

***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 Herrington. Council members present were Keith McCarty, Matt Zender, Tommy Butler and Tom Hutto. Also present was Attorney, Andy Gowder, Administrator, Ellie Brabham and Planning/Zoning Administrator, Gail Seabrook. The pray and Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Mayor Herrington.

(Item 2) Approval of Minutes March, 2011 Meeting

The minutes for the May 23 Council Meeting and the June 13, Fiscal Year Budget Workshop 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) Frontier Telephone (Matt Zender)

Matt said he had spoke with Tim Rudy and the box at Quigley Road has been connected with the Fiber. They are also testing new equipment that may extend the high speed service 10,000 ft. on copper wire which will provide even a longer range to serve residents with high speed internet.

(Item 4) First Reading of Ordinance 2011-02 (2011-2012 Fiscal Year Budget)

Keith McCarty made a motion to wave the reading of the ordinance. The motion was voted in favor by all council members. Mayor Herrington indicated that the budget was reviewed in the workshop that was held on June 13.

(Item 5) Old Business

- a. ***Drainage for parking lot and building improvements for drainage(Tom Hutto)*** – Tom said he would like to take this opportunity to suggest that we raise the minimum contract amount from \$500 to \$5000 to be able to do minor jobs without having to go through the major bidding process. This would help with building repairs and be less costly for the town. Mayor Herrington explained that presently our purchasing agreement allows spending limit up to \$500 that can be done by the Mayor or Town Administrator. He would like to have this increased to up to \$1000. Then a spending limit from 1000 to 5000 approved by Mayor and Council. Tom Hutto asked should he make a motion to adopt an amendment to the ordinance. Attorney Gowder said since this was not on the agenda it would be proper for him to draft up an amendment and present it at the July meeting.
- b. ***Annexation*** – Mayor Herrington said we are moving forward. Attorney Gowder said he had all the information and would prepare the petition to be sent out to be signed. Gail Seabrook mentioned that we had not received the written request from the residents that Buster and Tom had mentioned who wanted to be annexed. Councilman Hutto said he thought his neighbors may wait until a later time to come in. Mayor Herrington asked Gail to follow up with Ron Rash tomorrow with the annexation letter. Matt Zender asked if the creek which he resides on could be annexed. Attorney Gowder said request would have to be made to the State's Attorney General. Matt indicated that several of his neighbors would be interested in being annexed but presently they are not eligible and the annexation of the creek would provide a legal boundary for them to apply for annexation.
- c. ***Playground cover*** - Mayor Herrington said he canceled the order because the company wanted money up front and the more he talked with them he felt it was a scam. He will check with some other companies and get some quotes.
- d. ***Walnut Hill Property*** – Tom Hutto said at the council retreat they discussed forming a committee of residents for the Walnut Hill property to put together a plan for the park. Tom mentioned that Bill Watson and Matt Zender said they would like to serve on the committee. Tom said he would like to have council's permission to contact other residents that were mentioned to see if they are interested in serving on the committee as well.
- e. ***Sewer*** – Matt Zender reported that Gail Seabrook had explained to him that the Hollywood sewer line was marked but Meggett's line was not. He relayed this information to Frontier. Tim Rudy said he would provide this information to the contractor that hit the sewer force main and see if he would pay for the damages. A discussion was held about having spare parts for the grinder stations. Gail explained that because so many different types of grinder pumps were put in by the homeowners, it is hard to have spare parts on hand. She said she would prepare a list of the type of grinder pumps at each address so we would at least have that information when we have a service call. Other sewer items of interest: Ravenel has scheduled a meeting to review the contract on June 29th. A new subdivision called Flounder Lake Subdivision is going in that will have 5 of the 8 lots served by public sewer. A copy of the plans was provided to us and I have sent a PDF file to Gene McCall for his review as well. The tie in to our system will be across Highway 165 which

may require a directional bore. I asked Mr. McCall if he could work up a ball park figure for the connection so that we could make the developer aware of this additional cost.

- f. **Plats** – Gail said that the Hamm plat had been resubmitted again with no corrections. She talked with the surveyor, Mr. Kennerty on the phone and he indicated he had been told by the Hamm’s to re-submit the plat and not to make any correction to the re-submittal. Tom Hutto directed a question to Attorney Gowder asking if some form of action could be taken against a surveyor who repeated re-submitted a plat where corrections were deliberate and knowing not made. Gail indicated the corrections are minor and do not pertain to the relocation of the Wilsonia Road. After discussion of ways to handle the situation, it was suggested that Attorney Gowder would speak with John Waring and John would contact the surveyor and inform him the corrections would need to be made on the plat or some action would have to be taken that could be reported for investigation.

(Item 6) New Business

BZA Selection – Matt Zender made the recommendation that Donald Flippen be his replacement on the Board of Zoning Appeal. Buster asked if anyone had any other recommendation. With the council feeling that Donald would be an excellent choice, Tom Hutto made the formal motion to have Donald Flippen to serve on the BZA. Matt Zender seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Buster said a request was made by Jimmy Bell to meet with the BZA. Gail Seabrook also reminded the council about the property on Old School House road where the family wanted to cut 4 lots out of the property that they had purchased together for their retirement. Attorney Gowder explained that the BZA only meets when they have a request to come before them. The Planning Commissioners can meet anytime they so desire. With Mr. Bell’s property not being in the Town of Meggett, he has nothing to bring before the BZA so therefore a meeting could not be scheduled just at his request. Attorney Gowder said he had spoke with Mr. Bell about the issue of annexing into Meggett and he had informed Mr. Bell if the annexation came about he would be annexed zoned as AG. The restaurant which he would like to build would need to have a special exception granted from the BZA. He would need to be annexed in before it would be relevant to come before the BZA.

Mayor Herrington mentioned that we were glad to have Tommy Butler back since his illness. He also took a moment to read the beautiful card that Mayor Coffin sent expressing his appreciation for his years of service and for the honor of having the council chambers named after him and the party event held in his honor.

(Item 7) Miscellaneous Reports (Ellie Brabham)

Auditor – Tripp Wingard with Murdaugh and Assoc. is finishing the 2009-2010 audit and will have the 2010-2011 by December. We will be totally caught up at that point.

Pond Fountain - The Fountain in the pond was sent back to the factory for repairs. The company is going to try to do the repairs under the warranty even through the warranty has just expired.

Business cards - Please e-mail information as to how you would like your business cards and Ellie will get them as soon as she can get all the information.

Budget workshop – The public hearing for 2011-2012 fiscal year budget will be on July 12. Anyone that would like a copy can either go on line or come by Town Hall.

Upcoming Meetings Scheduled:

July 24	7:00PM	Council Meeting
July 12	6:00Pm	Public Hearing (2011-2012 Fiscal Year Budget) Followed by Council Meeting.
July 4		Closed

Special Report from Comcast - As of July 28th, Comcast analog box will no longer work and they will need to be changed to a Digital box before that date.

Bill Watson, General Manager for Comcast was given the floor to tell the residents about a new program that Comcast is offering. It is called “Internet Essentials”. The purpose is to try and provide access to the internet for families of low income to assist children and adults for educational purposes. The way this will work, any child that qualifies for the free lunch

program in the schools will qualify for this program. They will be able to have internet service provided by Comcast for a low monthly rate of \$9.95. They will also be given a voucher for the purpose of purchasing equipment and will also receive training to learn how to use the service. Charleston County is one of the first counties to have this program. The goal is to help bring a higher level of education to families that are unable to afford access to the service.

(Item 8) Public Comments

Matt Zender asked Robert Clark to give an update of the bridge repairs. Mr. Clark indicated that it was not much to report. They would not be able to start the repairs until the utilities are out of the way and that may take another 6 months. He also indicated that they still did not have a schedule for the full bridge replacement.

Resident Larry Commins asked about the surveyor markers that were placed in the marsh area. Bill Watson said the utility poles would need to be temporary relocated and they were doing some surveying to see where they would need to be placed.

Mayor Herrington said he is in Town Hall every morning from 6:30AM to almost 8:00AM for anyone that would like to stop by. He now has a phone for town use and the number is 901-1213.

Councilman, Keith McCarty said he would like to make the Town aware that some of the septic and wastewater companies are dumping their waste material in rural areas to avoid the fees associated with dumping the waste material at the accepted sites. Please be on the lookout for this and call the sheriff's department immediately if you come across this situation. You can usually recognize this by the foul smell that is associated with the waste material.

With no further comments, a motion was made by Keith McCarty to adjourn and was seconded by Tommy Butler.

Submitted by Zoning and Planning Administrator: Gail Seabrook