

***Public Hearing***  
***Comprehensive Plan***  
 Meggett SCPA Building  
 4776 Highway 165  
 April 26, 2010 – 7:00PM

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

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Grange Coffin. The following were present: Mayor Pro-tem Buster Herrington, Tommy Butler, Tom Hutto and Keith McCarty. 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) Comprehensive Plan (Open for Discussion)**

Mayor Coffin opened the floor for any discussion regarding the Comprehensive Plan. With no comments from the residents, meeting was adjourned.

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**(Item 1) Approval of Minutes From March Meeting**

The minutes were e-mailed to all Council members prior to the schedule meeting for review and comments. A motion was made by Keith McCarty to accept as written and the motion was second by Buster Herrington. All voted in favor.

**(Item 2) SC DHEC (Martha Dunlap – Smoke Free)**

Ms Dunlap and Diane Wilson presented to the council and residents the hazards of what smoking can do as well as secondary smoke. She ask the council to adopt the smoke free ordinance for the Town. At this time the council felt that we did not have any way to enforce the ordinance. It was also indicated that we have not had any problem with anyone smoking in the Town Hall. Metal Trades and Stevens towing are the only two large businesses in the Town and they felt it should be up to them to decide what is best for their employees. Tom Hutto asked Andy to look at the smoking ordinance and make a recommendation to the town whether to adopt or not.

**(Item 3) Verizon Update**

Matt Zender said they were still in the process of ratification. They expect to have approval by the FCC by June.

**(Item 4) Sewer Update**

Gail Seabrook reported that the Bank of Walterboro had paid the monthly fees for 4 sewer taps that they want assigned to the 4 lots of Toogoodoo Farms that border Wilson Road. She said she told them to provide a letter reassigning the 4 taps from Harmony Hall to these 4 lots. They were to submit the request today but it was not received.

**(Item 5) Second reading of the Comprehensive Plan**

Tom Hutto made a motion to approve the comprehensive plan as presented. Keith McCarty seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

**(Item 6) Bid Opening for the Lawn Maintenance Contract**

Mayor Coffin opened the submittals for the lawn maintenance contract. There were a total of 14 submittals. At the request of Mayor Coffin, Attorney Andy Gowder read the list of applications. Attorney Gowder said the bid proposals would be available for review after the meeting for anyone wanting to look at the submittals. The following are a list of the applicants:

C&D Landscaping Service	Lowcountry Green	Green Acre Services
Charlie's Lawn Care	Pritchard Lawn Care	"DD" Lawn Care and Maintenance
Lawn Boys, LLC	Harry E. Wilson	Winiford Landscaping
Southland Landscape	A. M. Jacob, Inc	Glen's Lawn Care and Maintenance
R&R Landscape		Wayne's Lawn & Landscaping.

**(Item 7) Old Business**

*a. Audit* – Ellie said that we have present tonight at the meeting two of our auditors that will answer any questions that council may have. Representing Murdaugh and Associates were Tripp Wingard and Marty Murdaugh. They provided handouts and give a summary of the audit. They indicated they had found no problems of concern. A copy of the audit can be reviewed at Town Hall. Tommy Butler asked if they checked to see if our assets were adequately insured. They replied that they should have confirmation from the insurance board.

Question from Tom Hutto: Do you feel you could have 2009 completed by the end of June? Reply: Yes and we anticipate the starting of the next one in August and hopefully completed by end of November.

*b. Webpage* – Buster Herrington said he had received quotes for Studio 7 that was in the range of about \$10,000 and the quote from Blue Ion that was in the range from \$18,000 to \$30,000.

**(Item 9) New Business**

***COG Enhancement Grant*** - Mr. Bill Cox has come before council several times asking for the town's help in trying to get public water run to his businesses located at the end of Ethel P.O. Road. Due to his request and need for the service, we have looked into grants that may be available to help with funding to put in the water line. Ellie Brabham researched information as to what grants may be available and if we would be eligible. Tom Hutto reported that Ellie had spoke with USDA regarding the grants available and had coordinated a meeting date. We have been told in the past that because of the area not being in a low income range, it would be difficult to meet the qualifications. We were informed that we may qualify for a competitive grant. Last year they had 30 applicants and only awarded 16 grants. Charleston Water Systems attended the meeting as well and they estimated the cost to put in the water line at about \$750,000. We could apply for the Rural Program development grant but long story short if we did get assistance from grant money we would still have to pull a lot out of the town's pocket to complete the project. Concern was expressed as to how other residents would feel when there are so many areas that need city water as well. So, the question came up as to whether we want to pursue and also taking into consideration the tremendous amount of time involved in writing the request for the grant application. Keith McCarty asked if we were awarded the grant would Mr. Cox be willing to put the remainder of the money in. Tom said if we did move forward with this we would probably need to hire someone to write the application. Ellie mentioned that COG helped with the first grant that we applied for. He asked Ellie if she would check with COG and see if they are willing to assist and to what extent.

***Harmony Hall*** – Tom Hutto said he had been approached with information that a nonprofit organization was trying to purchase the remainder of Harmony Hall for the development of a camp for children with special needs. Presently Gulf Shores Bank of New Orleans has purchased the parcels which includes the 13 acre tract as well as the residual of the portion not purchased by Charleston County Parks. Tom O'Rourke has indicated that he may have some funding that could go towards the purchase but also Green Belt Money may also play a part in the purchase. Tom mentioned that if we could get the 50 sewer taps back, council may consider contributing to the purchase as well. Mayor Coffin mentioned that the Bartone property on Church Flats Road is coming up for auction and they may want to look into that because the land already has so many amenities. Mr. Hutto indicated that Mr. O'Rourke would get back with him on any updates regarding the property.

***Sewer Issues*** – Tom Hutto said he had been working with Bill and Susan Stevens and Gordon Locatis regarding the renovation of the old post office and at present they are at a standstill because they do not have sewer taps. They can't pull permits or have their plans approve. Tom said he felt eventually we would get the 50 taps back that were assigned to Harmony Hall and he would like to find a way to help. With only 27 of the residents connected out of the 166 taps sold, Tom suggested that Council consider allowing them two additional taps with the thought that we would have the extra taps if we were able to get the Harmony Hall taps. Gail Seabrook ask to be recognized and shared information that she had come across that may help the situation. She found out that the allocation for businesses are estimated by the number of employees rather than a set amount such as with residential connections. Allocation is based on 25 GPD's per employee per day. Presently Stevens Towing has a allocation of 800GPD's which means with this allocation they could accommodate up to 32 employees. From what she had been told, Stevens Towing only expects to employ about 20 employees at the maximum, therefore they are well within their limit for sewer allotment with their present allocation. This would allow them to proceed with their project without a need for additional taps. Council asked Stevens Towing to write a letter to the town stating the number of employees they will have employed that will be using the facilities and then we can write a letter confirming this information so that they may move forward. This information is also listed under DHEC regulations.

***Sewer fees*** – Ellie Brabham reported that we have 5 individuals that have not paid their quarterly fees for their sewer taps. She indicated that we had sent multiple notices and that after a year those being delinquent, the taps will divert back to the town.

***Sewer update from Condor*** – Gail Seabrook said she would like to add one more thing regarding the sewer information. She had received information from Gene McCall that Condor had made the inspections of the individual grinder stations. She expressed that she was previously told that the town would be contacted prior to the inspections with dates so that she could contact the residents of the inspections. She went on to say she was not happy with the way this had been handled and had expressed this to Condor as well as explaining that it could prove to be dangerous for those doing the inspection to show up on people's property with no one knowing what they are doing there. She said she had requested a written report of the inspection providing address, manufacturer of each grinder pump and any problems that were found as well as any other information that

could prove to be helpful. This would also provide proof to the town of the inspections as well as vital information for future reference.

**(Item 10) Miscellaneous Reports**

Ellie Brabham reported that we have our new computers set up from Software Solution and Designs. They also took the old computers and stripped them of the information and left the Microsoft office program and they are set up in Town Hall for public use.

Ellie reported that we made about \$100 with the April in Meggett Arts and Crafts Festival. She indicated we did a lot more advertising this year than we had in the past.

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**Upcoming Scheduled:**

May 6	6:00PM	St. Paul's Fire District Meeting
May 10	Closed	Confederate Memorial Day
May 22	7:00PM	Evening in Meggett ( Luau)
May 24	7:00PM	Council Meeting
May 31	Closed	Memorial Day

**(Item 9) PUBLIC COMMENTS**

With no comments from the residents, a motion was made to go into executive session to discuss a contractual matter. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

Regular meeting was adjourned.

*Submitted by Town Clerk: Gail Seabrook*