

TOWN OF MEGGETT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 28, 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	P	Matt Zender	A
A = Absent	Keith McCarty	A	Andy Gowder	P
P = Present	Tom Hutto	P	Ellie Brabham	P
	Tommy Butler	P		

Prayer given by: Mayor Buster Herrington

Pledge led by: Mayor Buster Herrington

Minutes from previous meeting held on: September 23, 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

Opposed:

Conclusion: *Minutes were approved*

Resolution 2013-04

Mayor Buster Herrington stated that Resolution 2013-04 is a resolution for the adoption of the Charleston Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. He added that the plan has been in effect since 1999 and is renewed every year by municipalities in Charleston County. The Mayor read the last portion of the resolution that stated the Town of Meggett originally adopted the Charleston Hazard Mitigation Plan in 1999 and readopted it in 2004, again in 2008, and is required to adopt the amended version of this plan on a five year cycle for the town to remain eligible for certain Federal programs in

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which Charleston County participates. The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the plan. The motion was made by Council Member Tommy Butler and second by Mayor Pro Tem Tom Hutto, all in favor, resolution was approved.

Comprehensive Plan Update:

Mayor Herrington stated that a meeting had been held in September to review the plan for the five year renewal. A date for the next meeting will be scheduled at the end of the year.

Meggett Creek Bridge:

In his absence, Council Member Matt Zender sent an email which Mayor Herrington read as follows.

The Meggett bridge has been approved pending public comments, I do not see much resistance to the bridges replacement, so Dot will add it to the top of its list once the public has a chance to make comment. Mayor Herrington asked Robert Clark, of Dot if there was anything new. Mr. Clark stated that there really wasn't, and that contract documents have been put together and will go out the first of the year. He further stated that this bridge is a little different from others because it needs to be raised a little out of the water. Robert said hopefully we will have a new bridge in 2014.

Fire Station:

The Mayor asked Mayor Pro Tem Tom Hutto if he would inform council of what is going on here. Mayor Pro Tem Hutto stated that he wanted to make everyone aware that the St Paul's Fire District has elected to build their next fire station at the intersection of Wilson and Ethel Post Office Roads. That location will mean that everyone in the Town of Meggett will have a fire station within five miles of their house. Everyone will have a higher rating on their hazard insurance which will mean much lower insurance rates. They anticipate the fire station being built in 2014.

Skinful Halloween:

Skinful Halloween had their event at the Brick House on James Island. They were unable to hold the event in our town due to time restrictions required to get a variance from our BZA. The event was held last Saturday night.

Roxbury Park Dedication:

Mayor Herrington stated that the Roxbury Park Dedication will be held on November 9th. He added that we will be serving Lowcountry Boil and BBQ. Invitations were sent out last week and hopefully everyone has received theirs by now. The Mayor encouraged everyone to attend the dedication and official opening of the park.

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Christmas Tree Lighting:

The Christmas Tree Lighting is scheduled for the first Saturday in December which is the 7th and will be held at 7pm here at the town center. Notifications will be sent out to our residents.

LowCountry Leadership Charter School Update:

Mayor Herrington stated that they are getting very close to being able to open. The Mayor stated he went with the Board for a walk through last Friday night and is very impressed with the progress that has been made over the last two weeks. He said that they would be pushing it pretty close but thinks it will be open soon.

Council Member Reports:

Building and grounds given by: Mayor Buster Herrington

Repairs to the floor in the kitchen and bathroom in Town Hall has been completed and turned out very nice. The closet repairs are underway. Shelving is being made to hold the computer hardware and cable systems. The dehumidifier underneath the building is working great; the moisture level is manageable now.

The tables and chairs that had been ordered for Roxbury came in. Mayor Pro Tem Hutto and Council Member Tommy Butler helped move the new sleeper sofas and mattresses into the cottage at Roxbury over the weekend. The Mayor stated that he has a list of people who wish to rent the cottage and grounds for events.

The floating dock, ramp and boardwalk have been completed at Roxbury. Mayor Herrington stated that the new sign for the park came in today and if anyone wished to see it he has a picture on his phone. He also added the trail marker signs have been ordered and should be in on Wednesday.

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

A Request for Proposal has been sent out to build the small picnic shelter for Roxbury Park. We have clearance from the Corps of Engineers and OCRM that permits are not needed to build walkways across the ponds. The drawings are being done on these and walkways should be completed by first quarter 2014.

Communications report given by: Council Member Keith McCarty

Council member McCarty was not in attendance and did not submit a report.

Financial report given by: Council Member Tommy Butler

Council Member Butler stated that the town's checking account went up \$9600 from last month which is good since normally we spend more up front and money comes in at the end. In the Wastewater Checking account we spent \$65,000; \$51,400 relocating water lines and \$9700 on repairs to the pump station. Also out of the town account \$4100 was spent

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towards the security cameras and \$5000 in maintenance for Town Hall. Other than that there were only customary expenditures.

Utilities report given by: Council Member Matt Zender

In Council Member Zender's absent, Mayor Herrington read the following email report.

Wilson Road: CPW has laid 2800 ft. of 12" pipe as of this AM. They still have 1000 ft. to go. Timing for the project is expected to be completed by year end, assuming no real problems. Once the pipe is in it must be pressure tested, flushed, cleaned, flushed again, then sampled and tested by DHEC. Once the test comes back, as okay, then the pipe will be hooked up to the existing main and the process of hooking up the homeowners taps from the old main will begin and should not take long (a few hours each so no one should be without water for very long). We need to determine if anyone has a medical condition that could be affected by this project. CPW will send out a notice 3 days prior to the shutdown so everyone should know what to expect.

Gene McCall has discovered that the guy that knows the Dorchester Hydrogen Sulfide filtration system is no longer there (retired), in any case no one there knows the answer as to how well it works. Further we have not located the person that does the maintenance.

Public Comments:

Resident Barbara Neale thanked council for the hard work they are doing for Meggett and handling the situation that she brought before them in the September meeting.

With no other comments Mayor Herrington stated that council would go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter. Council Member Tommy Butler made a motion to go into Executive Session which was second by Mayor Pro Tem Tom Hutto. Council adjourned into Executive Session at 7:20pm.

Council returned from Executive Session and Mayor Herrington stated that no action had been taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Submitted by Ellie Brabham