

**TOWN OF MEGGETT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Date: June 17, 2013

Time: 7:00PM

Location: SCPA Building 4770 Highway 165

Minutes from previous meeting held on: May 28, 2013

Motion made by: Mayor Pro Tem Tom Hutto

Seconded by: Councilmember Keith McCarty

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

Opposed:

Conclusion: *Minutes were approved as written.*

Lowcountry Leadership Charter School:

Mayor Herrington stated the demolition on the building is still underway and the scheduled date for the school to open would be in August. He further stated that all of the teachers have been hired. He is not sure if there will be any type of opening Celebration.

Council Member Reports:

Building and grounds given by: Mayor Buster Herrington

Mayor Herrington stated that the dedication of the new fountain to Stevens Towing has been postponed until October. The weather will be cooler then and Bill Stevens is not feeling well at present. Another reason is that we were not sure exactly how we were going to get the water to the fountain. We have decided to run the water through the current meter Town Hall is on and tie into the fountain. This will save the town substantial connection fees that were being charged by CWS. Doing it this way will cost around \$1300.

The Mayor further stated that the breezeway has been pressured washed and the windows in Town Hall have been caulked and repainted by Chad Schaffer. He also stated that he talked with a contractor this week that will put the window units in the cottage at Roxbury Park.

Grants and projects reports given by: Mayor Pro Tem Tom Hutto

The Mayor Pro Tem said that he and Sherri Snead had gone over some flooring for the cabin at Roxbury and they have chosen inexpensive linoleum. They feel that it will be durable and easy to clean as well.

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He further stated that we should be getting the permit from the Corps of Engineers on the floating dock soon. Once we have that we will put an ad in the paper for someone to install the dock. The next step will be to put the platforms in.

The Mayor Pro Tem added that most of the grant funds the Land and Water Conservation have available for septic tanks will be spent in Hollywood and the unincorporated areas. The majority of the residents of the Town of Meggett keep their septic tanks up and we do not have the issues Hollywood has. Councilmember Zender asked how people know when their septic system is failing and who do they contact. Mayor Pro Tem Hutto stated the grass will get greener and they will see a puddle in their yard. He also stated the grant will cover these issues and he would find out the procedure for public outreach. He added that the residents of Meggett that may need this assistance would probably be those on Ethel P. O. Road.

Mayor Buster Herrington said that they had previously discussed soliciting just one contractor to handle the septic systems with problems for the residents of Meggett and with this agreement the contractor might give a discount.

Communications report given by: Councilmember Keith McCarty

Councilmember Keith McCarty stated that he talked with Lois Davis at Municode and she said that she has everything that she needs and has finished her part. She also stated that Mrs. Ellie was a big help in getting everything to them so that they could move forward. The documents have now been turned over to their Attorney, but they are not ready to give us a target date as yet.

In regards to the website, Councilmember McCarthy said that he has contacted six companies that will all submit bids. He also stated that if anyone knows of someone they want to suggest to please let him know. We are looking for someone experienced, reasonable, and hopefully from Charleston County.

Financial report given by: Councilmember Tommy Butler

Councilmember Tommy Butler reported that in May all expenses were customary expenses and nothing out of the ordinary. The checking account did go down \$13,000. We had two \$75,000 CDs and added \$21,111.08 to the CD that was \$53,888.92 to make it a \$75,000 CD. The three CDs are spread out, so if there is a need we shouldn't lose any interest. At present our revenue is at 60% for the year and our expenditures are at 90%. We get the big checks from Scana and the Municipal Association in June so it looks as though we will not go over budget this year.

Utilities report given by: Councilmember Matt Zender

Work is scheduled to start on pump station #1 next week. The system will be opened up and pumped down before the Emergency Gate Valve can be replaced. Once that has been done all of the plumbing from under the ground will be removed and replaced above the ground. This should take around two weeks if weather permits.

Gene McCall checked out the system that Mt Pleasant has that handles the Hydrogen Sulfide issue. He thinks the patent has expired on that system. Gene says he can engineer a system at a lower cost, around \$20,000 that will work for us. Once he has made one, he will make them for pump stations five, six and seven.

Mayor Pro Tem Hutto asked Matt in reference to the sewer if they had finished on the Hwy at the bridge yet. Councilmember Zender stated that they have finished but we have not been invoiced yet. The Mayor Pro Tem also stated that now that the sewer and water are off of the bridge, we need a new bridge. He stated there is concern for the safety of the residents and asked Councilmember Zender to keep the pressure on Robert Clark to move forward with a new bridge.

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Public Comments:

Resident Larry Commins stated that there is a number 10 wire in the ground on the left side of the bridge. It is around 10-15 ft long. He further stated that it is an electrical wire. Councilmember Zender said that he would look into this.

The Mayor and Council excused themselves to go into Executive Session to discuss a Contractual and Financial Matter.

Mayor and Council returned from Executive Session and Mayor Herrington adjourned the meeting at 8:05pm

Submitted by Ellie Brabham