

***Town of Meggett***  
***Council Meeting***  
 Meggett SCPA Building  
 4776 Highway 165  
 January 24, 2011– 7:00PM

**1) Roll Call and Meditation**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Coffin. Council members present were Buster Herrington, Tommy Butler, Tom Hutto and Keith McCarty. Also present was Attorney Andy Gowder, Administrator Ellie Brabham and Planning/Zoning Administrator Gail Seabrook. The prayer was given by Councilman Buster Herrington and Mayor Coffin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**(Item 2) Approval of Minutes November 22, 2010 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 the November, 2010 minutes as written. The motion was second by Tommy Butler and all council voted to approve as written.

**(Item 3) Frontier Update (Matt Zender)**

Matt said he had spoke with Tim Ruedy, General Manager with Frontier, and they have 108 lines ready in Meggett for DSL. A connection box has been placed at the corner of Wilson Road and Ethel P.O. Road and if you live within 22,000 feet cable distance from this box you can connect to high speed inter-net service. Presently they are waiting on some permits pull the cable down to the connection box but once the fiber cable is place and connected then the service will be available. They are offering a promotional deal; where if you sign up for a three year contract with phone, TV, and high-speed inter-net service at \$130 per month; they will give you a 32" TV. This offer will expire in March. For those who would like to know if they are within the range for the DSL service they can call (888)772-3501. Tommy Butler asked in what ways was Frontier getting information out to the residents. Response: They are trying to contact a lot of the residents by phone. Frontier is also planning to set up a temporary location on a Saturday so that interested parties can stop by and they can answer any questions they may have. They are looking at perhaps a tent on the property in Hollywood by the intersection of Highway 162 and 165. Other suggested locations were the Piggly Wiggly parking lot and the Food Lion in Ravenel.

**(Item 4) Old Business**

- a. *Windows in the SCPA Building* (Buster Herrington) – Mike finished up about two weeks ago. He cork and re-glazed all of the windows, repaired the sills that were rotten. He did say that one of the front windows had a creak as well as the window in the closet. They are not leaking and the cost to replace them would be expensive so he just left them alone. He has also finished the roof repairs and placed the guttering on the back of Town Hall.
- b. *Paving parking lot* – Tom Hutto said he had written a scope of work based on the information obtained from Ledford's recommendations of their drainage study. The estimate from Ledford's for work they recommended was \$22,000 for putting in catch basins around the buildings and a dehumidifier for under the buildings. He is trying to make sure the scope of work is very clear before it goes out for bids. Tom asked Keith if he had check on cost for renovations of the little building behind the SCPA building. Keith said he thought Mike was going to do the work so he never contacted anyone. Keith said he would go ahead and call Andrew to come by and look at what will need to be done. Buster also would get Mike to come as well and look at giving the Town a price for the renovations.
- c. *Web page* – Tommy asked about the web page e-mails. Ellie said the e-mails are set up. Mayor Coffin said it would not accept his pass word. Buster said he was not getting any e-mails from the web page but it appeared to be working since he did receive a test copy from Tommy. Council decided they would like to have their personal e-mail address listed as well as the web page e-mail.
- d. *Walnut Hill (Tom Hutto)* – Tom reported that the offer was made with Greenbelt funding and the owners had accepted the offer but now are trying to figure out a way to come up with the difference between the offer and the loan amount on the property. Presently they are trying to work out details with the bank to see how it can be done.
- e. *Landfill update* – Tom Hutto reported the owner lost his appeal to DHEC who felt he no longer met the requirements. He has now appealed to the administrated law court.
- f. *Annexation* - Gail Seabrook reported that all the letters were mailed out asking the residents in the specified areas if they would like to be annexed into Meggett. We have received several phone calls with question of the pros and cons of annexation. Tom Hutto asked to refresh his memory as to who the letters were sent out to. Gail said the mail out consisted of residents on Little Britton Road and areas where we have donut holes in our existing boundary. Tommy Butler asked if we had sent information to owners of parcels between Jimmy Bell's property and the existing boundary. Ellie replies that each one of them had been sent the information. (Mr. Bell came before council at our

previous meeting and had asked to be annexed into Meggett. At that time we said we would look into the request and see if his property meets the criteria.) Tom Hutto brought up the argument that the residents in that area may be against that parcel being rezoned to commercial to meet the standards of the restaurant Mr. Bell wanted to build. Mayor Coffin brought up the topic that when annexed into the Town you come in under the zoning of AG. The other argument was if he is zoned commercial through Charleston Co. will he come into Meggett as commercial or AG zoning. Attorney Gowder said that if he did come in under AG a general restaurant is allowed as a special exception. Mayor Coffin said that under the special exception a hearing would be required and the residents would be able to express their approval or disapproval.

**(Item 5) New Business**

- a. *Fire destroyed Home of Resident* – Buster Herrington said Andrew Mason lost his home to fire and suffered burns and was treated at the burn unit in Augusta, Ga. He is home now. He had been out of work and had no insurance on the house. Buster is trying to organize a group to demolish the house so if anyone would like to help he will get the word out of the date and time. Also anyone who would like to make a contribution an account has been set up at First Citizen Bank. You can drop your donations off at Town Hall, Herrington Equipment or at the Bank. Further information will be sent out about the clean up when we can figure out a date. Keith McCarty said his church may have some funds that they could contribute. He was to give Buster the contact information.

**(Item 6) Miscellaneous Reports (Ellie Brabham)**

Information from the State Ethics Committee is in Councilman’s folder. Be sure to fill out and process so that you will not be fined. Would like to try and get our next news letter out in March. In this news letter we would like to have the candidates write an article about themselves and their campaign platform. The filing for the candidates opens on February 3 and will close on March 4. The tenants in the SCPA building are also going to write something about their businesses. Tommy asked if we would write an article about the new web page. Ellie said that was to be included as well.

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**Upcoming Meetings Scheduled:**

Feb21	Closed	Presidents Day
Feb 28	7:00	Council Meeting

**(Item 9) Public Comments**

Tom Hutto asked if Council had received the letter from Robert Brown about the resurfacing of Highway 162. Gail Seabrook also shared the information that they were to also start paving of Highway 165 and Toogoodoo Road as well. It will just be the thin layer as they did on 162. She also questioned if anyone knew anything about the repairs to the bridge. Matt Zender asked if they needed to get permission from Hollywood to place a tent on the property by 162 and 165 for Frontier to use as a site to provide information of the phone service they are offering to the community. Permission would need to come from the property owner rather than Hollywood.

*Submitted by Zoning and Planning Administrator: Gail Seabrook*