

TOWN OF MEGGETT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: July 22, 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	<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"/> P
	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: June 17, 2013 Public Hearing and 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 for both Public Hearing and Council Meeting*

Lowcountry Leadership Charter School:

Mayor Herrington stated that progress had been delayed somewhat due to the rain. They are moving forward but have had to postpone the original opening date for about a week to ten days. Mayor Herrington does not know at this time the exact opening date but will relay that once it is announced. The school has been using one of the offices in the SCPA Bldg since June 13th and will continue doing so until the school is open and they can resume business there. Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hutto asked if all the grades were full. Mayor Herrington stated that most of them are and there is a waiting list.

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Council Member Reports:

Building and grounds given by: Mayor Buster Herrington

Mayor Herrington stated that he had a tree service remove eight gum trees and four pine trees, two of which had been struck by lightning, from behind Town Hall. He further stated that the drainage work done under Town Hall is doing an outstanding job with all of this rain. He thanked Bill and Jack Meeks for helping us with that.

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

The Mayor Pro-tem stated that he was supposed to be at a Charleston County Delegation meeting this evening which was to provide us with an additional \$48,970 for improvements to Roxbury Park. However, he learned that a requirement was for the park to remain open seven days a week, twenty four hours a day, which is consistent with most boat landings. Therefore the town withdrew from the grant since we are not prepared to open more than possibly two days a week initially. In the future there is a possibility that the park would be open to small boats and kayaks twenty four hours a day. We did get the permits from DHEC and the Corps of Engineers for the dock. We will be putting and ad in the paper and the specifics on our webpage this coming week. We are hoping to open the park around mid October to early November and will have some type of event to announce the opening. Will get more information out when we are closer to opening.

Communications report given by: Council Member Keith McCarty

Mayor Herrington presented Council Member McCarty's report in his absence. Council Member McCarty is still working on the website with Municode, everything is progressing well and should be wrapped up very soon.

Financial report given by: Council Member Tommy Butler

Councilman Tommy Butler reported that we just finished Fiscal Year July 1, 2012- June 30, 2013. For the year we budgeted revenue at \$331,854 and received \$347,084.00 which is an overage of \$15,230. For expenditures we budgeted \$331,854 and spent 318,383, which is \$13,471 less than what we had intended to spend. In the last fiscal year we increased a \$53,000 CD to \$75,000, purchased a \$75,000 CD in July and another \$75,000 CD in January 2013. We have them spaced out so that if we needed to go into one of them we can do so without any loss of interest. We are ahead of MASC recommendations for reserve funds. While a few residents have stated we are spending a lot of money, we have come in above budget on our revenue, below budget on our expenditures and added money to all of our bank accounts for the last fiscal year.

Utilities report given by: Council Member Matt Zender

Council Member Matt Zender stated that we have not received an invoice from Charleston County for the bridge boring which will be around \$60,000. Work is scheduled to begin on pump station #1 next week if there are no more problems due to the rain. Gene McCall said that he is working on our Hydrogen Sulfide problem. He is going to load a 55 gallon drum with oyster shells and see how much pressure it takes to blow air through the water oyster shell mixture in the near future. He will then design a filtering system which will handle the Hydrogen Sulfide gas being produced at pump station #4. Hopefully he will come up with something that will work.

Charleston County will be spraying for mosquitoes tomorrow. Town Hall has the information if you are interested or you may look on their website to check out the schedule.

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Council Member Tommy Butler asked what other expenses if any did Matt anticipate would be incurred in reference to sewage for this year. Council Member Zender said roughly around \$20,000 for the Hydrogen pump and Hollywood is going to start charging us a usage fee for wastewater at some point. This fee will be a monthly expense.

Council Member Hutto stated that we have had a situation come up in reference to grave yards on private property. Attorney Andy Gowder has looked into this for us and found that SC State Law requires that a property owner must allow family members to visit and care for graves of their loved ones.

Public Comments:

There were no comments from the public

Council Member Matt Zender read the following email from Robert Clark (DOT) in reference to repairs to the Meggett Creek Bridge and Wilson Road.

We anticipated beginning repairs to the bridge this month (FY 13-14 monies) but when we asked SCE&G to temporarily move their lines, we were told that they had prior rights to the ground and it would cost about \$13,000 for them to move. This had not been mentioned to us prior to this although discussions have been ongoing for some time. As I was reviewing budgets to identify these funds, I was told that the SCDOT Commission was looking at using some of the money allocated from the Legislature this session to free up other funds that will be used to develop contracts to replace weight restricted or closed bridges. The Commission approved this plan last Thursday. I decided that rather than repairing the existing bridge with one new pile and a used deck (and a nearly \$13,000 outlay to SCDE&G from my annual operating budget) it would be better to recommend this bridge for replacement with a new bridge. The info for this contract is due to HQ in August with the Commission taking action in Sept. It appears, if schedules hold, by the end of the year it is possible that a contract could be in place for replacing the bridge. I recommend to Council that we try to get a full replacement bridge rather than a repaired bridge.

Wilson Road update -the reclamation of Wilson Road is under contract and the contractor has indicated he wants to undertake the work before early fall. The work will be a process of grinding the existing pavement and base into a new base that is strengthened with concrete. The new base, when cured, will be designed to handle all traffic. Hot asphalt will be applied to the new base. We will be coordinating that work with the bridge in order to keep trucks off of the new base for a few days. In the meantime, patching will take place to keep pavement in acceptable condition.

I understand there have been some issues with users of Wilson Road. If those folks believe they have a claim against the SCDOT for damage, they should contact our maintenance office at 740-1655 or 746-6731. They will be given information about how to make the claim.

Let me know if you need further info.
Robert T. Clark

With no other business the meeting was adjourned.