

Town of Meggett Council Meeting Minutes

Date: July 23, 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:	Gail Seabrook

Roll Call

Roll Call:	Buster Herrington	P	Matt Zender	P
A = Absent	Keith McCarty	P	Ellie Brabham	P
P = Present	Tom Hutto	A	Gail Seabrook	P
	Tommy Butler	P	Andy Gowder	A

Prayer and Pledge

Prayer given by: Mayor Buster Herrington

Pledge led by: Mayor Buster Herrington

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from previous meeting held on: June 23, 2012

Motion made by: Mayor Pro-tem Keith McCarty

Seconded by: Councilman Matt Zender

Motion: To accept minutes as written

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

Opposed:

Conclusion: Minutes were approved as written

Second Reading of the Sewer Ordinance ; Ordinance 2012-01

A Copy of the Ordinance 2012-01 (Sewer Ordinance) was provided to all council members for review prior to meeting. The ordinance was modified since the first reading.

Motion made by: Councilman Keith Mc Carty

Seconded by: Council Matt Zender

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Motion: To approve the Sewer Ordinance 2012-01 and waive the reading of the entire ordinance.
(See Ordinance 20122-01)

Discussion: Mayor Herrington asked about the cost for a sewer tap. It was stated that the information provided on Page 12 indicating the cost to purchase the right to tap into the Meggett Sewer is \$4000 for residential use. He was informed that the cost listed was correct.

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

Council Member Reports

Building and Grounds – Buster Herrington

- (1) During the last rain, a leak was noticed by the old flue chimney in Town Hall. Mayor Herrington said he will have the roofer to come out and see if he can locate the problem. Since the last hard rain we have not had enough rain to determine exactly where the leak may be coming from.
- (2) The weeds around the buildings have been sprayed this week.
- (3) Mayor Herrington has purchased materials to fix the faucet in the park and will make the repairs so it will not spay up in the air.

Communications report - Keith McCarty

Mayor Pro-tem McCarty has received a proposal from the individual he has been in communication with to upgrade the web site. The estimate ranges between \$7000 and \$10,000 to upgrade. She is planning to attend the next meeting and present her proposal to council.

Grants and projects - Tom Hutto

Grant/Walnut Hill – Councilman Hutto was unable to attend the meeting. Mayor Herrington provided the update report on behalf of Tom. The Grant submittal has been accepted and we should hear sometime in late August or September if we have been accepted to receive the grant. Councilman Matt Zender asked what happens if we are not accepted to receive the grant; do we reapply. Councilman Keith McCarty said we could reapply if we wanted to.

Landscaping for back of Town Hall – No new update at this time

Finance report given by: Tommy Butler

Bank Account Balance Comparison

Town Checking Account Bank Balance

One Month Comparison	May 2012	\$43960.30	June 2012	\$494,236.62	Increase	\$4,276.32
One Year Comparison	June 2011	\$522,277.02	June 2012	\$494,236.62	decrease	\$28,040.40

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Town CD Balance

One Month Comparison	May 2012	\$53,461.23	June 2012	\$53,461.23	No change	0.00
One Year Comparison	June 2011	\$52,814.01	June 2012	\$53,461.23	Increase	\$647.22

Town Wastewater Checking Account

Bank Balance

One Month Comparison	May 2012	\$85,291.18	June 2012	\$85,812.42	Increase	\$521.24
One Year Comparison	June 2012	\$65,845.56	June 2012	\$85,812.42	Increase	\$19,966.86

Town Wastewater CD Balance

One Month Comparison	May 2012	\$280,861.91	June 2012	\$280,861.91	No Change	\$0.00
One Year Comparison	June 2011	\$276,960.91	June 2012	\$280,861.91	Increase	\$3,901.00

Meggett 1925 Bank Account Balance

One Month Comparison	May 2012	\$6,039.78	June 2012	\$6,039.78	No Change	\$0.00
One Year Comparison	June 2011	\$5,896.75	June 2012	\$6,039.78	Increase	\$143.03

Utilities report - Matt Zender

PUPS – Copies of the drawings have been mailed to PUPS and we are waiting to hear back from PUPS what the cost associated with the membership will be.

Sewer Bridge Project – SCDOT has placed additional signs where Highway 165 makes the sharp left turn, hoping this will help the truckers be aware of the load restriction on the bridge and follow the detour along Wilson Road and Ethel P.O. Road. Mayor Herrington asked about the date for the bid opening. He was informed that the date was changed to August 9 at 2:00PM.

Charter School Update

Approval was received in May from the SC Department of Education. In June, the SC Public Charter School District also approved the new charter school. The official founding date for Lowcountry Leadership Charter School is June 25, 2012. Our schedule to begin accepting applications will begin November 1 and go through December 15. If we receive more applicants that we are able to handle a lottery will be held on January 7, 2013. Registration for enrollment will follow after the lottery. Presently, the final decision for the location of the school is still not been decided on but the list has been narrowed down to two campuses. Due to negotiations that are in process the disclosure of the location cannot be discussed. The location will be determined before application process begins. Employment opportunities will be announced around the beginning of the new year

. Mr. Shealy commended the efforts that the committee had put forward. He asked if they had received approval from the Charleston County School Board. They indicated they had applied through the State so they would not have to go through Charleston County School Board. Mr. Shealy asked if the location they were considering was a building owned by the Charleston County School district. The reply was that one of the places of choice was owned by the Charleston County School District. The negotiations are in the beginning stage.

New Business:

- a. *Fire Department* – Mayor Herrington said he had received multiple calls from residents complaining that their homeowner’s premium had increased greatly because of the ISO rating. He suggested that residents check their policy and if an increase has occurred to get their insurance company to contact the St. Paul’s Fire Department to see what they plan in the future to help with providing more efficient fire protection to areas. Mayor Herrington attended a meeting with the St. Paul’s Fire District and they have submitted a proposal to County Council to purchase tanker trucks and place them in locations to provide coverage within a 5 mile radius for residents in the area. County Council did accept the proposal but taxes will increase. The estimated increase should be in the range of \$8 to \$12 per \$100,000 cost of a home. However, this could help to lower your insurance premium if the ISO rating is lowered. Mayor Herrington said he is to meet again with the fire chief and will keep everyone updated on the issue.

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- b. *Audio system for SCPA Building* - Mayor Herrington is in the process of obtaining information and estimates for an audio system for the conference room in the SCPA Building. Many residents have expressed that it is difficult to hear at meetings. He has so far received 3 written quotes and two verbal quotes. The estimates range from \$4200 to \$5960. The quotes include such equipment as 2 speakers on stands, 6 microphones, a recording device, and a TS77 which allows for upgrades to be added. Mayor Herrington hopes to have all of the quotes in by the next meeting. Councilman Zender asked if it would help with the acoustics in the room. Mayor Herrington said they do have panels that hang on the wall which would help with the echo in the room. Councilman Butler asked if the microphones were live. Mayor Herrington said they have about a 5' radius of picking up sound so technically if two people were talking at the same time both conversations would be heard.
 - c. *News letter* – A few more items need to be turned in but hopefully the news letter will go out the first part of August.
 - d. *Walkway ramp* - Mayor Herrington said he has scheduled a meeting with Steve Coffin in on August 6th regarding the replacement of the bricks on the back ramp area.
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Public Comments:

The floor was opened for comments from the public. Angela Watts inquired about public water for a resident who had just purchased 10 acres behind her property. It was explained that he needs to call Charleston Water Systems. They handle the public water in the area. Water is available along Ethel P.O. Road in the vicinity where his property is located.

With no other comments, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Gail Seabrook