

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Prouse to adopt the minutes from the August 13, 2018 Regular Council Meeting. With no discussion, a vote was taken by the show of hands.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Prouse to adopt the minutes from the August 27, 2018 Council Work Session. With no discussion, a vote was taken by the show of hands.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Shull reported the next Regular Council Meeting will be October 8, 2018.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS - Council Member Gambrell

Council Member Gambrell had no report.

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

Council Member Prouse

Council Member Prouse reported they did not meet and the next meeting is in October.

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION - Mayor Shull

Mayor Shull reported they are to meet on Wednesday of this week.

B-L CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE - Mike Taylor, President

No report was given due to the absence of Mike Taylor.

PRESENTATION FOR COUNCIL SERVICE

Mayor Shull presented a plaque to Linda DeLoach and Jim Mitchell for their service to the Town as Council Members.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Second Reading on an Ordinance Providing for a Local Hospitality Tax on the Sale of Prepared Food and Beverage

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

VOTE: 5 Approved 2 Denied - Council Member Cain,
Council Member S. Mitchell

B. Second Reading on an Ordinance Establishing Council Compensation

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

VOTE: 5 Approved 2 Denied - Council Member Cain, Hallman

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of an Electric Service Rights Agreement with SCE&G and MCEC

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Prouse to approve. Manager Luckadoo stated this is the first step before a franchise agreement is done. SCE&G and the Co-Op(s) have reached an agreement that assigns electric service territory rights down to the parcel level and each parcel has been assigned to SCE&G or MCEC based on a number of different factors, both in town and parcels just outside of town. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

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B. Resolution - MASC Hometown Economic Development Grant Commitment

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Gambrell to approve. Manager Luckadoo stated a grant application for the 2018/2019 MASC HED Grant will be submitted to engage an architectural firm to create a B-L Master Plan which includes a strategic vision for our two historic business districts, two town parks, and the conversion of a historic national registry auditorium into a performing arts theatre. Each of the items listed are a part of the projects listed within the Hospitality Tax Ordinance and our hope is to be awarded this grant to assist in costs to get a better grasp of what can be done, scopes of work, and cost estimates for future projects. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

C. Resolution - SCDOT Municipal State Highway Project Agreement Relating to the Highway #1 Widening Project

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Simpkins to approve. Manager Luckadoo stated this establishes the Town's responsibility for any utility relocations effected by the SCDOT project. SCDOT officials have stated that having this agreement approved and signed by the municipality is a requirement to advertise and bid the project and that it cannot move forward until received. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 5 Approved 2 Denied - Council Member Cain,
Council Member S. Mitchell

D. Approval of Updates and Changes to the Town's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Policy Based on State Law Changes Regarding FOIA

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Hallman to approve. Manager Luckadoo gave a synopsis of the changes. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

E. Approval of the Contract with Central Midlands of Government Relating to the Comprehensive Plan Update.

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Gambrell to approve. Manager Luckadoo stated this approval is to perform the updates to the Town's Comprehensive Plan which is one of the top priorities for the Annual Action Plan this year and the cost was budgeted in the current year's budget and approved. This Plan should be updated and reviewed every 5 years and our last update was in 2008. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 7 Approved 0 Denied

MANAGER'S REPORT - Ted Luckadoo

A. Bike and Pedestrian Study

Central Midlands COG and contracted consultants will be in Batesburg-Leesville from 8:00 A. M. until 8:00 P. M. on Wednesday, September 19th to perform field work, stakeholder interviews, and an open house to the public related to the study and all are invited to attend. This will be the opportunity for people to share their ideas, needs, wants, and concerns regarding walkability and bikeability inside the Town. Information will be going out within the week encouraging people to share their thoughts and ideas.

B. District 1 and 6 Special Election

The filing period for both District 1 and District 6 Special Elections will begin on Friday, September 14th at noon and will end Monday, September 24th at noon and the election will take place on Tuesday, November 27, 2018. Petitions can be picked up at Town Hall or the Lexington County Election Commission Office in Lexington.

C. Town Pond Water Supply Status

At this point, the Town pond reservoir is close to 5 feet low; the top strainer is now about 1 foot out of the water with 2 strainers left under water. We are about 1 foot from being to the top of the second strainer. As of today, Brodie Mill Pond was overflowing the dam but without rain that will not be the case in a day or two. If needed, we will ask Mr. Shealy if he will remove a board from the dam and get water. We recently had some issues not getting adequate flow from the Brodie Pump Station and today we had Pascon dredge the area around the sump pumps. After pumping, it was found that this area was built up close to 4 feet with silt material.

POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY COUNCIL IN FOLLOW-UP TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Discussion of Contractual Matters Relating to Proposal of Auditing Services for Fiscal Year 2019

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Gambrell that we approve the contract with Dooley & Company to provide the auditing services to the Town for Fiscal Year 2018/2019. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 6 Approved 0 Denied

B. Discussion Regarding the Annual Performance Evaluation Relating to the Town Manager

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Simpkins that we accept and seat Council Member Gambrell on the Town Manager Performance Evaluation Committee. With no discussion, a vote was taken,

VOTE: 6 Approved 0 Denied

No further actions from Executive Session.

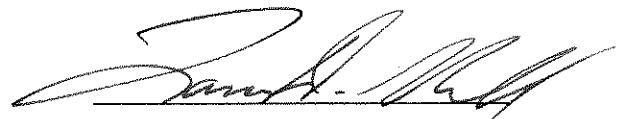
POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 8, 2018 MEETING

ADJOURNMENT


A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Gambrell to adjourn at 8:30 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken by the show of hands.

VOTE: 6 Approved 0 Denied

Approved this 8th day of October 2018.


Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:


Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk