

Town of Meggett Council Meeting Minutes

Date: May 31, 2012

Time: 7:00PM

Location: Town Hall 4776 Highway 165

Meeting Called to Order

Call to order by:	Mayor Buster Herrington
Type of Meeting:	Council Meeting
Facilitator:	Mayor Buster Herrington
Note Taker:	Ellie Brabham

Roll Call

Roll Call:	Buster Herrington	<input type="checkbox"/> P	Matt Zender	<input type="checkbox"/> P
A = Absent	Keith McCarty	<input type="checkbox"/> P	Ellie Brabham	<input type="checkbox"/> P
P = Present	Tom Hutto	<input type="checkbox"/> P	Gail Seabrook	<input type="checkbox"/> A
	Tommy Butler	<input type="checkbox"/> P	Andy Gowder	<input type="checkbox"/> P

Prayer and Pledge

Prayer given by: Mayor Buster Herrington

Pledge led by: Mayor Buster Herrington

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from previous meeting held on: April 23, 2012

Motion made by: Mayor Pro-tem Keith McCarty
To accept minutes as written

Seconded by: Councilman Tommy Butler

In Favor: Mayor Buster Herrington
Mayor Pro-tem Keith McCarty
Councilman Tom Hutto
Councilman Tommy Butler

Opposed: Councilman Matt Zender abstained from approval since he was unable to attend the last meeting.

Conclusion: Minutes were approved as written

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Workforce Development Center Presentation by BCDCOG and Charleston Co.

Mr. Seth Duncan provided information about the new satellite office located at the Ravenel Service Center. The center provides job information for job seekers, information for employers, and small business certification for individuals looking to start a new business. Their web site is www.tridentcscworks.org. Office hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00PM – 4:30PM and their phone number is (843 574-1800). They are a federal and state program offering services for new businesses, and job opportunities and consulting workshops and seminars. He encouraged residents of the area to stop by and visit the new facility and see all that they have to offer.

Second Reading of Ordinance 2012-02 (Fiscal Year Budget

The second reading of the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Budget, Ordinance 2012-02 was open for discussion. With no discussion brought to the floor, a motion was made to accept the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Budget.

Motion made by: Mayor Pro-tem Keith McCarty

Seconded by: Councilman Tommy Butler

Decision: To approve Ordinance 2012-02, the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Budget

In Favor: Mayor Pro-tem Keith McCarty
Councilman Tom Hutto
Councilman Tommy Butler
Mayor Buster Herrington
Councilman Matt Zender

Opposed:

Conclusion: The 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Budget was approved by Council as written.

Council Committee Reports

Building and ground - Mayor Buster Herrington

The gutters have been placed on the back of Town Hall and the SCPA Building.

Mayor Herrington said he will not be able to attend the June meeting but Mayor Pro-tem McCarty will handle the meeting.

Landscaping Committee – Tom Hutto

The committee for the landscaping of the back area behind Town Hall and the SCPA Building met and exchanged ideas and their thoughts for the project. They will meet again in June. Mayor Herrington invited anyone that was interested to attend the Committee Meetings and give input. Councilman Zender asked if there was a drawing. Mayor Herrington indicated John Tarkany is making changes to the drawing to incorporate some of the ideas of the committee in the draft copy. They will need to also decide the size of the new storage shed that will be built as well.

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Communications report - Keith McCarty

Mayor Pro-tem McCarty has checked out a few companies for redoing our web page but their quotes were too high. He will continue looking. Attorney Andy Gowder suggested to council that the town also needs to update the Municipal Codes and put a link to them on the webpage. Mayor Pro-tem McCarty said that he would give Muni Code a call this week.

Grants and projects - Tom Hutto

Grant - Councilman Hutto said we are still working on compiling the information for the grant application for Walnut Hill. The submittal deadline is June 11. He indicated that PRC was also submitting an application as well as other applicants. He said PRC is interested in purchasing the 13 acre tract that Peter Stanley cut off of the Harmony Hall property that is located in the back. Presently the property is owned by a bank in Louisiana. Councilman Zender asked Tom what were the plans on how the grant money would be spent on the Walnut Hill property. Councilman Hutto indicated that the funding would go towards building a new floating dock, three fishing and wildlife platforms and two light duty boat launches in the ponds. There will also be a boardwalk across one of the ponds and through wetlands to provide trail connectivity. We also will be building a 50 space parking lot, upgrading the entrance gate and roadway into the property, building two picnic shelters, and adding internal gates and signage.

Walnut Hill – We have received three bids for the replacement of the roof for the cottage at Walnut Hill. The low bid was D&D Construction. Council also agreed to accept a bid submitted by Gary Scott to do schedule mowing and bush hogging based on the fee of \$325 he submitted to the town. Mayor Herrington stated that the person who has been mowing and bailing the hay in the fields at Walnut Hill would continue to do so, which will eliminate us having to mow the fields. Mayor Pro-tem McCarty said any contractor working at Walnut Hill should have insurance. Being award the job should be contingent on having insurance. He also stated the town should request a copy of their Certification of Insurance before work is begun.

Motion made by: Councilman Tom Hutto

Seconded by: Councilman Tommy Butler

Motion: To award the project of the roof replacement on the cottage at Walnut Hill to D&D Construction contingent on certification of insurance and to Gary Scott to mow and bush hog the area as needed also contingent on certification of insurance.

In Favor: Mayor Buster Herrington
Mayor Pro-tem Keith McCarty
Councilman Tommy Butler
Councilman Tom Hutto
Councilman Matt Zender

Opposed:

Conclusion: Motion was passed

Wilson Road - Councilman Hutto also suggested we send a request to Representative Brown asking for his help to personally make a request to SCDOT to have Wilson Road resurfaced and repaired. The detour of traffic until bridge repairs are completed has created a lot of wear to the surface of Wilson Road.

Utilities report - Matt Zender

Bridge relocation - Russell Huggins with CPW informed Councilman Zender that the specifications for the bridge project has been sent out and he expects to receive the bids in by early July. The CPW board meets the 24th of July and they will have the bid

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opening at that meeting and make a decision as to who is awarded the job. They anticipate the job to begin early September. CPW will pay the contractor for the entire job and Meggett will pay CPW for their part of the project. We have asked that the sewer line be the first priority for replacement due to the condition of pipe. Also it was suggested that a start date be included in the contract.

Sewer taps - Councilman Zender asked Attorney Gowder if he had heard any word from the Bank of Walterboro regarding the sewer taps. He said he had not but would follow up. Councilman Hutto expressed concern that the bank would sell the lots with sewer taps attached and the way the land is presently divided, the town would not be able to provide sewer service to the lots.

Sewer Ordinance - Councilman Zender also inquired about the sewer ordinance. Attorney Gowder said he was reviewing the ordinance but had not completed the review. He hopes to have it ready by the June meeting.

Walnut Hill Budget – Councilman Zender asked what the cost to have the GIS map created was for the Walnut Hill Park. Councilman Hutto said only a few hundred dollars. The guy is charging \$20 per hour.

Finance report given by: Tommy Butler

Bank Account Balance Comparison

Town Checking Account Bank Balance

One Month Comparison	March, 2012	\$435,005.93	April, 2012	\$425,467.67	Decrease	\$9,540.26
One Year Comparison	April, 2012	\$445,626.13	April, 2012	\$425,467.67	Decrease	\$20,158.46

Town CD Balance

One Month Comparison	March, 2012	\$52,814.01	April, 2012	\$53,461.23	Increase	\$647.22
One Year Comparison	April, 2012	\$52,814.01	April, 2012	\$53,461.23	Increase	\$647.22

Town Wastewater Checking Account

Bank Balance

One Month Comparison	March, 2012	\$86,756.07	April, 2012	\$81,264.90	Decrease	\$5,491.17
One Year Comparison	April, 2012	\$64,151.18	April, 2012	\$81,264.90	Increase	\$17,113.72

Town Wastewater CD Balance

One Month Comparison	March, 2012	\$280,861.91	April, 2012	\$280,861.91	No Change	\$0.00
One Year Comparison	April, 2012	\$276,960.91	April, 2012	\$281,854.55	Increase	\$4,893.64

Meggett 1925 Bank Account Balance

One Month Comparison	March, 2012	\$6,039.78	April, 2012	\$6,039.78	No Change	\$0.00
One Year Comparison	April, 2012	\$5,822.04	April, 2012	\$6,039.78	Increase	\$217.74

Councilman Butler explained that there was a decrease of \$20,000 in April due to the new computer for our backup filing, gutters for the back of Town Hall and the SCPA Building; work at Walnut Hill and land clearing in the back of the town. He also stated there was a decrease of \$5,000 in the Wastewater account due to the expenses we have had so far with the bridge. Mayor Pro Tem McCarty asked if a decrease of \$20,000 was an issue. Councilman Butler said that the town was in good shape financially and that was not an

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issue. Councilman Butler said that since council had discussed purchasing two \$75,000 CDs six months apart instead of one \$150,000 CD for the emergency fund, he would make a motion to do so.

Motion made by: Councilman Tommy Butler

Seconded by: Councilman Matt Zender

Motion: To purchase two \$75,000 CDs, six months apart, as an emergency fund instead of the \$150,000 CD as presented in the Fiscal Year Budget Meeting for 2012-2013.

In Favor: Mayor Pro-tem Keith McCarty
Councilman Tom Hutto
Councilman Tommy Butler
Mayor Buster Herrington
Councilman Matt Zender

Opposed:

Conclusion: motion passed

Charter School Update

They had their first review and received approval. They are scheduled to go before the State on the 25th of June for the final approval. The Charter School Committee was told that their presentation was the most organized that had come before that board.

New Business:

Water line in Park - The water line providing the water source for the pond in the park across the street is shooting water straight up into the air. Mayor Buster Herrington said he would fix the line.

News Letter - Mayor Buster Herrington asked that council members submit information to Ellie so we can get to work on a news letter. Councilman Hutto asked if council could do updates on their specific responsibilities.

Opening on BZA - Councilman Matt Zender mentioned that we have an opening on the BZA and need to post information for those interested in applying. Mayor Buster Herrington indicated we have a quorum for the next meeting and we will address the filling of the seat later.

Public Comments:

Becky Dalton asked if Walnut Hill was open to residents ? She said she was curious as to whether residents would be able to take their horses out and ride on the paths. Councilman Hutto indicated it is not officially open and at present there is not provisions in the works for horseback riding but it is something that will be addressed later. He further stated that there would be no trails for four wheelers. Councilman Hutto told Mrs. Dalton that if she would like to visit the property, she could get the combination for the gate from Ellie. Councilman Hutto further stated that we hope to have a grand opening party after Labor Day.

With no other comments Mayor Herrington thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.