

***Town of Meggett
Council Meeting***
Meggett SCPA Building
4776 Highway 165
August 22, 2011– 7:00PM

(Item 1, 2 and 3 Meeting Called to Order and 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 and Planning/Zoning Administrator, Gail Seabrook. The pray and Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Mayor Herrington.

(Item 4) Approval of Minutes July 25th, 2011 Meeting

The minutes for the July 25th Council Meeting were e-mailed to all Council members prior to the schedule meeting for review and comments. Mayor Herrington indicated that on page 3 the amount under item “A” should be \$5000 instead of \$500 for the drainage estimate. A motion was made by Tommy Butler to approve the minutes with the correction on page 3, item “A” to change the amount of \$500 to \$5000 for the drainage estimate for the SCPA Building. The motion was second by Tom Hutto and all voted to approve.

(Item 5) First Reading / Ordinance 2011-20 through 2011-21 (Annexation of 096-00-00-184 and 186)

Councilman Tom Hutto questioned the document for the annexation. Some of the information regarding the tax map numbers was incorrect for the property listed for the parcel that Mr Hutto wanted annexed. Attorney Gowder said he would like to review the information and move the first reading to the September meeting.

(Item 6) Council Members Report

Tommy Butler- Finances

Tommy stated that we had changed auditors about two years ago to Murdaugh and Associates. They have completed the 2009-2010 audit and we are finally up to date.

The fountain in the park was repaired under the warranty. We only had to pay for shipping. It is back in the pond and working great.

Keith McCarty – Web Page

Keith said he had received the e-mail from Tom Hutto of suggestions for updates to our web page. He would review and make suggestions of what we need to incorporate into our web page at the next meeting.

Tom Hutto – Grants

Tom said he sits on the committee for the Community Development Block Grants. For the most part the income ratio of Meggett doesn't provide a lot of opportunity for a lot of the grant funding to come to our area. He feels however, that since we have not asked for a grant in the last couple of years he can use this argument as leverage to acquire a grant for this area perhaps next year. We were able to get a grant to purchase Walnut Hill this year. Tom will schedule a meeting with the Walnut Hill committee sometime in September to begin the decision making of how the property will be used. Resident Bill Watson said he did visit the property and was impressed with the potential it offered. He mentioned he worked with a group of Eagle Scouts and they would love a project such as this one to work on. Mr. Watson is one of the residents that was asked to serve on the Walnut Hill committee.

Matt Zender – Sewer, Telephone

Matt said he obtained some information on the construction of the new fire station. The estimated time for completion is January 2012. Presently, the contractor is ahead of schedule with the construction. Those within a 5 mile radius of the new station will benefit with a reduced rate in their homeowners insurance rates.

Frontier telephone tried the new equipment to expand the high speed service in North Carolina and it failed. They are back to testing the equipment and trying to find solutions.

The preliminary drawings for the proposed new location for the sewer line that presently crosses Meggett Creek Bridge are completed and a copy is provided to each council member for their review. Matt asked Robert Clark if he would explain to the council why the distance from the bridge for the new location of the pipe is so far. The information that was provided to our engineer, Mickey Seabrook from Ms Oliver with DOT was 35' from the edge of the existing bridge. Mr. Clark explained that in order to be out of the way of the equipment for the repairs that distance was recommended. This distance would also provide sufficient space when the construction of the new bridge will take place. He said he would like to correct one thing and that is the 35' distance is from the center line of the road and not from the edge of the existing bridge. A

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meeting is scheduled on Thursday the 25th at 2:00PM with the engineer, DOT, and Meggett. The purpose of the meeting is to get a clear understanding of where the relocation of the line should be placed.

(Item 7) New Business

Street Lights – Mayor Herrington

Mayor Herrington said he is trying to get information on the street lights and find a resolution for reducing the brightness of the lights. Hopefully he will have the information by the next meeting.

Recycling – Mayor Herrington

This topic will be placed on the agenda for next month.

(Item 8) Miscellaneous Reports

Ellie Brabham could not be present at the meeting tonight but Mayor Herrington read the following miscellaneous report:

Charleston County has made revisions to the 2011-2012 Hazard Mitigation Plan. You may view these online at WWW.charlestoncounty.org/departments/buildinginspections/hazardplan/Hazplan.htm
Click on Action Plan for the Town of Meggett to view our current plan.

We are working on the September newsletter. If you wish to submit anything please send it to me at www.townofmeggett@comcast.net by August 31, 2011.

Upcoming Meetings Scheduled:

Sept 5		Closed
Sept 26		Council Meeting

(Item 13) Public Comments

Bill Watson commented on Mayor Herrington efforts as the new Mayor. He commended him for coming in to the office in the mornings between 6:00AM and 8:00AM for anyone that would like to stop by and talk with him.

Buster asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss a contractual matter. He said we would resume the meeting in about 30 minutes for those who would like to wait. Tommy Butler made the motion to go into executive session to discuss a contractual matter. Tom Hutto seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Continuation of Meeting

The meeting came out of executive session and was resumed. With no further business a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Tom Hutto and was seconded by Tommy Butler.

Submitted by Zoning and Planning Administrator: Gail Seabrook