

**TOWN OF MEGGETT
2013-2014 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET
PUBLIC HEARING**

Date: June 17, 2013

Time: 7:00PM

Location: SCPA Building 4770 Highway 165

Call to order by:	Mayor Harry V. "Buster" Herrington III
Type of Meeting:	Council Meeting
Facilitator:	Mayor Harry V. "Buster" Herrington III
Notes:	Ellie Brabham

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

Prayer given by: Mayor Buster Herrington

Pledge led by: Mayor Buster Herrington

Ordinance 2013-2014 Fiscal Year Budget

Mayor Buster Herrington read the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year Budget, stated that this is the second reading and asked if there was a motion to accept the budget for the coming year. Councilmember Keith McCarty made the motion and it was second by Councilmember Tommy Butler. All approved and budget was passed as written.

Mayor Herrington then opened the floor for public comment. Resident Tom Sutton asked when the park is scheduled to open. Mayor Pro Tem Hutto stated it is scheduled to open later this year. Mr. Sutton asked other than the \$90,000 to get everything up and running is there anything in the budget for maintenance, upkeep and insurance? The Mayor Pro Tem stated there is not a lot of upkeep other than mowing the grass and that would only be around a few hundred dollars. Mr. Sutton then asked if the town was concerned about security. Tom Hutto stated we have gates up that should secure the park and if the back field became an issue we would put a gate up there as well. Tom Sutton asked if he had any idea what the upkeep on the park would be for the year. The Mayor Pro Tem stated we estimate it to be around \$15,000 to \$20,000 to have someone there on the weekends and to cut the grass. He further stated it would be somewhat like Wideawake and that most parks do not have a lot of security. Also we do have the cottage there but it has locks on it and there really is nothing of much value there. Ken Carmen as well as the neighbor to the property, David Petty, keeps an eye on it for the town.

Councilmember Matt Zender asked if there was any intent to lock up the boat ramp there. If not we may have people driving trailers across the causeway. Mayor Pro Tem Hutto stated we will put reasonable rules on it with what is allowed. Visitors will be allowed to bring in small boats and kayaks. Councilmember Zender also asked if there would be guardrails so no one would run off into the pond. Mayor Pro Tem Hutto stated that really is not a level of concern because the number of cars driving across it will be small. He further stated we have checked our insurance to make sure it would cover such an incident. With no further comments, Mayor Herrington brought the public hearing to a close and opened the regular council meeting.