

Town of Meggett Council Meeting Minutes

Date: August 27, 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	A	Ellie Brabham	P
P = Present	Tom Hutto	P	Gail Seabrook	P
	Tommy Butler	A	Andy Gowder	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: July 23, 2012

Motion made by: Councilman Tom Hutto **Seconded by:** Councilman Matt Zender

Motion: To accept minutes as written

In Favor: Councilman Tom Hutto **Opposed:**
Councilman Matt Zender
Mayor Buster Herrington

Conclusion: Minutes were approved as written

Charleston Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2012-2013

Motion made by: Tom Hutto

Seconded by: The motion was seconded by Matt Zender.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilman Tom Hutto to accept the Charleston Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan for the year 2012-2013.

In Favor: Councilman Tom Hutto **Opposed:**
Councilman Matt Zender
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Conclusion: The motion was passed.

Charter School

Mayor Herrington reported that they are still negotiating with agencies about the location. Someone from the board will be at the next meeting to provide a current update.

Council Member Reports

Building and Grounds – Buster Herrington

Ledford came out and did the annual inspection and found water under the Town Hall Building. Mayor Herrington said he contacted Meeks Construction and they will come out and install some drains along the side of the building to help remove the water from going under the building.

The small leak that was found by the old chimney in Town Hall has been resealed and the repair should prevent any further leaks.

The water line in the park area was repaired a few weeks ago. The fountain in the pond is not working but the problem will need to be looked at by an electrician.

The bricks needed for the walkway repairs were estimated at 900 bricks and the cost was \$1681.30 including shipping. Once the brick have arrived, Steve Coffin said he should be able to start the work with a couple weeks notice.

Mayor Herrington said he had received bids for the proposed sound system for the conference room. The lowest bid was Palmetto CSI. He sent an e-mail to council providing information and asked for comments. Councilman Matt Zender suggested that the echo in the room should also be addressed and made the suggestion that a large rug would help with the sound as well as provide a buffer for noise for the offices below. He also thought a runner down the stair case would also cut down on noise.

Communications report - Keith McCarty

Mayor Herrington presented the report in absence of Mayor Pro-tem Keith McCarty. A meeting with the individual to redo the web page will be scheduled shortly. Additional information will be presented at the next meeting. Mayor Herrington also mentioned he received an e-mail from the Muni Code providing a quote to organize all of our ordinances and codes. A copy of the quote is in each council member's folders for review. Attorney Gowder said he has read the document and thought they would do a good job reviewing our codes, cleaning them up and arranging them in an order to be easily accessed from the web site.

Grants and projects - Tom Hutto

We submitted a grant application to the Land and Water Conservation and were fortunate enough to be selected to receive the grant. Official word should be received sometime in October and then we can start using the funds to begin some of the projects we would like to do. We have a three year time frame to use the grant funding. Some of the areas that we did not include in the application so that we could maintain control were the cottage and about 10 acres around one of the pond areas. We did not include these areas because we wanted to maintain control of the cottage and will use the 10 acre area for any future development. The cottage is being power washed and the painted. An invitation to "come see the park" for Meggett residents is planned for early November. The actual opening of the park will probably be in 6 to 12 months.

The Land Use Plan Committee for the proposed Park area behind Town Hall will look at the budget and work towards getting the engineering part completed and get quotations so that next year we would be in a position to start some of the work.

Finance report given by: Tommy Butler

Bank Balance	\$409,026.72
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CD	\$53,461.23	
Total		\$462,487.95

Waste Water Accounts

CD	\$280,861.91	
Bank Account	\$89,587.86	
Total		\$370,449.77

Meggett 1925

Account	\$6,039.78	
Total		\$6,039.78

Utilities report - Matt Zender

Bridge project - B&C Utilities was the lowest bid and was awarded the contract. The total bid was \$251,355 with our portion being \$55,100 for the replacement of the sewer line and CPW's part coming in at \$196,255. Charleston Water System will hold a meeting on August 28 to approve the funding for the project. The only delay we will have is the repairs and replacement of pumps to pump station 4 and the flushing of the sewer line to remove as much sediment as possible before we disconnect the bridge section and relocate the line. The total cost for the flushing of the pipe will be \$13,775. The anticipated dates for the flushing are September 14, for the first flush, September 18, for the second and September 20, for the final flush. Clearwater Group will handle the process of the flushing and the proposed cost will need approval from council.

PUPS - A PUPS (Palmetto Utilities Protection Service) meeting will be held in Town Hall on September 5. Susan Wilson will do a presentation of how locates for marking lines will be handled and what the town will need to do to get everything set up to join PUPS.

Water – Charleston Water Systems (CPW) has increased tap-in fees effective July, 2012 to \$2920 and will increase again in July, 2013 to \$3120. Councilman Zender urged council again to consider putting a public faucet, a drinking fountain and a trash container in the park area. Almost all residents in the area have to rely on well water and most all wells in the area do not have water suitable for drinking. He feels very strongly that council should do something to help the residents that do not have public water. Several individuals have complained about the faucet in Hollywood being broken for two weeks and they were forced to buy water. Councilman Zender has talked with Lydia Owens at CPW and she has arranged to have several of the wells in our area tested to determine the quality of the water. Councilman Hutto said he did not know that CPW had a facility to test the water. Councilman Zender indicated in the past they had to send off the samples for testing but now they have a facility to perform the test themselves. Matt asked if enough council members were present to present a motion to approve the placement of a water faucet in the park area. Mayor Herrington said in a previous meeting council had approved the drinking fountain. Matt re-emphasized that we can't keep depending on the one faucet in Hollywood for access to water. When it is broken or out of service, the residents have no place to get drinking water. Councilman Zender mentioned he reviewed the report of the results of his well water test and realized that harmful elements such as cadmium, lead, and mercury were found which can be related to health issues. The test that CPW will perform will provide information if levels of certain elements found are at a low enough percentage not to be harmful. No motion was formally made to place the faucet in the park.

New Business

Mayor Herrington said he would like to clean up something that was written in the news letter. The article talked about renaming Highway 165 from the entrance to Meggett to the end at Metal Trades. He would like to make it clear that the name change would not affect anyone's address but would just be a name added to existing Highway 165. He emphasized it would not have any bearing

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on the present address of residents that reside on Highway 165. He asked the residents to submit names for the road and send their recommendation to Town Hall.

Public Comments

Many residents attended the meeting to ask that Highway 165 remain with no name change. Their concerns were mainly cost and the inconvenience involved with a change of address. The road had always been Highway 165 and they saw no need to change the name. Mayor Herrington assured them their physical address would not be affected; it would just be a name added on to the existing Highway 165.

Submitted by Gail Seabrook