

***Town of Meggett
Council Meeting***
Meggett SCPA Building
4776 Highway 165
May 23, 2011– 7:00PM

(Item 1) Roll Call and Meditation

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Coffin. Council members present were Keith McCarty, Buster Herrington, Tommy Butler and Tom Hutto. 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 March, 2011 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 minutes as written. The motion was second by Tommy Butler and all voted to approve as written.

(Item 3) Proclamation 2011-01 Beach Safety Week

Mayor Coffin read aloud and signed the proclamation for Beach Safety Week. See Attachment “A” to review the proclamation.

(Item 4) Frontier Telephone (Matt Zender)

Councilman Zender reported that the box at Quigley Road is now working and those along Ethel P.O. Road as well as surrounding areas can have access to high speed internet service. They can call 877 537-3278 if they would like to sign up. The promotion for the fee TV or computer is still in effect but will end the end of May. You can go also sign up on line on web page “Frontier.com”.

(Item 4) Old Business

- a. ***Drainage for parking lot and building improvements for drainage*** – Tom Hutto reported that the bid packages need some modification to clarify some of the terms.
- b. ***Annexation*** – Buster Herring said we had probably received all of the letters from those who were interested in being annexed that we would receive and he would get with Andy to prepare documents for the annexations. Tom Hutto said we would probably want to include the Walnut Hill property in the annexation as well. He also indicated that a couple of residents would send e-mails that wanted to be annexed as well.
- c. ***Walnut Hill Property*** – Tom Hutto said thanks to Andy’s hard work the real estate transaction for the property had closed. We received 2.65 million from Greenbelt funding for the property and we now have the keys and the next step for Council is to appoint a committee to decide what we want to do with the park and what improvements we will make.
- d. ***Sewer*** – Gail Seabrook reported that we had the annual inspections for the individual grinder stations and that went really well. The only one with a problem was the one at Town Hall. They would try treating the problem with something to break down the grease and see if that would help with the problem. Also Hollywood’s Pump Station 4 is having some problems. This is the pump station which our sewer line enters the Hollywood system. Our grinder station behind Town Hall has been constantly running since last Friday and he is going to pull the pump and make sure there is no blockage but he feels the problem is actually the malfunction of Pump Station #4 which may be causing a backup.
- e. ***Playground mulch*** – Councilman Buster Herrington said he expected the delivery of the mulch next week and Bill Meeks offered to help spread it out. Gail Seabrook asked if they were going to remove the gum ball tree so that the gum balls would not fall in the mulch. Councilman Herrington said they had not made any decisions on the removal of the tree. Tommy Butler said even if they did not remove the tree, we needed to try to remove some of the roots that are in the walkway which could cause someone to trip.
- f. ***Sewer*** – Tom Hutto inquired about the break in the sewer line which had occurred several weeks ago. Gail Seabrook said it had been repaired. Tom asked the cost. Gail replied that we had not received an invoice for the repairs. Tom asked if the line was hit by Frontier Telephone when they were working in that area. She acknowledged that it was but she did not think we would be able to hold them responsible for the repairs since the locate for the sewer line was marked about 10’ off. Tom asked who did the locate. She said that the person works for Pedersen and provides the locates for the Town of Hollywood. Tom asked if he was authorized locator. She indicated that he was. Tom asked if we paid them to locate the line. Gail said that he perform the service at the request of Pedersen because at present we are not on the PUPS list to “call before you dig”; so it was done as a courtesy to the Town. She indicated that she had contacted PUPS and was in the process of filling out the paper work to be placed on the “Call before you dig list” but there was a fee

associated with the service and she would get the information and present it to Council. Tom said let Council know of the cost associated with the repairs for we may be able to get Frontier to pay for the repairs to the line. She also mentioned that as-built drawings were never obtained for the town and that also would add to the problem of providing correct information to determine the correct location for the location of the line. Also back when the sewer line was constructed the metal strip was not placed on top of the pipe which prevents an instrument being able to determine the location of the line as well.

(Item 5) New Business

No new business

(Item 6) Miscellaneous Reports (Ellie Brabham)

Power was transferred to the town for the Walnut Hill property effective May 20, 2011. We received a disc with all the fully executed contracts. Also, have received the insurance renewal package from the State Budget and Control and added the house on Walnut Hill. Insurance Reserve estimated the value of the house to be \$92,000 based on construction type and square footage. Estimated premium for the house is \$199.64 per year.

Cycle for Life – In your folders is a letter from Alicia Parsons requesting the use of the park and the grounds around Town Hall to be the starting point and finish point for the Cycle for Life event that is to be held on Oct. 1, 2011. They expect seventy-five to a hundred cyclists to participate in the event as well as 25 to 30 volunteers. They will place port-a-lets in the park and have tents behind the Town Hall area. The event will end at 6:00PM and they will clean up afterwards. The foundation is working with Charleston County Planning and Zoning as well as the Sheriff’s department for traffic control. Tommy Butler said he did not see a problem with them using our facilities for the event. Other Council members agreed as well.

New Computers – The Town Hall now has two new computers for the public to use, thanks to Bill Watson and Comcast.

Auditor – Tripp Wingard with Murdaugh and Assoc. will be in Meggett a few days this week and the following week. He hopes to have the audit completed for the year ending June 2010 before our next council meeting.

Budget workshop – Council needs to set a date for a budget workshop so we can schedule a public hearing and have the 1st reading for the June 27 meeting. Council scheduled the workshop for June 13th at 6:00PM

Upcoming Meetings Scheduled:

May 30		Memorial Day (Town Hall Closed)
June 27	7:00Pm	Council Meeting

(Item 7) Public Comments

Mayor Coffin opened the floor for public comments. With no questions or comments from the public he began the ceremony for the swearing in of the new council members and the new mayor.

Swearing in of Council Members - Mayor Coffin asked Matt Zender and Tom Hutto to come forward and officiated the giving of the oath of office as Matt and Tom pledge to accept the responsibilities of the office of their position as council members.

Swearing in of new Mayor, Buster Herrington – Mayor Coffin then asked Buster to come forward and officiated the giving of the oath to Buster as he pledge to accept the duties and responsibilities of the position of Mayor of the Town of Meggett.

Buster Herrington then took his position as the new Mayor for the Town of Meggett and as his first duty he recognized Mayor Coffin for his achievements and service to the community for the 30 years he served as Mayor and in his honor announced that Council wanted to name the room in which meetings and events are held in the SCPA Building to be named in Mayor Coffin’s honor. A motion was made by Tommy Butler and all council voted in favor.

Mayor Coffin spoke and was overwhelmed with the honor and thanked everyone for all of the support they had shown during his time in office. He said the volunteers was the ones that had made the town what it is today and gave praise for all of their hard work and support for all the years he had served. He stated it was their hard work and support that has brought us to where we are today. He recognized his wife Shirley, friends, former students he had taught, and co-workers for their support and sharing this evening with him and celebrating his years of service to the community. Tommy Butler asked to be recognized and said he would like to share this with everyone; through the years as he served on council and has attended the municipal

Council Meeting

May 23, 2011

association, Mayor Coffin was one of the most respected Mayors in the State and it has been such an honor to serve as a councilmember during his years as Mayor.

Buster concluded the meeting thanking everyone for coming out to support him tonight and thanked his family for providing the refreshments for the evening and Gail and Ellie for the decorating. Keith McCarty then made the motion to adjourn. The meeting was then adjourned. At the close of the meeting all enjoyed the festivities with good food and fellowship to wish Mayor Coffin the best on his retirement and Buster good luck on his new adventure as the new Mayor.

Submitted by Zoning and Planning Administrator: Gail Seabrook