussed were communication during bidding, procurement, schedules, permitting, construction documents, key project details, and project site visits. Bids are due by contractors on August 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm and bids will be opened at that time.
- In follow up to last months report of the Liquid Chemical Feed Project being stalled due to awaiting a wage decision from HUD for electrical contractors, we have received the decision and contractors are starting work again. It appears underground electrical work is next.
- The Infiltration and Inflow contractors have been installing the 24" CIP lining at the Davis Pond site since our last Council meeting. Also, all ROW clearing and matting has been done at the head of the pond. We have also been cleared and given notice to proceed with use of LC CDBG funds of \$321,000 towards this project. We have also submitted a reimbursement request for the additional \$300,000 that we were awarded by LC CDBG in mid-year funds.

**TOWN FINANCIAL/BUDGET UPDATE**

**Monthly Account Balances for Fiscal Year 2023/2024**

	Jul-23
General Fund Checking	\$ 1,023,649.49
General Fund Savings	\$ -
General Fund LGIP Account	\$ 1,107,287.18
Police Donations	\$ 17,227.36
Fire Department 1%	\$ 29,756.31
Municipal Court	\$ 41,687.69
Victims Assistance	\$ 12,590.62
<b>Total (Non-Utility Funds)</b>	<b>\$ 2,232,198.65</b>
Utility Fund Checking	\$ 243,135.94
Utility Fund Reserve	\$ -
Utility Fund LGIP Account	\$ 2,592,074.66
Capital Improvement Project/Impact Fee	\$ 503,160.06
USDA Debt Service Reserve	\$ -
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$ 1,328,959.37
2021 Infrastructure Revenue Bond	\$ 595,119.26
<b>Total (All Utility Funds)</b>	<b>\$ 3,338,370.66</b>
Hospitality Tax Checking	\$ 177,823.58
Hospitality Tax LGIP Account	\$ 906,069.31
<b>Total (H-Tax Funds)</b>	<b>\$ 1,083,892.89</b>
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$ 6,654,462.20</b>

**Monthly Account Balances for July Since 2014**

	Jul-23	Jul-22	Jul-21	Jul-20	Jul-19	Jul-18	Jul-17	Jul-16	Jul-15	Jul-14
General Fund Checking	\$ 1,023,649.49	\$ 2,385,182.86	\$ 2,140,759.00	\$ 1,773,743.00	\$ 1,591,678.14	\$ 1,745,192.37	\$ 1,730,880.67	\$ 1,619,736.64	\$ 1,521,135.73	\$ 1,435,594.89
General Fund Savings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 37,351.55	\$ 43,401.55	\$ 46,433.63	\$ 162,907.50
General Fund LGIP Account	\$ 1,107,287.18									
Police Donations	\$ 17,227.36	\$ 19,232.29	\$ 15,696.97	\$ 4,655.06	\$ 13,299.41	\$ 9,657.17	\$ 6,809.48	\$ 7,766.10	\$ 10,247.16	\$ 11,379.70
Fire Department 1%	\$ 29,756.31	\$ 21,259.67	\$ 20,844.89	\$ 14,740.23	\$ 11,319.35	\$ 10,068.91	\$ 8,199.12	\$ 11,949.30	\$ 11,102.03	\$ 7,008.18
Municipal Court	\$ 41,687.69	\$ 41,418.46	\$ 38,478.71	\$ 32,584.93	\$ 37,644.57	\$ 29,489.19	\$ 33,940.35	\$ 32,418.37	\$ 29,722.92	\$ 31,146.48
Victims Assistance	\$ 12,590.62	\$ 5,321.70	\$ 1,955.25	\$ 714.00	\$ 654.70	\$ 145.15	\$ 128.90	\$ 137.19	\$ 296.87	\$ 172.54
<b>Total (Non-Utility Funds)</b>	<b>\$ 2,232,198.65</b>	<b>\$ 2,472,414.98</b>	<b>\$ 2,217,734.82</b>	<b>\$ 1,826,437.22</b>	<b>\$ 1,691,947.72</b>	<b>\$ 1,831,904.34</b>	<b>\$ 1,817,310.07</b>	<b>\$ 1,715,409.15</b>	<b>\$ 1,618,938.34</b>	<b>\$ 1,648,209.29</b>
Utility Fund Checking	\$ 243,135.94	\$ 350,045.05	\$ 288,354.46	\$ 92,722.75	\$ 260,914.03	\$ 285,308.50	\$ 490,964.95	\$ 318,329.17	\$ 105,793.93	\$ 35,816.59
Utility Fund Reserve	\$ -	\$ 767,884.18	\$ 767,871.48	\$ 767,683.46	\$ 763,152.55	\$ 755,546.48	\$ 961,960.58	\$ 601,556.74	\$ 792,583.50	\$ 430,094.13
Utility Fund LGIP Account	\$ 2,592,074.66									
Capital Improvement Project/Impact Fee	\$ 503,160.06	\$ 2,047,726.17	\$ 1,544,580.89	\$ 1,483,730.95	\$ 1,364,853.81	\$ 767,767.75	\$ 58,295.72	\$ 34,762.72	\$ 11,907.72	\$ 1,971.72
USDA Debt Service Reserve	\$ -	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,838.96	\$ 564,700.97	\$ 561,368.36	\$ 555,773.07	\$ 231,081.00	\$ 231,081.00	\$ 231,080.00	\$ 231,080.00
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$ 1,328,959.37	\$ 841,471.38	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -	\$ -
2021 Infrastructure Revenue Bond	\$ 595,119.26	\$ 1,392,817.60	\$ 3,154,648.04	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 3,154.44	\$ 2,267.66	\$ 3,088.52	\$ 1,093.09	\$ 2,024.11
<b>Total (All Utility Funds)</b>	<b>\$ 3,338,370.66</b>	<b>\$ 3,730,506.84</b>	<b>\$ 3,165,648.79</b>	<b>\$ 2,908,843.13</b>	<b>\$ 2,950,293.75</b>	<b>\$ 2,367,552.24</b>	<b>\$ 1,744,570.91</b>	<b>\$ 1,188,819.15</b>	<b>\$ 1,142,458.24</b>	<b>\$ 700,986.55</b>
Hospitality Tax Checking	\$ 177,823.58	\$ 626,956.52	\$ 618,284.31	\$ 731,740.64	\$ 288,457.50					
Hospitality Tax LGIP Account	\$ 906,069.31									
<b>Total (H-Tax Funds)</b>	<b>\$ 1,083,892.89</b>									
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$ 6,654,462.20</b>	<b>\$ 6,829,878.34</b>	<b>\$ 6,001,667.92</b>	<b>\$ 5,467,020.99</b>	<b>\$ 4,930,698.97</b>	<b>\$ 4,199,456.58</b>	<b>\$ 3,561,880.98</b>	<b>\$ 2,904,228.30</b>	<b>\$ 2,761,396.58</b>	<b>\$ 2,349,195.84</b>

**General Fund**

Revenues/Expenses thru July 2023	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 641,990.33	\$ 5,680,651.00	11%
Operating Expenses	\$ 343,624.72	\$ 5,680,651.00	6%

**Utility Fund**

Revenues/Expenses thru July 2023	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 492,987.31	\$ 9,241,200.00	5%
Operating Expenses	\$ 490,966.33	\$ 9,241,200.00	5%

**Victim's Assistance Fund**

Revenues/Expenses thru July 2023	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 523.73	\$ 9,500.00	6%
Operating Expenses	\$ 577.90	\$ 9,500.00	6%

**Hospitality Tax Fund**

Revenues/Expenses thru July 2023	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 69,367.67	\$ 710,000.00	10%
Operating Expenses	\$ 56,787.16	\$ 710,000.00	8%

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Council Member Hall and second by Council Member Prouse to go into Executive Session at 7:24 pm.

VOTE:                      8 Approved                      0 Denied

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

Motion by Council Member Hall and second by Council Member Lemon to return to regular session 8:05 pm.

VOTE:                      8 Approved                      0 Denied

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**POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY COUNCIL IN FOLLOW UP TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Fire Service Contract with Lexington County.** Motion by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Hall to approve the contract. No discussion.

VOTE:                      8 Approved                      0 Denied

**Joining South Carolina Attorney General in Class Action Lawsuit.** Motion by Council Member Hall and second by Council Member Prouse to authorize the town attorney to enter into an agreement Class Action Lawsuit. No discussion.

VOTE:                      8 Approved                      0 Denied

**Sale of Town owned Property located along Pond Branch Road.** Motion by Council Member Hall and second by Council Member Lemon to accept the offer for the property owned by the town. Attorney Spradley noted that it would require two readings and public hearing. No discussion.

VOTE:                      8 Approved                      0 Denied

**POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S MEETING- September 11, 2023**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Council Member Brown with a second by Council Member Hall to adjourn at 8:09 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                      8 Approved                      0 Denied

Approved this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.



Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jay Hendrix, Assistant Town Manager