

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 and 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.

PUBLIC HEARING

DECEMBER 14, 2020

Mayor Shull opened the Public Hearing at 7:01 P. M. to receive citizens' input on an **Ordinance to Rezone a Parcel of Property Located Along Forest Drive (TMS#007100-02-001) from R-1, Single Family Residential, to R-1A, Single Family and Manufactured Housing Residential.** 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, held in Building B of the Town Hall Complex, was called to order by Mayor Shull at 7:02 P. M. Members present were Mayor Shull, Council Member Etheredge, Gambrell, Cain, Lemon, Mitchell, Wise, Prouse, and Hall.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Pastor Kent Suits.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by veteran Council Member Gambrell.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Prouse to adopt the minutes from the November 9, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Shull reported the next Regular Council Meeting will be January 11, 2021.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS COG – Council Member Hall

Council Member Hall reported COG had a meeting via zoom Thursday, December 10, 2020. There were some technical difficulties which caused him to not be able to attend; however, he did follow up via telephone. Reported major issues were COMET Project to provide free rides for seniors over the age of 60 years and SCDOT Safety Targets, which include number of fatalities, number of serious injuries, rate of fatalities, and the number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries.

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Council Member Prouse

Council Member Prouse reported EPAC did not meet in the month of December. Received a notification that the Town of Chapin had a minor plan amendment but did not need to come before EPAC but go straight to the COG. The next scheduled meeting is January 20, 2021.

THE COMET ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Council Member Cain

Council Member Cain reported the committee met several times. At some point Council will receive a proposal for what continued bus service for the Town of Batesburg-Leesville would cost once the Pilot Route has ended in March.

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER COMMISSION – Mayor Shull

Mayor Shull reported the Commission did meet and held a retirement “goodbye” for Mr. Bob Keisler, who stepped down from the Commission and welcomed Mr. Bob Porter, who came up from South Congaree. Reported the Christmas Party was cancelled and had one person retire with more than 20 years of service. Also, there will be no meeting in December.

B-L CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – Mike Taylor, President

Reported the Batesburg-Leesville Chamber of Commerce wanted to have the 2020 Christmas Parade and sent out entry forms to everyone who participated last year and entry information was posted on the Chamber’s website and Facebook page. Everyone had until November 23rd to return their forms. We received entry forms from two churches, one cub scout troop, one girl scout troop, Don’t Stop Believing, Saluda Shrine Club, and a DAV Chapter. With these numbers it was not feasible to have the parade. Some of the funds used for the Christmas Parade will now go towards a Batesburg-Leesville Best Christmas Decorating Contest sponsored by the Chamber and Town of Batesburg-Leesville. There will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prize for residents/businesses located within the town limits and judging will begin on December 19th with the winners announced on Christmas Eve. Recommendations for the award are to be emailed to myself or Jay Hendrix or to the Chamber or Town Facebook page.

Gave a small tribute to Mrs. Louise Riley, who passed away.

Gave a few facts on Lexington County:

- ✓ Lexington County is one of the fastest growing counties in the state
- ✓ It added 79,000 new residents between 2000-2018 – a 37% increase in population with a 1.7% rate for that period
- ✓ Projections show Lexington County will have an additional 150,000 residents by 2040
- ✓ A majority of the population (74%) resides in unincorporated Lexington County
- ✓ 20-24 and 65-84 age cohorts are lower in Lexington County than state and 35-55 age cohorts are higher in Lexington County than state.

B-L CHAMBER CONT'D.

At this website under documents, the County Fact Book has 143 pages of data on Lexington County.

The Chamber wished Council and their families a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Second Reading on an Ordinance to Rezone a Parcel of Property Located Along Forest Drive (TMS#007100-02-001) from R-1, Single Family Residential, to R-1A, Single Family and Manufactured Housing Residential was held. A motion was made by Council Member Hall with a second by Council Member Lemon to approve. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Regular Council Meeting Dates For 2021.

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Wise to approve as presented in Council's packet. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 1 Denied – Council Member Hall

MANAGER'S REPORT – Ted Luckadoo

December-January Town Holiday Schedule

- The Town will be observing the Christmas Holidays, in which offices will be closed from Wednesday, December 23 thru Friday, December 25th. Offices will reopen on Monday, December 28th.
- We will be observing New Year's Day holiday on Friday, January 1st. Offices will be closed this day.

2021 Dominion Energy Tree Trimming Schedule and Locations

- Dominion Energy has provided the Town with their 2021 information related to tree trimming around town along transmission and distribution lines.

MANAGER'S REPORT CONT'D.

- Whitestone Tree Company will be performing the scheduled ROW distribution clearing. They were the company that performed this years 2020 clearing. At this point, they have not provided DESC with their exact start date here in Town, but they don't believe it will begin prior to April.
- The only transmission line clearing that will occur in Town this year will be around the Primary School area and along Alexander Street. Most all of the Distribution line clearing that will occur this year is in the Leesville district of Town around North Lee Street moving Northwest portion of Town. Streets that will see clearing is: Bryan Street, Georgia Ave., Tall Timber, Clamp Dr., Long Terrace, Speaks Ave., Tabernacle St., Main Street, Bernard St., College St., Woodridge Ct., Crosson and E. Crosson St., Pershing St., Skyline Dr., Montgomery Dr., Medical Dr., E. Railroad Ave., E. Church Street, Daniel Dr., and E. Columbia Ave.

2021 Lexington County "C" Fund Request

- Lexington County Public Works has sent out notification of funding opportunity for "C" Funds for this coming year. We do intend to request an additional \$30-35,000 for this coming year to continue replacing existing broken sidewalks. We hope to have that request turned in by end of year or possibly within a week or two.

2021 Lexington County CDBG Request for WWTP Floating Aeration

- We submitted about a month ago a project summary proposal to Lexington County CDBG for their 2021 funding cycle. Our proposal is to install floating aeration at the WWTP in Basin #2 as we are in the process of doing for Basin #1. The CDBG staff has qualified our proposal and has sent us the application for grant funding, which is the next step in the process. We will be completing the grant application and must have it submitted by December 23rd. Once that is submitted, we will likely have to present our project in January and will hopefully know about funding at the February or March County Council meeting. However, due to COVID-19, there may not be presentations this year. I will send you the details of our request once we have completed the application and have all the numbers. To remind Council, installing floating aeration is something that is being required by DHEC due to the failures and cost with our current orbital aeration.

MANAGER'S REPORT CONT'D.

Upcoming MASC HLAD

- The MASC has announced they are having this year's Hometown Legislative Action Week virtually due to COVID-19. Utilizing the MASC website, officials will be able to watch all videos from their laptop, smartphones or tablets. Topics that will be covered include 2021 Advocacy Initiatives, issues impacting cities and towns, and they will have a session on tips on how officials can talk to legislators to gather support for the MASC's advocacy initiatives. There is no registration required and no cost this year. The virtual event will be February 1-5th.

Project Updates

- For the Brodie Pump Station improvement project, to date, the new pumps have been installed along with the new static bar screens. All piping was painted around a week ago and all the new electrical controls/panels should be arriving this week to Gregory Electric, who will be on-site around January 3rd to install. Once all electrical work is complete, this project will be final and can be closed out.
- Infiltration & Inflow Study: Frazier Engineering submitted to us their final recommendation for our I&I study. They will be installing 12 monitors throughout our system and 2 rain gauges. This will be the first step in their study. They will monitor 3-5 significant rain event data and use that data to narrow down their points of further study on the system. They should be out in the next week or so to install all the equipment.
- WWTP Projects: Our permitting package is in the hands of SCDHEC and is being reviewed by their department for the floating aeration project. We have already received permitting approval from DHEC for the headworks project. RIA has approved us for bidding on the headworks project and once SCDHEC gives approval for the floating aeration permit, we will go out to bid for both of these projects. They will be bid separately as they are required to be, but doing it simultaneously may allow for one contractor and save the Town money.

Sewer GIS Project

- We had 11 total responses to our RFQ posting for this project. We are currently evaluating the submittals and will be coming to Council in January to make a selection of the firm to complete this project.

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	Nov-20	Oct-20	Sep-20	Aug-20	Jul-20
General Fund Checking	\$ 936,076.96	\$ 1,222,560.33	\$ 1,464,391.88	\$ 1,587,048.12	\$ 1,773,743.00
General Fund Savings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Police Donations	\$ 5,155.06	\$ 5,155.06	\$ 5,155.06	\$ 5,155.06	\$ 4,655.06
Fire Department 1%	\$ 26,135.07	\$ 26,629.34	\$ 26,629.34	\$ 17,581.74	\$ 14,740.23
Municipal Court	\$ 31,247.14	\$ 35,178.40	\$ 31,459.27	\$ 32,906.28	\$ 32,584.93
Victims Assistance	\$ 1,240.47	\$ 812.96	\$ 1,359.56	\$ 1,073.76	\$ 714.00
Total (Non-Utility Funds)	\$ 999,854.70	\$ 1,290,336.09	\$ 1,528,995.11	\$ 1,643,764.96	\$ 1,826,437.22
Utility Fund Checking	\$ 338,021.79	\$ 282,177.69	\$ 240,621.22	\$ 149,392.83	\$ 92,722.75
Utility Fund Reserve	\$ 767,814.76	\$ 767,789.54	\$ 767,756.97	\$ 767,725.47	\$ 767,683.46
Capital Improvement Project/Impact	\$ 1,544,929.45	\$ 1,551,894.04	\$ 1,517,168.04	\$ 1,520,775.86	\$ 1,483,730.95
USDA Debt Service Reserve	\$ 564,797.36	\$ 564,778.85	\$ 564,754.97	\$ 564,731.85	\$ 564,700.97
USDA Depreciation	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00
Senior Assistance	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Total (All Utility Funds)	\$ 3,215,568.36	\$ 3,166,645.12	\$ 3,090,306.20	\$ 3,002,631.01	\$ 2,908,843.13
Hospitality Tax Checking	\$ 850,525.68	\$ 850,064.91	\$ 806,007.87	\$ 761,699.34	\$ 731,740.64
Total All Funds	\$ 5,065,948.74	\$ 5,307,046.12	\$ 5,425,309.18	\$ 5,408,095.31	\$ 5,467,020.99

GENERAL FUND

Revenues/Expenses thru November 2020	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 1,291,946.62	\$ 4,334,551.00	30%
Operating Expenses	\$ 1,856,277.79	\$ 4,334,551.00	43%

Utility Fund

Revenues/Expenses thru November 2020	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 1,547,362.04	\$ 3,315,031.00	47%
Operating Expenses	\$ 1,163,541.00	\$ 3,315,031.00	35%

Victim's Assistance Fund

<u>Revenues/Expenses thru November 2020</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% Budget</u>
Operating Revenues	\$ 2,883.37	\$ 7,500.00	38%
Operating Expenses	\$ 3,127.74	\$ 7,500.00	42%

Hospitality Tax Fund

<u>Revenues/Expenses thru November 2020</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% Budget</u>
Operating Revenues	\$ 241,951.61	\$ 452,000.00	54%
Operating Expenses	\$ 81,438.19	\$ 452,000.00	18%

EXECUTIVE SESSION

POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY COUNCIL IN FOLLOW UP TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S MEETING - January 22, 2021

A motion was made by Council Member Cain with a second by Council Member Gambrell to put on the January 22, 2021 agenda for approval Council Member Cain's travel and training expense to be used for books for kids. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

Council Member Cain made a motion to include on next month's agenda discussion on the water project with a second by Council Member Mitchell. After discussion, Council Member Cain withdrew his motion and Council Member Mitchell withdrew her second because this item will take some time; therefore, it needs to be in a Work Session.

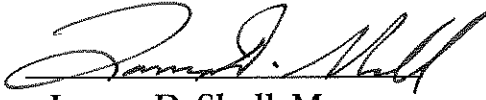
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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Hall with a second by Council Member Cain to adjourn at 7:46 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

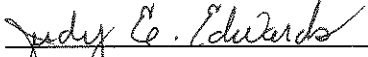
VOTE: 9 Approved 0 Denied

Approved this 11th day of January 2021.



Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:



Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk