

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. 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.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 9, 2022

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 7:00 P. M. Members present were Mayor Shull, Council Member Brown, Gambrell, Cain, Lemon, Mitchell, Wise, Prouse, and Hall. Council Member Mitchell had to leave at 7:10 P. M.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Shanez Padgett, Christ Community Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VOTE: 9 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 **April 11, 2022 Regular Council Meeting**. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Lemon to adopt the minutes of the **May 2, 2022 Special Council Meeting**. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

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ADOPTION OF MINUTES CONT'D.

A motion was made by Council Member Lemon with a second by Council Member Prouse to adopt the minutes of the **May 2, 2022 Council Work Session**. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTES: 7 Approved 2 Abstained – Council Member Cain, Mitchell

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Shull reported that the next Regular Council Meeting will be June 13, 2022.

**** Council Member Mitchell had to leave the meeting****

CENTRAL MIDLANDS – Council Member Hall

Council Member Hall reported the Rural Transportation Committee and Executive Committee of COG had meetings on the week of April 27, 28th. The Rural Transportation Committee's discussion and approval of the intersection/pedestrian issues in Newberry County took up the majority of the meeting. In the Executive Committee, the major issues involved the increases in the rural TIP funds of four million dollars, includes funding for twenty-one million dollars.

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Council Member Prouse

Council Member Prouse reported EPAC met on April 20th and basically, we covered two amendments to the 208 Plan. One was to transfer eight parcels from the East Richland County Public Service District Management to the Richland County Service District. The next one was the transfer of additional properties to the South Carolina Water Utilities private company for water service.

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THE COMET ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Council Member Cain

Council Member Cain reported the Comet had met and stated the initial fee to get the service of Route 97 is \$5,000 per quarter. Stated that at some point Council needs to do a work session so discussion can be held on if the Town is going to fund the Comet and that bus route. Reported the route has 3-4 loops around Town getting clients to Walmart and back to wherever they boarded the Comet. We cannot vote on anything for the Comet, we are only advisory until the Town pays the initial fee. Council Member Cain stated he thinks right now the initial fee is \$21,000.

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION – Mayor Shull

Mayor Shull reported that Joint Municipal did not meet.

B-L CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – Mike Taylor, President

Reported the Batesburg-Leesville Chamber of Commerce and Midlands Technical College recognized forty-three potential B-L High School Honor Graduates at the April General Membership Meeting. The graduates received presents and a letter from Dr. Rhames. Eighty-seven members, students, and parents were in attendance. Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative will sponsor and have the program for our May 26th General Membership Meeting.

A meeting to revitalize the Dream Catchers was held on Monday, May 2nd at the chamber office. Members of the leadership team before COVID met with other interested individuals. The committee is working to have the Dream Catchers organized by the beginning of the 2022/2023 school year.

The chamber will host the SC Poultry Festival/Chamber Golf Tournament this Friday, May 13th. Hopefully this will turn out to be a lucky Friday 13th but it is not looking that way at this time. We have the most foursomes registered in a long time.

Our chamber, the Town of Ridge Spring, and Edgefield County Chamber of Commerce are preparing for this year's Peachtree 23 Yard Sale on Friday, June 3rd and Saturday June 4th.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

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

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

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

B. Proclamation – Peace Officers’ Memorial Day 2022

Mayor Shull read the Proclamation designating May 15, 2022 as Peace Officers’ Memorial Day, and that May 11 – 17, 2022 be declared Police Week in the Town of Batesburg-Leesville. A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Brown to adopt. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

C. Resolution – Peachtree 23 Yard Sale was read by Mayor Shull. A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Gambrell to adopt. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

D. First Reading – Ordinance Establishing Sanitation Rates for the Town of Batesburg-Leesville was held. Mayor Shull stated that each cart will be \$14.27 per container per month as a result of various increases in costs. A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Wise to adopt. Clarification was made that included in this \$14.27 is one trash receptacle and one recyclable cart, the cost for an additional trash receptacle is \$14.27. After further discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 1 Denied – Council Member Cain

E. First Reading – Ordinance to Sell Property Owned by Town of Batesburg-Leesville Located at Shealy Road, Saluda County, Leesville, South Carolina was held.

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Wise to adopt. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 1 Denied – Council Member Cain

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MANAGER'S REPORT – Ted Luckadoo

A. Police Department Presentation – Chief Wallace Oswald

Before the Manager's report was given, Chief Wallace Oswald had a Police Department presentation at which time he gave all Police Department Officers and Dispatch/Jailers a Meritorious Service Award for performing their duties with the highest degree of professionalism during the COVID 19 pandemic time, January 2020 to this date.

B. Saluda County Mutual Aid Agreement Update – Chief Wallace Oswald

Chief Oswald stated the Mutual Aid Agreement was overlooked by the Town and the Sheriff of Saluda County. We just forgot to change our mutual aid to the new Sheriff. Next month Council will vote on the Agreement, which involves no money, where before all I had to do was to inform Council.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- As we all know at this point, the SCPF is this coming weekend. Our staff among most of our departments have been hard at work to assist the festival committee with getting ready. We appreciate all the hard work they have put in and will put in over the next week.
- The Peachtree 23 Yard Sale is coming up Friday, June 3rd and Saturday, June 4th. As with previous years, if a Council member would like to utilize the Town Hall parking lot to take part in the sale, let me know as soon as possible so we can reserve you a spot.

MASC ANNUAL MEETING

- The 2022 MASC Annual meeting will be held July 14-17 at the Charleston Place Hotel this year. As they have done in previous years, administration will be handling the registration process for our staff and elected officials that choose to attend. The drawing for registration order will be held May 24th and the registration process is scheduled for June 7-9. If you are planning to attend this year's conference, please let me know, so we can start knowing who is planning to attend and get registration documents together.

SC GEODETIC SURVEY PUBLIC MEETING COMING UP

- Just a follow up reminder from last months update, the SC Geodetic Survey Public Meeting will be held one week from today of May 16th here in the Council Chambers beginning at 6:00pm. Their staff will present their findings and will be addressing any questions, comments, and concerns from those that may be affected.

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PROJECT UPDATES

- Within the next week or so, Dominion Energy will be connecting their services from the power poles to the underground utilities they have installed at Pine Street and Highway 23. They are in the process of confirming that they have their

power phases correct before proceeding forward. Once they connect, the power poles will be removed.

- WWTP Improvement projects continue to make progress, the new screw pumps arrived after a lengthy wait, but crews have begun work on installing the new screws.
- As for the JMWSC project, surveying continues. JMWSC has reached a contract with a property owner along the route for the future site of the water tank and booster pump station. They are in their due diligence period.

Monthly Account Balances for Fiscal Year 2021/2022

	Apr-22	Mar-22	Feb-22	Jan-22	Dec-21	Nov-21	Oct-21
eral Fund Checking	\$ 1,673,814.68	\$ 1,811,680.83	\$ 1,955,849.14	\$ 1,546,651.98	\$ 1,096,802.21	\$ 1,264,096.96	\$ 1,486,972.36
eral Fund Savings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ce Donations	\$ 10,936.15	\$ 10,936.15	\$ 8,786.15	\$ 8,786.15	\$ 8,786.15	\$ 9,917.03	\$ 8,088.83
Department 1%	\$ 22,535.49	\$ 22,878.84	\$ 22,878.84	\$ 22,878.84	\$ 13,523.85	\$ 22,297.79	\$ 22,844.09
icipal Court	\$ 38,643.43	\$ 40,170.66	\$ 42,343.85	\$ 34,595.29	\$ 35,955.70	\$ 34,242.60	\$ 32,111.87
ims Assistance	\$ 3,060.02	\$ 2,317.29	\$ 1,426.16	\$ 1,017.33	\$ 891.90	\$ 354.10	\$ 386.75
il (Non-Utility Funds)	\$ 1,748,989.77	\$ 1,887,983.77	\$ 2,031,284.14	\$ 1,613,929.59	\$ 1,155,959.81	\$ 1,330,908.48	\$ 1,550,403.90
ty Fund Checking	\$ 321,967.05	\$ 340,711.47	\$ 313,027.73	\$ 283,872.00	\$ 260,520.24	\$ 336,884.69	\$ 314,405.61
ty Fund Reserve	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35	\$ 767,888.35
ital Improvement Project/Impact	\$ 1,899,148.99	\$ 1,922,153.54	\$ 1,869,162.12	\$ 1,799,536.70	\$ 1,688,018.28	\$ 1,632,591.86	\$ 1,589,625.44
A Debt Service Reserve	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,851.44	\$ 564,851.44
frican Rescue Plan Funds	\$ 1,166,463.88	\$ 1,166,463.88	\$ 1,166,463.88	\$ 1,166,463.88	\$ 1,166,463.88	\$ 1,347,914.52	\$ 1,347,914.52
l Infrastructure Revenue Bond	\$ 1,663,084.74	\$ 1,767,135.56	\$ 2,818,388.41	\$ 2,676,669.61	\$ 2,832,749.06	\$ 2,808,179.06	\$ 2,550,186.68
il (All Utility Funds)	\$ 3,553,855.83	\$ 3,595,604.80	\$ 3,514,929.64	\$ 3,416,148.49	\$ 3,281,278.31	\$ 3,302,216.34	\$ 3,236,770.84
pitality Tax Checking	\$ 575,876.73	\$ 564,604.05	\$ 656,614.13	\$ 601,999.73	\$ 629,132.01	\$ 640,405.82	\$ 676,371.70
il All Funds	\$ 5,878,722.33	\$ 6,048,192.62	\$ 6,202,827.91	\$ 5,632,077.81	\$ 5,066,370.13	\$ 5,273,530.64	\$ 5,463,546.44

General Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru April 2022	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 3,940,365.33	\$ 4,676,151.00	84%
Operating Expenses	\$ 4,321,097.65	\$ 4,676,151.00	92%

Utility Fund

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

<u>Revenues/Expenses thru April 2022</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% Budget</u>
Operating Revenues	\$ 4,257,560.79	\$ 3,280,700.00	130%
Operating Expenses	\$ 5,229,039.61	\$ 3,280,700.00	175%

Victim's Assistance Fund

<u>Revenues/Expenses thru April 2022</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% Budget</u>
Operating Revenues	\$ 6,564.13	\$ 7,500.00	88%
Operating Expenses	\$ 6,493.55	\$ 7,500.00	87%

Hospitality Tax Fund

<u>Revenues/Expenses thru April 2022</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% Budget</u>
Operating Revenues	\$ 556,617.80	\$ 565,300.00	98%
Operating Expenses	\$ 585,611.08	\$ 565,300.00	104%

EXECUTIVE SESSION

POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY COUNCIL IN FOLLOW UP TO EXECUTIVE SESSION


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POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S MEETING – June 13, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Brown to adjourn at 7:42 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied


Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:

Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

COUNTY OF LEXINGTON)

RESOLUTION

TOWN OF BATESBURG-LEESVILLE)

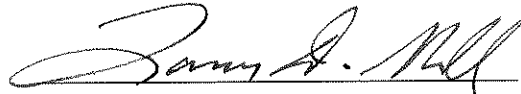
WHEREAS, the "Peachtree 23 Yard Sale" event will be held on Friday, June 3rd and Saturday, June 4, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Batesburg –Leesville *will for these days only, waive* the \$5.00 permit fee for any yard sale held on *Highway 23*.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this is in effect for Friday, June 3rd and Saturday, June 4, 2022.

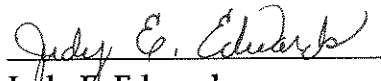
Dated this 9th Day of May 2022.

TOWN OF BATESBURG-LEESVILLE



Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:



Judy E. Edwards
Town Clerk

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

COUNTY OF LEXINGTON)

PROCLAMATION

TOWN OF BATESBURG-LEESVILLE)

WHEREAS, the Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15, 2022 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which it falls as Police Week; and

WHEREAS, the day was set forth to honor officers who gave the ultimate sacrifice. The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund reported that 153 law enforcement officers lost their lives in the line of duty in 2021; and

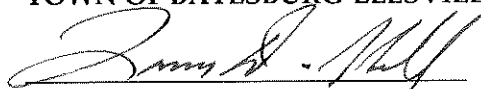
WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of law enforcement, and that the law enforcement agencies recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation; and

WHEREAS, federal, state, county and municipal law enforcement agencies have grown into modern and scientific agencies which unceasingly provide a vital service; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Town Council of Batesburg-Leesville that May 15, 2022 is hereby declared to be Peace Officers Memorial Day and that May 11 through 17, 2022 be declared Police Week in the Town of Batesburg-Leesville, and that all citizens are urged to recognize fallen law enforcement officers, disabled law enforcement officers, as well as the law enforcement officers, and their families, who currently preserve the rights and security of all citizens.

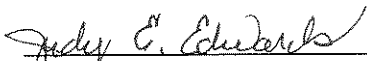
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TOWN OF BATESBURG-LEESVILLE



Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:



Judy E. Edwards
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**BATESBURG LEESVILLE
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

To: ALL POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND DISPATCH/JAILERS
From: CHIEF WALLACE OSWALD
cc:
Date: 09 May 2022
Re: MEITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Let it be known to all who read this that during the COVID 19 pandemic time , January 2020 to this date, that our officers and dispatcher/jailers performed their duties with the highest degree of professionalism. Our officers answered calls of people needing an ambulance for severe COVID symptoms to arresting suspects who were stating that they had COVID. Our dispatcher jailers had to check on and feed the suspects in jail and have contact with the public in our lobby with the possibility of COVID. All while protecting the public we serve, themselves and our families at home. All our people are to be commended for a job well done during the most extreme of circumstances.