

Town of Meggett Council Meeting Minutes

Date: February 22, 2021 Time: 7:00 PM Location: Tele-Conference

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

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

| **Approval of Minutes** |

Approval of Minutes from previous Council Meeting held on January 18, 2021.

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

Seconded By: Council Member Tommy Butler seconded the motion.

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

Approval of Minutes from previous Council Meeting held on January 25, 2021.

Motion Made By: Council Member Tom Hutto moved to approve.

Seconded By: Council Member Keith McCarty seconded the motion.

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

| **Discussion: Zoning Survey** |

Mayor Buster Herrington stated that a draft survey was sent to Council earlier that morning and they planned to take a few days to review it and make any necessary corrections. Following their approval, the survey would be sent out to residents via email and regular mail. Mayor Herrington urged

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residents on the call to be sure to update their contact information with Town Hall (if they hadn't already) to be sure they received the survey.

| Update: PRTC |

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

PRTC is actively working on installing infrastructure in the Meggett area. She has been working with PRTC liaison Frankie Denmark on creating a weekly update template that will explain the six stages of infrastructure installation: permitting, boring, fiber optics, pedestals, splicing, and drops.

Each week (once the template is approved by Council) there will be an update on where PRTC crews have been working and where they will be working next; this will give residents a better idea of the installation timeline for their specific area. Zone D (Town Hall area to the Meggett Creek Bridge) is ready for drops; residents that already have an account set up should expect to see their homes connected soon. Archfield is almost ready for drops, Meggett Place is ready for boring, and Zones A & B have completed the permitting process and will move to the next phase following Meggett Place. Tom Point Rd, which was a separate project, is in the process of completing permitting.

Council Member Tom Hutto asked if anyone knew the number of people signed up for service; Stephanie responded that she didn't know an exact number but knew that they had received a good response. Council Member Hutto then asked what the overall project timeline was on providing service to all of Meggett; Stephanie responded that their estimated timeline was currently two to three years, conservatively. Mayor Pro Tem Angela Watts stated that she planned to sign up for services when they became available in her area, which she has indicated using the form on the Town website. She then asked if there was anything she needed to do further, to which Stephanie responded that setting up an account ahead of time would be the quickest way to get connected when the account holder's zone was ready for drops; if residents wait until their area is in the final stage of installation before setting up an account then they would have to wait until established account holders were connected before PRTC would reach them. Anyone who had questions regarding the status of their account with PRTC or anyone interested in signing up would need to speak with Frankie Denmark (Town Hall can provide his contact info).

| Council Member Reports |

Buildings & Grounds: Mayor Buster Herrington

Mayor Herrington stated that demolition of the building at the corner of Meggett Quail Dr and Hwy 165 (purchased by the Town in December of 2018) was 85% complete. There have been some electrical issues with the pump station communication system but it was now under control; regularly scheduled maintenance would be conducted soon. He also stated that there had been a few power outages in the Town buildings but that they were fixed in a timely manner by Dominion Energy. A water line was repaired recently but overall, the buildings owned by the Town were in good shape.

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Financial Reports: Council Member Tommy Butler**

Council Member Tommy Butler stated that in the month of January, the General account decreased by \$31,234.70; the only out of the ordinary expenses were the final payment on the Gateway Project land purchase (\$20,000) and a repair bill for squirrel damage in the White House. The Waste Water account decreased by \$2,529.55 and there was no change to the Meggett 1925 account or the CD's.

In regards to the Zoning Survey, Council Member Butler asked if a submission deadline would be implemented; Mayor Herrington stated that Council should decide on the specifics but that there would be a deadline, no longer than 30 days.

Grants & Special Reports: Council Member Tom Hutto

Council Member Tom Hutto stated that he had no update but asked Mayor Herrington if Dominion Energy had an estimated start date for moving the power poles behind the Town sign (Dominion has graciously provided some of the funding for the project). Mayor Herrington responded that he spoke with them recently and they planned to start as soon as possible- the abundance of rain lately has made the new right-of-way area inaccessible until it dries up.

Communications: Council Member Keith McCarty

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

Roxbury Park: Mayor Pro Tem Angela Watts

Mayor Pro Tem Angela Watts had nothing further to add to the meeting. Council Member Hutto suggested that Council consider accepting rentals for the Cottage/Pavilion area now that the septic system has been replaced, and possibly implementing temporary COVID-19 precautions on said rentals. Mayor Pro Tem Watts stated that she recently had someone contact her about holding a small wedding ceremony at the park.

| Public Comments |

Elliot Dodds asked when the proposed Zoning Amendments would be discussed again; Mayor Herrington answered that Council would wait until after the survey results were in before approaching the topic.

Tom Morinelli asked if the survey would be sent out via email or regular mail; Mayor Herrington answered that it would be sent out both ways. Mr. Morinelli also asked when the minutes approved earlier in the meeting would be available; Mayor Herrington responded that following the approval from Council, the minutes would be posted on the Town's website within the next week or so¹.

Michelle Moody stated that PRTC was doing a great job and that Frankie Denmark was exceptionally helpful with assisting residents in setting up accounts.

Meeting Adjourned 7:26 PM

¹ Approved minutes are typically uploaded to the Town's website within 24 hours.