

# ***Town Council Meeting***

Meggett SCPA Building

4776 Highway 165

March 22, 2010

## **(Item 1) Roll Call and Meditation**

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-tem Buster Herrington. The following were present: Mayor Coffin, Tommy Butler, Tom Hutto. Also present was Attorney, Andy Gowder, Administrator Ellie Brabham and Zoning and Planning Administrator, Gail Seabrook. Buster Herrington led the prayer and Pledge of Alligence.

## **(Item 2) Approval of Minutes From February Meeting**

A motion was made by Keith McCarty to accept the minutes from the January as written. The motion was seconded by Tom Hutto and all voted in favor.

## **(Item 3) Guess Speaker Mark Lutz (Congressional District 1 Candidate)**

Mayor Pro-tem Buster Herrington introduced Mr. Lutz. Mr. Lutz spoke to the residents and council expressing his views of what issues he was running his campaign on. He said he was in favor of fair tax, limited terms, enforcing existing laws to control the borders, changing laws that allow a child that is born to an illegal in this country to be a U.S. citizen. He strongly is against the spending by the government putting us more and more into debt that could eventually bring the collapse of the country. At the end of the speech he took questions from the audience. He thanked council for the opportunity to speak and was greatly received by the residents.

## **(Item 4) Sewer Update**

Gail Seabrook said she had met with Gene McCall and he said he would like to replace the pump at the pump station at Medal Trades. He said it would be about \$2000. He said that Condor would like to start doing the inspections of the individual grinder stations in April. He would send me a schedule and also a estimate of the cost for the replacement of the pump at the Medal Trades Pump Station. She said she would forward the information to all council members when she received the information. Mr. Herrington asked if anyone had any questions regarding sewer. Mrs. Virginia Watson inquired what the cost would be should she ever decide to connect to the sewer system. Ms Seabrook informed her that many variables affect the installation cost. The cost for the tap is \$4000 and then the cost for the actual installation would include the cost for the grinder station itself, and for the installation of the pipe from the point of the grinder station to the actual point of connecting into the main force main. In her case the sewer is located on the same side of the road as her resident so she would not endure the cost for a directional bore or road cut. She indicated that her question was still not answered with an amount. She was told that ball park figure for installation could generally run about \$15000 to \$17000 for the complete installation. It is impossible to provide an exact quote for each installation varies.

## **(Item 5) Verizon Update**

Matt Zender reported that the transition to Frontier has still not taken place.

## **(Item 6) Second Reading of Ordinance 2010-3 (Terms of the Planning Comm.)**

Tom Hutto made a motion to accept the ordinance. Tommy Butler second the motion. All voted in favor.

## **(Item 7) First Reading of the Comprehensive Plan**

Tom made the motion to accept the Comprehensive Plan. Tommy Butler seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

## **(Item 8) Old Business**

*a. Audit* – Ellie reported that she had received the draft copy and she had sent the draft to all of the council members for their review. The bound copies should be received by next week. Tommy Butler made the statement he had received the copy from Ellie but had not had the chance to review it. Tom Hutto inquired if we could now submit the audit to the state and get the funds that they have been holding until the Audit was brought up to date. Ellie said she would submit the audit as soon as she received the hard copy.

*b. Webpage* – Buster Herrington reported that he had would like to set up a workshop for the company that is designing the webpage to come and discuss the details of the webpage. The workshop was scheduled for April 14th at 6:00PM.

c. *Playground Cover* – Buster Herrington said that Gail Seabrook had researched the information of the different types of playground cover and provide the information to the Council members. The three types of cover are wood mulch, rubber mulch, and solid poured surfaced. The rubber mulch is from old tires and has a variety of colors as well as black. It is laid in a thickness of about 4” to 6”. It is rated to protect children from falls 5’ to 10’. It doesn’t absorb moisture. The black color does have a tendency to rub off on clothing but the colored mulch does not. The cost was \$627 per ton and a ton of the rubber mulch would cover about cubic yard. Measuring the town’s playground area the estimated cost to cover the area of the playground equipment would run about \$5000. (See the attached information from BYO Playground covering)

d. *Ground Maintenance Contract* – Ellie Brabham reported that we have a lot of applicants for the maintenance contract. The deadline for submittals is March 31.

**(Item 9) New Business**

a. *Contract with CPW* – The contract was review by the Attorney Andy Gowder and a motion was made by Tommy Butler to accept the contract as written. Mayor Coffin seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

b. *Luau* – It was announced that we were planning to have host a Luau instead of the traditional evening in Meggett. We thought we would try something a little different and it would be fun. The date of May 22 was set for the event. The committee consists of Buster Herrington, Ellie Brabham and Gail Seabrook.

c. *Bricks*- Steve Coffin asked about getting the old brick in exchange for replacing the brick on the back walk way that enters the walkway between the SCPA Building and Town Hall. The brick that are presently on the walkway are breaking apart. Council decided that he could have the brick.

**(Item 10) Miscellaneous Reports**

a. April in Meggett Arts and Crafts Festival – Saturday April 10th from 10AM – 3PM. Need items for our silent auction and volunteers to help set up.

b. Trident Technical College asked that we mention their summer class will begin May 31. You may call them at 323-3800. Their web address for more information is [www.tridenttech.edu/stpaulsparishsite.htm](http://www.tridenttech.edu/stpaulsparishsite.htm). The Cencus will be in Town Hall 15 hours a week between March 19th and April 19th to help and encourage residents to fill out cencus forms.

**Upcoming Scheduled:**

3/22	7:00PM	Council Meeting

**(Item 9) PUBLIC COMMENTS**

With no comments from the residents, a motion was made to go into executive session to discuss a contractual matter.

Regular meeting was adjourned.

*Submitted by Town Clerk: Gail Seabrook*