

Public Hearing
Budget 2010-2011
 Meggett SCPA Building
 4776 Highway 165
 June 28, 2010 – 6:30PM

(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, and Tom Hutto. Also present was Administrator Ellie Brabham and Zoning and Planning Administrator, Gail Seabrook. Buster Herrington led the prayer and Pledge of Alligence.

(Item 2) Budget

Copies of the proposed budget were provided to the Council members and residents that were in attendance at the meeting. The only question was asked by Councilman Tom Hutto inquiring if the item office space rental included the office space of Dr. Meyer. Ellie responded that it did. With no other inquires of the budget from council or the residents, a motion was made by councilman Tommy Butler to approve the 2010-2011 budget. The motion was second by Tom Hutto and all voted in favor.

Town of Meggett
Council Meeting
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 4776 Highway 165
 June 28, 2010 – 7:00PM

(Item 1) Meeting called to order

The regular schedule council meeting was called to order by Mayor Coffin immediately following the public hearing.

(Item 2) Approval of Minutes From May Meeting

The minutes were e-mailed to all Council members prior to the schedule meeting for review and comments. A motion was made by Tommy Butler and seconded by Tom Hutto to accept as written. All voted in favor.

(Item 3) Representative Brown

Mayor Coffin had been asked by a resident that lives in the Park Island area to try and get some information as to when the new fire station on Highway 174 would begin construction. Reason being was that they received notification from their homeowner's insurance carrier that their fire insurance was to be canceled due to location of residence being in a high risk area. Mayor Coffin in turn had met with Representative Brown asking for his help with this matter. Representative Brown along with St. Paul's Fire Chief, and fireman Charlie Riddle attended the meeting to try and answer questions from concern citizens regarding these issues. Fire Chief said he did not understand why the resident would be denied insurance but that the Park Island area was a location that fell in the classification of a 9 rating which did indicate that it was a high risk area. He went on to say that they were just waiting on the funding from Washington to begin the project of the new fire station which when completed would help lower insurance rates for residents in the Park Island area as well as others within the 5 mile radius. Once the funding was received they were still looking at time involved in obtaining permits, as well as the architect allowing a 60 day time frame for bidding the job. They anticipate the actual construction to be about 1 year once the building process begins.

Another question of concern from a resident was that there was talk that due to budget cuts, they did not have funding to man the station when it was built so they had decided to abort the project and use the money that was appropriated for the construction to update the existing fire station. Fire Chief express that this was false and they were moving forward with the new fire station as soon as they received their funding.

Representative Brown made the recommendation that anyone that may be experiencing similar situations with their insurance company to get in touch with Town Hall and provide the name of the insurance company and he would do what he could to help with the situation. He will give Ellie the contact information to relay this information to and perhaps we can find a way to help with this situation for the residents until the fire station is completed.

Residents as well as council members did express concern about premiums being raised so high that they become unaffordable or having policies canceled when they had been with certain companies for a long period of time. Then they are left with trying to find another company that will write a policy and most of the time it is at a very high rate.

(Item 4) Second Reading of Ordinance 2010-05 (2010-2011 Fiscal Year Budget)

Copies of the budget were provided to residents at the public hearing prior to the council meeting. With no opposition from the public at the public hearing, Councilman Tom Hutto made a motion to approve the budget. Buster Herrington seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

(Item 5) Verizon Update (Matt Zender)

Officially Verizon will come to an end on July 1 and will become Frontier Communication for the land line telephone service for this area. You will still see Verizon painted on the trucks for it will take some time to have them repainted with the new logo. They hope to have high speed internet available to residents in the next three years. They are planning a fiber build out that will provide this service. Head Engineer Jim McDaniel will meet with Matt and give a more detail report of what will take place with Frontier.

(Item 6) Sewer Update (Gail Seabrook)

We have had several calls for repairs to individual grinder pumps. At this rate we may need to purchase two pumps to have on hand for emergency uses. The Mission Control has been install at pump station 1 and now I am able to monitor what is going on with the pump station from my computer. It provides reports such as how often the pumps turn on, how much waste is in the wet well and even will provide information on rainfall. I also will receive an e-mail when the alarm goes off should a problem occur. We had some problems with pump no 1 on Friday (June 25). For some reasons the float switch is not working properly and may have to be replaced along with some other parts. Gene McCall is to send me an e-mail listing the parts with the cost associated.

Mr. McCall also sent me the information today on the individual grinder stations that have been inspected and general information for each pump. I will add this information on our spread sheet for future reference.

Donald Colby called and is interested in selling a tap back to the Town that is assign to the TMS 159-00-00-148 which is the small parcel that was purchased from the Hamm's that was the residual of the lot that Mr. Hamm purchased to place the relocation of Wilsonia Road. I just informed him to write a written request to the Town.

b) Crime Watch – We had a report of a van with ADT on the side going to homes in the area and trying to get access into the homes. ADT does not make door to door house calls. Update: They were caught on Friday in Hollywood Manor and arrested. Also, I had to delete my crime watch e-mail list because of an error it would not send the e-mails out. I am recompiling my list and please let me know of anyone that is not presently receiving information so I can add them back on the list.

c) Annexations - I am working on putting the information of all annexations on the computer. So far I have entered all tax map numbers and now I am taking the annexation files and going through that information and placing it with the tax map information. This will be extremely slow process. When completed we will be able to locate the information in an efficient manner either by year or TMS number.

(Item 7) Old Business

a. *Harmony Hall* – Tom Hutto reported that he had not heard anything from Tom O'Rourke about the sale of the property.

b. *Incorporation documents* - Attorney Gowder said he hope to have some information at the July meeting..

c. *web page* – Tom Hutto asked for an update. Ellie Brabham said she is suppose to talk with Mr. Williams about the web page tomorrow and will at that time be able to give him more of an idea what council will want on the web page.

(Item 9) New Business

a) Signs – Tom Hutto said he had requested to have the topic of signs added to the agenda for this meeting. He said he would like to see residents of Meggett that want to place a permanent sign to apply at Town Hall rather than having to go through Charleston Co. Presently anyone going through Charleston Co. for a sign permit is faced with having to produce a detail drawing and meeting requirements of hurricane codes. The process is very confusing and complicated. He would like to see that Meggett has a defined list of the requirements and can assist the individual through the process with the application. Attorney Andy Gowder said that Meggett could write their own requirements if they so desire rather than following Charleston County.

Mr. Frank Marvin asked to be recognized and said he would like to say something regarding the matter. He said that we are going through a bad time in this country with the economy the way it is and we should do what is necessary to help get the economy moving again. He indicated that the sign that was posted by Jason Walker in his yard was only Jason's way of getting information out of the services he is offering for job opportunities.

Mr. Hutto said he felt that the sign was in violation of ordinances and either we should enforce the ordinance or remove them. Jason had removed the sign but then put it back up. After talking with Jason, he wanted to bring before council the idea of the application being through Meggett rather than Charleston Co.

(Item 10) Miscellaneous Reports (Ellie Brabham)

The alarm system for the SCPA Building has been fixed. The main board was replaced, two phone line surge suppressors and one 120V power suppressor for the existing panel was installed. Cost of the repairs were \$2283.00 which was approved by Mayor Pro-tem Buster Herrington.

Ellie said she had sent Brian Limehouse of Charleston County Transportation Development requesting CTC Funding to place a sidewalk or multipurpose path from Town Hall to the Town of Meggett sign at Highway 165. Vonnie Gilreath of BCDCOG will be helping with our application should our request be granted.

Carpet Baggers will be working on the floors in the SCPA Building the week of July 5th. They will repair the squeak in the floor and refinish all of the upstairs, hall and front entrance and the large front room downstairs.

Birthdays for July

- Mayor Coffin – July 6th
- Keith McCarty – July 15th
- Tommy Butler – July 30th

Upcoming Scheduled:

July 5		Town Hall Closed
July 1	6:00PM	St. Paul's Fire District Meeting
July 26	7:00PM	Council Meeting

(Item 9) PUBLIC COMMENT

Retreat - Council Tom Hutto asked if the Council would be holding a retreat this year. The date was set for Saturday August 21.

Grass along Entrance to Meggett – Matt Zender ask about having someone cut the grass along the side of the road from the sign to the town area. Buster said he would do it twice but did not have the time to do on a regular basics. It was also stated that until the roots from bush hogging was removed it could tear up the equipment. It was decided that we may get some prices to have someone come in and do it.

With no further comments, a motion was made by Buster Herrington to adjourn. Tom Hutto seconded the motion.

Submitted by Zoning and Planning Administrator: Gail Seabrook