

Town of Meggett Council Meeting Minutes

Date: April 26, 2021 Time: 7:00 PM Location: Tele-Conference

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| Call to Order | Mayor Buster Herrington |
| Type of Meeting | Town Council Meeting |
| Facilitator | Mayor Buster Herrington |
| Minutes | Ali Ravenel, Town Clerk |

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| Roll Call: | Mayor Herrington | P | Angela Watts | P |
| A = Absent | Tommy Butler | P | Andy Gowder | P |
| P = Present | Tom Hutto | P | Stephanie Smith | P |
| | Keith McCarty | P | | |

Prayer Given By: Mayor Buster Herrington

Pledge of Allegiance Led By: Mayor Buster Herrington

Public Hearing

Second Reading: An Ordinance for the Town of Meggett to amend the Code of Ordinances to adopt Charleston County's Current Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance No. 2124

There were no Public Comments regarding this matter during the Public Hearing.

Town Council Meeting

Mayor Buster Herrington called the regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

| Approval of Minutes |

Approval of Minutes from previous Council Meeting held on March 22, 2021.

Motion Made By: Mayor Pro Tem Angela Watts moved to approve.

Seconded By: Council Member Keith McCarty seconded the motion.

Conclusion: All voted in favor, none opposed; Minutes approved.

| Second Reading: Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance |

Mayor Buster Herrington explained that though Council adopted this by Resolution in October 2020, Charleston County has requested that it instead be adopted through Ordinance. See attached Figure 1.

Motion Made By: Council Member Tommy Butler moved to approve.

Seconded By: Mayor Pro Tem Angela Watts seconded the motion.

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Conclusion: All voted in favor, none opposed; Ordinance passed.

| Recap: Big Spring Clean Event |

Mayor Buster Herrington asked Town Administrator Stephanie Smith to give Council a recap of the Big Spring Clean event held on Saturday, April 17th. Stephanie recounted that there was a great turnout this year with over 50 volunteers (lots of student volunteers from LLCS) and together they picked up over 200 bags of trash. PRTC provided a lunch for all and the winner of the trash pickup contest was the "One Glove, Dead Deer" team.

| Update: PRTC |

Mayor Buster Herrington asked Town Administrator Stephanie Smith to update Council on PRTC. Stephanie gave the following highlight:

PRTC crews were finishing up drop installs on Summit Plantation Rd; Zones A, B, and C would begin in the next week or so. Council Member Butler asked if she knew of an estimated start date for installation on Ethel Post Office Rd; Stephanie answered that she did not but that she was told that PRTC may begin on Ethel Post Office Rd before installation is complete in Zones A, B., and C. She will reach out to the Town's liaison with PRTC and update Council Member Butler on their plan.

| Update: Zoning Survey |

Mayor Buster Herrington stated that the Zoning Survey closed on the previous Friday (04/23/21) and that over 300 responses were submitted. He thanked all participants who responded with their comments and suggestions and stated that Council would review all submissions over the next week or two. There would be a discussion of the survey results at the May meeting, which he hoped to hold in-person if possible. Council Member Butler commented that he also hoped to hold the meeting in-person.

| Upcoming: Meggett Municipal Election- May 4, 2021 |

Mayor Buster Herrington stated that the Town would hold a Municipal Election this year on Tuesday, May 4th for two Council Member seats. There are three candidates running: current Town Council Member Tommy Butler, current Town Council Member Keith McCarty, and Mr. Eric Myer. The polls will be open from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM; Council Member Butler reminded residents to vote at Town Hall, not LLCS. Mayor Herrington affirmed this and stated that only Meggett Municipal elections are held at Town Hall- all other elections (County, State, National) are held at the charter school on Gibson Rd.

| New Zoning Enforcement Procedures |

Mayor Buster Herrington asked Town Attorney Andy Gowder to update everyone on the new Zoning Enforcement procedures. Mr. Gowder stated that at the beginning of 2021, the Town entered into an agreement with the County to use the Magistrate Court in Ravenel for judicial enforcement of Zoning Violations. Going forward, if a Violation Notice is issued and not abated within the time parameters set then a Summons will be issued by the Court and the violator will have to appear before a judge. Mr. Gowder stated that now that a process has been established, the Town can proceed with resolving

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some of the chronic issues that have needed this type of attention. Council Member Hutto asked for clarification on the types of violations that would require this kind of enforcement; Mr. Gowder answered that there were some Solid Waste Ordinance violations currently in this process, however, it wasn't so much the nature of the violation that would trigger judicial action but more so the responsibility to abating the violation. If the violator abates the violation as required and does so in a timely manner, then taking it to the Courts would be unnecessary.

| Council Member Reports |

Buildings & Grounds: Mayor Buster Herrington

Mayor Herrington stated that a contractor recently inspected Meggett Park and made a list of repairs needed; those repairs would be addressed in the next few weeks and access to the playground may be limited while the repairs are taking place. Dominion Energy has installed the new power poles behind the Town sign but have not yet removed the existing poles as they are waiting on Comcast technicians to remove their lines from them (should be any day now).

Financial Reports: Council Member Tommy Butler

Council Member Tommy Butler stated that in the month of March, the General account decreased by \$22,940.60, leaving the balance at \$498,949.32; the Waste Water account decreased by \$1,992.42 and there was no change to the Meggett 1925 account or the CD's. There were no out of the ordinary expenses.

Grants & Special Reports: Council Member Tom Hutto

Council Member Tom Hutto stated that the Town has applied for a grant from the Charleston County Greenbelt Fund to purchase a large tract of property between the Town of Meggett and the Town of Hollywood. Town Administrator Stephanie Smith made a presentation to the Greenbelt Board and the application was unanimously approved to move forward to the final round of approvals by County Council. He is cautiously optimistic that it will be given final approval.

Communications: Council Member Keith McCarty

Council Member Keith McCarty had nothing further to add to the meeting following the PRTC update.

Roxbury Park: Mayor Pro Tem Angela Watts

Mayor Pro Tem Angela Watts stated that the two caretakers, Matthew and Joshua, had their last day at the park on Sunday, April 25th. The new caretakers, Shane and PJ (both LLCS Seniors) will start in the coming weekend. The pavilion was recently power washed and the Town's new landscaper Dan Beirne with Green Gorilla Lawnsapes completed some much-needed maintenance in the flower beds. The mantle for the fireplace in the pavilion arrived and the etching on the pavilion floor is scheduled to take place in the next few weeks. Mayor Pro Tem Watts and Town Administrator Stephanie Smith will meet with Steve Sapp this week at the Cottage to discuss bathroom repairs/updates. A wedding is tentatively booked for October and LLCS intends to hold their graduation ceremony at the park on June 5th.

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| Further Comments from Council |

Council Member Tommy Butler commented that he had seen some recent questions on social media regarding the clearing taking place at Meggett County Park; curious himself, he drove down to the park and found out that Charleston County Parks & Recreation is expanding the parking area to accommodate visitors pulling horse trailers. Mayor Herrington stated that the Town requested this expansion roughly a year ago and he is glad to see it taking place.

| Public Comments |

Mr. Donald Flippen asked if the Town was aware of the large piles of concrete dumped on the side of Highway 165 between Beagle Club Rd and Long Island Rd; neither Mayor Herrington or Stephanie were aware of it, however, Stephanie stated that she would investigate the matter in the morning. Council Member Butler commented that he recently saw the piles as well and that they were very noticeable.

There were no further Public Comments.

Meeting Adjourned 7:31 PM

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF MEGGETT TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADOPT CHARLESTON COUNTY'S CURRENT FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE NO. 2124

**Code of Ordinance
Town of Meggett, South Carolina**

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the Town of Meggett to have an updated Ordinance for the management of the flood hazard areas in the Town in order for the citizens of the Town of Meggett to be able to receive federal flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program, and to receive discounts thereto as a result of the participation by the Town in the Community Rating System; and

WHEREAS, the flood insurance rate maps (FIRM) for Charleston County, dated January 29, 2021, copies of which are on file in the Charleston County Office of Building Inspection Services and online at charlestoncounty.org and msc.fema.gov, were updated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) into a countywide format that provides more accurate risk data than previously available; and

WHEREAS, as the environment changes, rising floodwaters due to sea level rise and insufficient drainage systems are a growing concern in the Town; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance takes strides to reduce flooding risk in adaptive and innovative ways to protect citizens; and

WHEREAS, Town Council finds it in the public interest and a benefit to the general health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town to adopt this Ordinance replacing the Town's current floodplain management regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it Ordered and Ordained by the Town of Meggett, South Carolina, and it is ordained by authority of said council that the code of Ordinances for the Town of Meggett be amended as follows:

Charleston County Ordinance No. 2124, adopted October 6, 2020, and replacing Chapter 9 of the Code of Ordinances, Charleston County, Entitled "Flood Damage Prevention and Protection is hereby adopted by reference and declared to be as full a part of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Meggett as set forth herein.

THE WITHIN ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON ADOPTION BY COUNCIL AFTER SECOND READING OF THIS ORDINANCE.

Moved by: _____

Date of First Reading: March 22, 2021

Date of Second Reading April 26, 2021

Ordained in Town Council this ___ day of _____,
2021, in the 246th year of Independence of the
United States of America.

HARRY V. HERRINGTON, III
MAYOR

ATTEST:

STEPHANIE SMITH
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

W. ANDREW GOWDER, JR.
TOWN ATTORNEY