

TOWN OF MEGGETT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 26, 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:	

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

Prayer given by: Mayor Buster Herrington

Pledge led by: Mayor Buster Herrington

Minutes from previous meeting held on: July 22, 2013 Council Meeting

Motion made by: Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hutto

Seconded by: Council Member Tommy Butler

In Favor: Mayor Buster Herrington
 Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hutto
 Council Member Tommy Butler
 Council Member Matt Zender

Opposed:

Conclusion: *Minutes were approved*

Lowcountry Leadership Charter School:

Mayor Herrington stated that the school construction project is running behind and will not be ready by Sept 5th. They have been working on a contingency plan which the Mayor has been assisting them with through Charleston County. They are negotiating a temporary lease to house the students on Sept 5th at the R D Schroder facility which should only last about a month to 45 days. They had the first official Booster Club Fund Raiser over the weekend, a Bingo Run. Funds raised by the Booster Club will support the Athletic program at the school. They were able to raise a little over \$8,000.00.

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Old Business:

Mayor Herrington stated that in the 2011 annexation the town annexed several properties specifically in the Little Britton Rd area. One of the residents that requested annexation was not included due to paperwork being shuffled someplace. He further stated that he and Ellie Brabham would submit this annexation asap.

Council Member Reports:

Building and grounds given by: Mayor Buster Herrington

The driveway in the park was repaired with new sand shell brought in, graded and packed. All of the timbers at parking spaces have been removed. The gutters on both building have been cleaned. The security cameras for the buildings came in last Friday and hopefully will be installing them next Monday. The wiring in the shed at Roxbury Park has been repaired and lights have been added. Three of the four air conditioner units have been replaced and new flooring has been put in the cottage. There were rotten joist in the back floor of Town Hall which has been torn out and replaced this week. Subflooring has been replaced. We were going to reuse the vanities in the kitchen area and bathroom but the backs of both had rotted so they will have to be replaced as well.

Mayor Herrington further stated that he had talked with Roy Smoak about the two oak trees between the Town Hall and SCPA Bldg. They have been trimmed once but are just getting too big for the area. He asked Roy if they could be removed and his recommendation on replacing them with Crepe Myrtles. Mr. Smoak said that the trees could be removed and agreed that Crepe Myrtles would work in that area. The Mayor feels that these trees will cause problems to the buildings in the future if they aren't removed.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Tom Hutto stated that our plan is to have the official opening of the park on November 9, 2013. He stated that he strategically chose this date because neither Clemson nor Carolina plays that day. He further stated that Mr. Butler has suggested that we serve Frogmore stew (Lowcountry Boil). We will begin getting everything ready for the opening on November 9 and send notices to the residents.

Communications report given by: Council Member Keith McCarty

In Council Member McCarty's absence, Mayor Herrington stated that Keith had been in contact with Municode and that they should have something for us this week. He added that he would pass this information on to council. Council Member McCarty is also still soliciting information from designers for our website.

Financial report given by: Council Member Tommy Butler

Council Member Butler gave a summary of the bank statement from July 2013. From June to July the checking account balance has gone down \$16,513. Again we usually have more expenses upfront and the revenue comes in the latter part of the year. We received \$600.00 interest on CD #4. The wastewater bank account went up \$6,700. For the month the expenditures are customary except for two items; in the landscaping category we had several trees taken out due to lightening strikes. The \$4800 for the tree removal placed in the landscaping account should be moved to property

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improvements. The other item is the Meggett 1925 account with \$3832 spent in July which was the cost of the fountain that will go into the park.

Utilities report given by: Council Member Matt Zender

Council Member Zender stated that the isolation valve was put in pump station #1 the week of July 22nd and the final bill which will be around \$9000 should be coming out pretty soon. Island Septic charged \$2000 for the pumping of the pipe and Clearwater completed the replacement of the check valves and cleaning. The charge for this was \$2000 for the valve and \$1000 for cleaning and installation. All total is about \$14,000 which is \$1000 less than budgeted. No word from Hollywood on charging us for using their system to date. The patents on the Hydrogen Sulfide cleaning systems are still in effect until November 2014. After patents expire, Gene McCall can copy and build something that will work for our system. The question is do we buy one of their systems to take care of pump station #4 or wait and take our chances until Gene can copy system for us. The cost of the equipment would be around \$15,000. Council Member Butler asked if we were the only line having this problem or does Hollywood have also. Council Member Zender stated the all of Charleston County lines do have the problem. However Dorchester does have the Hydrogen Sulfide system per Gene McCall. Council Member Hutto stated that we should find out how Dorchester's system is working and get some concrete figures on the cost for installing into Meggett's lines. We may not want to wait and see what happens while waiting on this patent to expire and also be the first to get a new system designed by Gene McCall. He further stated that if we can resolve this issue and have an assurance that it will work, that is not an outrageous price. Council Member Zender stated he would meet with Gene McCall and they will go look at Dorchester's system and find out how well it is working for them.

In reference to the Meggett Creek Bridge, Council Member Zender stated that Robert Clark said the construction is still not approved. The DOT Commissioners meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month which will be Sept 19th and they will make the decision whether to spend their money on our bridge or not. We should know something by our next meeting.

The contractor that has Wilson Road plans to have all of his paving done by the end of November. Council Member Hutto suggested that we have someone in attendance at the DOT Commissioners meeting to have some input into their decision on the bridge. He further stated that we need a new bridge. Council Member Zender stated that Robert Clark has said if they do not have the money for a new bridge, we will get a repair job.

With nothing else, Mayor Herrington welcomed new resident Kristy Hurley to the meeting. She and her husband are from Atlanta and have purchased property on Westervelt Road.

Public Comments:

With no public comment, Mayor Herrington invited everyone to enjoy the refreshments and adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by Ellie Brabham