

# Town of Meggett Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** April 22, 2019      **Time:** 7:00PM      **Location:** SCPA Building, 4770 Hwy 165

<b>Call to Order</b>	Mayor Buster Herrington
<b>Type of Meeting</b>	Town Council Meeting
<b>Facilitator</b>	Mayor Buster Herrington
<b>Minutes</b>	Ali Ravenel, Town Clerk

<b>Roll Call:</b>	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

### | Approval of Minutes |

*Approval of Minutes from previous Council Meeting held on March 25, 2019.*

**Motion Made By:** Council Member Keith McCarty moved to approve.

**Seconded By:** Council Member Angela Watts seconded the motion.

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

### | Recap- Easter Egg Hunt |

*Mayor Buster Herrington asked Town Administrator Stephanie Smith to recap the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Stephanie explained that the Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> and was a huge success again this year. There were between 60-70 children in attendance, along with roughly the same number of adults. Mayor Herrington added that it was a great time and there were a lot of smiling faces to be seen. Council Member Tom Hutto asked what the general age range was of the children present; Council Member Angela Watts said that her 3-month-old granddaughter was the youngest and Mayor Herrington stated that the oldest child was probably 10 years old. Council Member Hutto then asked how it compared to the previous year's event in 2018; Stephanie Smith answered that it was slightly larger in attendance but that more people RSVP'd this year, which was nice.*

### | Update- Evening in Meggett |

*Mayor Herrington asked Stephanie for more information on the upcoming Evening in Meggett event. Stephanie stated that the theme this year would be decades (50's, 60's, 70's, and 80's). The event would*

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*be held on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> and the caterer had been booked; the caterer would be First Impressions Catering, who catered the event in 2018. The event would follow the same format as in 2018, where attendees would be invited to view some information and photos during the hors d'oeuvres hour, followed by a sit-down dinner. Council Member Hutto asked what time the event would start; Stephanie answered that it would probably start around 6:00 PM. Council Member Hutto suggested that the phrase "BYOB" be included on the invitation.*

### **| Update- The Big Spring Clean |**

*Mayor Herrington stated that the annual Big Spring Clean event would be held the coming Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> and volunteers would meet at Town Hall around 8:00 AM. Supplies would be handed out to teams prior to leaving for their locations; there would also be some volunteers out picking up the filled garbage bags. At around noon, the volunteers would head back to Town Hall for a small lunch with some awards and prizes. The Mayor was keeping up to date on the weather, and though it looked like rain on Friday, he expected Saturday to be clear.*

### **| Council Member Reports |**

#### **Buildings & Grounds: Mayor Buster Herrington**

*Mayor Herrington stated that the second phase of the landscaping around Town Hall was almost complete and only the irrigation was left. He also noted that there were two streetlights out and he was working on getting those back up and running.*

*The Mayor then stated that he had an update on the Meggett Creek Bridge: the DOT had not "officially" awarded the bid, but would do so at a May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. The company that wins the bid will have 45 days from that point to get started on the repairs. DOT is estimating that the road will be closed for 60-90 days; Town Staff would be attending a preconstruction meeting with them during the first week of June for more details and staff would then notify residents as soon as possible with that information. Mayor Herrington stressed that he is actively working to limit the inconvenience to residents, particularly those who live around the bridge, and plans to work with the DOT on a turnaround solution that will not involve tearing up resident's yards. The Mayor also stated that he and Town Staff have been in communication with the DOT regarding the corner of Ethel Post Office Rd and SC-165 (which is part of the detour around the bridge). Larger 18-wheelers are finding it difficult to make the turn and last week there was a truck that damaged the shoulder significantly and almost ended up in the marsh. The Town reported it to the DOT because part of our sewer line runs under that shoulder and could have potentially been damaged by the heavy truck. There is also an ongoing problem with the stop sign at that corner because when turning, the larger trucks inadvertently knock it down. The Mayor stated that they are working on a temporary solution to the issues with the detour but that the repairs to the bridge would be the long-term solution.*

*Lastly, the Mayor announced that a second fountain for Meggett Park had been ordered using funds from the PARD grant and it would be installed soon.*

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### **Financial Reports: Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler**

*Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler stated that the General account increased by \$77,220.31 in the month of February and by \$31,862.19 in the month of March. The Waste Water account decreased by \$1,562.32 in February and increased by \$7,981.03 in March (due to the collection of quarterly tap maintenance fees). The Meggett 1925 account was unchanged in February and increased by \$70 in March. Lastly, one of the CD's matured in March and gained \$461.73 in interest.*

### **Grants & Special Reports: Council Member Tom Hutto**

*Council Member Tom Hutto stated that the Town submitted a grant application to the Charleston County Greenbelt Board in the hopes to purchase a 55-acre parcel adjacent to Roxbury Park. Council Member Hutto thanked Town Administrator Stephanie Smith for her hard work on both the application and the presentation that the Town would give the upcoming Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. He was hopeful that the Town would be awarded the funds, as Roxbury Park had a history of steady growth and improvements. The Greenbelt Board would initiate the first round of voting following the presentation on Wednesday, and the final decision would be given in June.*

*The Council then looked over some options for permeable pavers to install around the Pavilion. After agreeing that they liked certain styles, Council agreed that permeable pavers may not be the way to go as they couldn't be driven over (which would inevitably happen). They agreed to look into some composite options at a later date.*

### **Communications: Council Member Keith McCarty**

*Council Member Keith McCarty stated that he made phone calls to Verizon regarding their recent decrease in service around the Meggett area. After roughly 7 calls, he finally was able to make contact with an actual human being. The representative that he spoke to said that Verizon was aware of the issue but denied doing anything to alter the service levels. The Verizon representative said that he would look into the issue some more and call Council Member McCarty back within a few business days.*

*Council Member McCarty also attempted to follow up with Mr. PJ Wilt of Trident Communications, but said that every call he placed to Mr. Wilt over the last three days has gone abruptly to a busy tone. He will continue trying to reach Mr. Wilt before the next meeting on the Town's options going forward.*

### **Roxbury Park: Council Member Angela Watts**

*Council Member Angela Watts asked Mayor Herrington for more information regarding the two candidates he interviewed for the caretaker position at Roxbury Park. The Mayor explained that the two young men that he spoke to were juniors (11<sup>th</sup> grade) at Lowcountry Leadership Charter School and that they were more than capable of handling the basic responsibilities of the park. They would take turns opening and closing the park on the weekends, as well as some basic maintenance on the trails. Though they would be paid as employees, the boys would also be volunteering some time to the park to satisfy their service hour requirements at the school.*

**| Public Comments |**

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*There were no comments from the public.*

## **| Executive Session |**

***Adjourned to Executive Session at 7:41 PM***

*Following Public Comments, Mayor Herrington announced that Council would be retreating into an Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter. He invited the public to help themselves to refreshments while they were gone. Once the Executive Session was over, Council returned and Mayor Herrington announced that no decisions were rendered.*

***Meeting Adjourned 7:58 PM***