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## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**APRIL 11, 2022**

Mayor Shull opened the first Public Hearing at 7:00 P. M. to receive citizen input on an **Ordinance to Annex 16.33 Acres Owned by Shetland Properties, LLC and Located North West of East Church Street into the Town Limits of Batesburg-Leesville, Lexington County TMS #005900-06-022.** Since no one appeared before Council, Mayor Shull closed the Public Hearing at 7:01 P. M.

Mayor Shull opened the second Public Hearing at 7:01 P. M. to receive citizen input on an **Ordinance Adopting Changes Made by Lexington County to the Animal Control Ordinance.** Since no one 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 was held in Building B of the Town Hall Complex. Mayor Shull called the meeting to order at 7:02 P. M. Members present were Mayor Shull, Council Member Brown, Cain, Lemon, Wise, Prouse, and Hall. Council Member Gambrell and Council Member Mitchell were absent.

## **INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Jordan Black, Youth Minister of Batesburg First Baptist Church.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was held.

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#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

VOTE:        7 Approved                      0 Denied

#### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Wise to adopt the minutes of the March 14, 2022 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 May 9, 2022.

#### **CENTRAL MIDLANDS – COUNCIL MEMBER HALL**

Council Member Hall reported Central Midlands COG Board met Thursday, March 24, 2022 at the Airport Campus of Midlands Technical College with a quorum present. The only action item was the first reading approval of the transfer of \$849,000 to the South Main Street project in Columbia. This project involves the 4 blocks between Pendleton and Blossom Streets. Vehicle traffic lanes will be reduced from 4 (2 each way) to 2 (1 each way.) Sidewalks will be widened to 20 feet and bike lanes added as well as significant streetscaping. The remainder of the meeting was presentations on Family Caregiving, SCDOT and the Unified Planning Work Program. The next meeting will be Thursday, April 28, 2022.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Council Member Prouse**

Council Member Prouse reported EPAC did not meet in the month of March; the next meeting is Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

Council Member Cain reported he was a member of the Finance Committee and have met to do the Comet's business. He encouraged Council Members to check out the Comet on UTube since there has been a new video for a commercial that was unveiled and have several press releases. I think what I am going to do is forward information to Council throughout the month because there is so much.

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

Mayor Shull stated there is no report.

#### **B-L CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – Mike Taylor, President**

Reported the Taste of the Town was held on March 19<sup>th</sup> at T & S Farm, which was last held in 2016. Those who attended enjoyed a Mardi Gras atmosphere and Cajun recipes from chefs in our community. Even though the food was served in small bowls I believe no one left hungry. Council Member Barbara Brown won the "People's Choice Award" and also took 1<sup>st</sup> place as voted by the judges. Appreciation goes to each of you who were in attendance and hope you enjoyed the event.

The Chamber will be hosting the SC Poultry Festival/B-L Chamber Golf Tournament on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Ponderosa Country Club and hopefully this will be a lucky Friday 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Batesburg-Leesville Ministerial Alliance will conduct their Good Friday Community Service at Wesley Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church located 1501 Double Bridges Road from 11:00 to 1:00. The service will be structured so people may come and go as their schedule dictates.

The Batesburg-Leesville Chamber of Commerce and Midlands Technical College will recognize the students from B-L High School who potentially will be graduating with honors at our General Membership Meeting this month. Due to COVID we were unable to have these the past two years. Peachtree 23 Yard Sale is just around the corner on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Second Reading on an Ordinance to Annex 16.33 Acres Owned by Shetland Properties, LLC and Located North West of East Church Street into the Town Limits of Batesburg-Leesville, Lexington County TMS #005900-06-022** was held. A motion was made by Council Member Hall with a second by Council Member Prouse to adopt. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOITE:                7 Approved                                0 Denied

**B. Second Reading on an Ordinance Adopting Changes Made by Lexington County to the Animal Control Ordinance** was held. A motion was made by Council Member Wise with a second by Council Member Hall to adopt. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                6 Approved                                1 Denied – Council Member Cain

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Council Vote to Excuse Absence from Last Month’s Meeting for Council Member Cain.**

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

VOTE:                7 Approved                                0 Denied

**B. Proclamation – Poultry Festival Day 2022**

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

VOTE:                7 Approved                                0 Denied

**C. Resolution – Poultry Festival Yard Sales**

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Lemon to adopt the Resolution. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                7 Approved                                0 Denied

## **MANAGER'S REPORT – Ted Luckadoo**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Just as a reminder, the Town Egg Hunt will be held next week on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30pm at Leesville College Park. We encourage the community to come out and take part.
- We held our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Clean event on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-12:00am. We had 157 people take part and were about to pick up 3 ½ tons (7,000 lbs) over the 3 hour period. A special thank you to all the churches, civic & community groups, and individuals that took part.
- As a reminder, this year's Electronic Recycling event will be held on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00-12:00pm at the B-L High School parking lot. We will be accepting tires (limit 8), scrap metal, paper shredding, and electronic (limit 8).

### **SC GEODETIC SURVEY PUBLIC MEETING COMING UP**

- SC Geodetic staff has completed their updated surveying of the Lexington and Saluda County lines, which I had previously reported on was being done at Saluda Counties request. There are going to be a number of changes along the line from Lake Murray to the bottom corner of our Town limits. It appears there are going to be numerous Lexington County residents whose property is going to be moved in Saluda County or a portion of their property moved into Saluda County. SC Geodetic staff is holding a public meeting for all those that will be affected from Saluda County, Lexington County, and Town of B-L. The date will be May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm here at Town Hall. SC Geodetic staff will be doing the presentation and there to address questions, comments, and concerns. This has no effect on our Town limits, just more of the Town limits moving into Saluda County it appears. SC Geodetic will take care of all mailing of meeting notices to affected property owners.

### **2022 CDBG GRANT APPLICATION AND C FUND REQUEST SUBMITTED TO LEXINGTON COUNTY**

- We submitted to Lexington County CDBG office our request for grant funding for 2022. The request submitted is to replace the existing gas feed chlorine and sulfur dioxide equipment and storage facility. The new equipment will be liquid feed pumps, day tanks and bulk chemical tanks, a spill prevention storage facility and process monitoring equipment to assist plant operations with system controls including chemical dosing, emergency conditions, operator notifications and data archiving. This is picking up where

**MANAGER'S REPORT CONT'D.**

- we had previously left off, as this project was funded before, but we had to swap to new aeration equipment for basin #1 due to equipment failure. County CDBG staff has recommended this project for funding and it has passed County Council committee approval for funding in the amount of \$458,201. Total project cost is expected to be \$606,401.
- We have also submitted to Lexington County our request for 2022 C Funds in the amount of \$35,000. This would be for the replacement of approximately 1,310 feet of broken and damaged sidewalk along Summerland Avenue between Miller Street and Mitchell Street.

**PROJECT UPDATES**

- The Pine Street Corner parking and intersection improvement has taken the next steps over the past month. Dominion Energy has gotten their electricity placed underground and is ready to connect. AT&T has been removing their lines from the utility poles and placing underground. The two power poles will hopefully be removed here soon, which opens the door to Highway 23 resurfacing and paving of the expanded lane.
- WWTP Improvement projects continue to make progress, however we are still awaiting some materials. As for the headworks project, the new digester tank has been fully erected and installed and should be painted soon. We are still awaiting the new screw pumps to come in for that portion of the project to be completed. As for Basin #2 floating aeration project. Basin #2 has been refilled and the new aeration equipment has been installed and is in the process of having the electricity installed. This project is getting close to completion.
- As for the JMWSC project, surveying continues. It appears that things are getting closer with regards to securing property for the future tank and pump station site along Highway 1. There is an interested property owner who is working with JMWSC for the property they need.

**Monthly Account Balances for Fiscal Year 2021/2022**

	Mar-22	Feb-22	Jan-22	Dec-21	Nov-21	Oct-21	Sep-21
General Fund Checking	\$ 1,811,680.83	\$ 1,955,849.14	\$ 1,546,651.98	\$ 1,096,802.21	\$ 1,264,096.96	\$ 1,486,972.36	\$ 1,697,937.50
General Fund Savings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Police Donations	\$ 10,936.15	\$ 8,786.15	\$ 8,786.15	\$ 8,786.15	\$ 9,917.03	\$ 8,088.83	\$ 8,088.83
Fire Department 1%	\$ 22,878.84	\$ 22,878.84	\$ 22,878.84	\$ 13,523.85	\$ 22,297.79	\$ 22,844.09	\$ 23,011.11
Municipal Court	\$ 40,170.66	\$ 42,343.85	\$ 34,595.29	\$ 35,955.70	\$ 34,242.60	\$ 32,111.87	\$ 33,611.11
Victims Assistance	\$ 2,317.29	\$ 1,426.16	\$ 1,017.33	\$ 891.90	\$ 354.10	\$ 386.75	\$ 2,500.00
<b>Total (Non-Utility Funds)</b>	<b>\$ 1,887,983.77</b>	<b>\$ 2,031,284.14</b>	<b>\$ 1,613,929.59</b>	<b>\$ 1,155,959.81</b>	<b>\$ 1,330,908.48</b>	<b>\$ 1,550,403.90</b>	<b>\$ 1,765,338.24</b>
Utility Fund Checking	\$ 340,711.47	\$ 313,027.73	\$ 283,872.00	\$ 260,520.24	\$ 336,884.69	\$ 314,405.61	\$ 284,511.11
Utility Fund Reserve	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35
Capital Improvement Project/Impact	\$ 1,922,153.54	\$ 1,869,162.12	\$ 1,799,536.70	\$ 1,688,018.28	\$ 1,632,591.86	\$ 1,589,625.44	\$ 1,596,411.11
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
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$ 1,166,463.88	\$ 1,166,463.88	\$ 1,166,463.88	\$ 1,166,463.88	\$ 1,347,914.52	\$ 1,347,914.52	\$ 1,347,914.52
2021 Infrastructure Revenue Bond	\$ 1,767,135.56	\$ 2,818,388.41	\$ 2,676,669.61	\$ 2,832,749.06	\$ 2,808,179.06	\$ 2,550,186.68	\$ 2,944,911.11
<b>Total (All Utility Funds)</b>	<b>\$ 3,595,604.80</b>	<b>\$ 3,514,929.64</b>	<b>\$ 3,416,148.49</b>	<b>\$ 3,281,278.31</b>	<b>\$ 3,302,216.34</b>	<b>\$ 3,236,770.84</b>	<b>\$ 3,213,771.11</b>
Hospitality Tax Checking	\$ 564,604.05	\$ 656,614.13	\$ 601,999.73	\$ 629,132.01	\$ 640,405.82	\$ 676,371.70	\$ 660,511.11
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$ 6,048,192.62</b>	<b>\$ 6,202,827.91</b>	<b>\$ 5,632,077.81</b>	<b>\$ 5,066,370.13</b>	<b>\$ 5,273,530.64</b>	<b>\$ 5,463,546.44</b>	<b>\$ 5,639,771.11</b>

## Monthly Account Balances for March Since 2015

	Mar-22	Mar-21	Mar-20	Mar-19	Mar-18	Mar-17	Mar-16	Mar-15
General Fund Checking	\$ 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	\$ 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%	\$ 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	\$ 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	\$ 2,317.29	\$ 547.12	\$ 624.48	\$ 925.21	\$ 333.34	\$ 310.98	\$ 271.05	\$ 155.89
<b>Total (Non-Utility Funds)</b>	<b>\$ 1,887,983.77</b>	<b>\$ 1,658,475.22</b>	<b>\$ 1,346,890.93</b>	<b>\$ 1,235,829.86</b>	<b>\$ 1,440,814.28</b>	<b>\$ 1,288,949.83</b>	<b>\$ 1,287,617.49</b>	<b>\$ 1,204,369.40</b>
Utility Fund Checking	\$ 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	\$ 767,845.91	\$ 767,244.25	\$ 761,114.85	\$ 755,375.75	\$ 847,136.88	\$ 489,674.17	\$ 703,830.59
Capital Improvement Project/Impact	\$ 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	\$ 564,820.18	\$ 564,377.95	\$ 559,869.47	\$ 555,700.00	\$ 231,081.00	\$ 231,080.00	\$ 231,080.00
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$ 1,166,463.88	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
2021 Infrastructure Revenue Bond	\$ 1,767,135.56	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 176.79	\$ 1,506.21	\$ 834.08	\$ 1,743.54	\$ 3,251.77
<b>Total (All Utility Funds)</b>	<b>\$ 3,595,604.80</b>	<b>\$ 2,946,174.01</b>	<b>\$ 2,918,721.26</b>	<b>\$ 2,802,184.53</b>	<b>\$ 2,171,693.42</b>	<b>\$ 1,573,428.87</b>	<b>\$ 942,339.40</b>	<b>\$ 998,714.87</b>
Hospitality Tax Checking	\$ 564,604.05	\$ 693,689.45	\$ 608,683.82	\$ 85,646.17				
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$ 6,048,192.62</b>	<b>\$ 5,298,338.68</b>	<b>\$ 4,874,296.01</b>	<b>\$ 4,123,660.56</b>	<b>\$ 3,612,507.70</b>	<b>\$ 2,862,378.70</b>	<b>\$ 2,229,956.89</b>	<b>\$ 2,203,084.27</b>

**\*\* A couple items to note in General Fund checking, we have multiple months of sanitation payments to make and business license applications are just going out, which is later than normal.**

### General Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru March 2022	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 3,475,042.26	\$ 4,676,151.00	74%
Operating Expenses	\$ 3,695,782.74	\$ 4,676,151.00	79%

### Utility Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru March 2022	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 3,538,125.15	\$ 3,280,700.00	108%
Operating Expenses	\$ 4,358,852.99	\$ 3,280,700.00	132%

\* Operating expenses and revenues includes funds towards WWTP improvements that has come from Revenue Bond funds

### Victim's Assistance Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru March 2022	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 5,569.20	\$ 7,500.00	74%
Operating Expenses	\$ 5,633.60	\$ 7,500.00	75%



## Hospitality Tax Fund

<u>Revenues/Expenses thru March 2022</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% Budget</u>
Operating Revenues	\$ 497,817.07	\$ 565,300.00	88%
Operating Expenses	\$ 538,083.03	\$ 565,300.00	95%

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Discussion of Contractual Matters Relating to the Sale of Town Owned Property
- B. Discussion of Contractual Matter Relating to the Possible Lease/Rent of Town Owned Building

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Wise to go into Executive Session at 7:28 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

### RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Lemon to return to Regular Session at 8:03 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

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

- A. Possible Action in Follow Up to Discussions Relating to the Sale of Town Owned Property - **NO ACTION TAKEN**
- B. Possible Action in Follow Up to Discussion Relating to Possible Lease/Rent of Town Owned Building – **NO ACTION TAKEN**

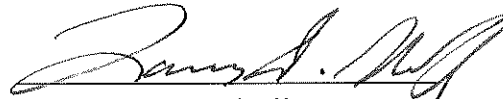
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**POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S MEETING – May 9, 2022**


**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Hall to adjourn at 8:04 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

Approved this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022.

  
Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk