

COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Immediately Following Special Council Meeting

May 2, 2022

Mayor Shull called the Work Session to order at 6:16 P. M.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussions Related to Annual Action Items for Fiscal Year 22/23

Town Manager Luckadoo gave a power point presentation on the Council Work Session which includes:

- Projects Underway and Ongoing
- Staff Recommended Annual Action Items for FY 2022-2023
- Garbage Fee CPI Increase for FY 22/23

**Council
Work Session**

5/2/22

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Annual Action Items FY 22/23

Garbage CPI Increase

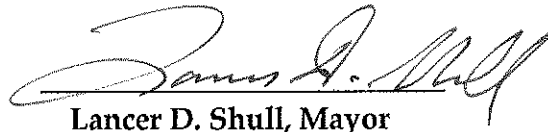
- Original contract was with Advanced Disposal (five year renewal in 2019). Advanced Disposal acquired by Waste Management in 2020.
- \$12.21 rate dates back to 2019 rate increase
- Through the acquisition process no rate increase was communicated in 2020.
- In 2021 Waste Management attempted to implement a 3.6% CPI rate increase on what they thought was being charged (\$12.47), raising the rate to \$12.92. Manager Luckadoo challenged this increase due to no notice of rate increase in 2020.
- During the fall of 2021 no invoices were submitted while the details were being worked out.
- In a meeting on March 16, 2022 it was determined that WM would revert back to the \$12.21 rate and implement the 3.6% CPI increase for 2021 on that rate. The rate for 2021-22 is now \$12.65, retroactive to July 1, 2021.
- On July 1, 2022 WM will be implementing a 4.2% CPI increase which will raise their rate to \$13.18.
- In addition to the WM rate the Town of Batesburg-Leesville charges an additional \$0.30 to cover Saluda County in-town properties landfill cost to Lexington County and \$0.27 for additional recycling costs.
- If we add our \$0.57 to the \$13.18 rate, the new rate for customers will be \$13.75, which is a \$0.97 increase over the current rate charged.

ADJOURNMENT


A motion was made by Council Member Brown with a second by Council Member Gambrell to adjourn at 7:17 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

Approved this 9th day of May 2022.


Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:


Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk

Current Projects Underway

- Engineering/Design for both Town Owned Parks
- Engineering/Design for Woodard Unity Park
- Engineering/Design/Demolition/Intersection Widening for Pine Street Parking
- Water Project to JMWSC
- Infiltration/Inflow Improvements
- WWTP Floating Aeration Basin #2 Project (CDBG Grant)
- WWTP Headworks Project (RIA Grant)
- WWTP Liquid Chemical Feed Modification Project
- Purchase of New Fire Engine

Annual Action Items FY 22/23

Staff Recommendations

- Fund a hotel analysis study
- Hire a full-time IT employee (1st year funded by ARP Funds)
- Finalize WWTP Improvement projects (LCF, Headworks, Basin 2)
- Complete first phase of I/I improvements (Funded by ARP)
- Continue progress on water project to JMWSC
- Receive RFP/RFQ for Automated Meter Reading and Funding
- Hire an additional Utility Billing Clerk
- Bid and Construct some new Town entrance signage
- Finalize engineering/design of both Town Parks
- Finalize engineering/design of both downtown business districts
- Finalize engineering/design of Woodard Unity Park
- Hire a Part-Time Events Coordinator
- Provide Staff with 2nd allotment of ARP Essential Employee Pay
- Provide staff with Cost of Living Pay Increases