

Town of Meggett Public Hearing & Special Council Meeting Minutes

Date: January 18, 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	Stephanie Smith, Town Administrator

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

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| Discussion of Zoning and Land Development Regulations Chapters 4 & 17 Amendments |

Mayor Buster Herrington opened the Pubic Hearing for discussion of amendments to Chapters 4 & 17 of the Meggett's Zoning and Land Development Regulations (ZLDR). Council had attended the Planning Commission meeting immediately preceding the Public Hearing making them aware of the strong public input from Meggett property owners and opened the floor to public input at that time.

Eric Meyer, Russ & Sherry Nester, Bill Cox, Andrew Speaker, Pamela Brown, and Steve Summer all spoke in opposition of the proposed ZLDR amendments making the Town's density more restrictive. All those who spoke in opposition echoed the same concerns:

- *Lack of notification to the specific property owners of Meggett who would be strongly impacted by the proposed amendments if passed.*
 - *Failure to receive email notification.*

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- *They felt the required Public Notice methods of email notifications to the Town's Interested Parties list (which residents need to opt in for) and ads placed with the local paper were inadequate. Reasons given were that no one reads the paper anymore and the email had insufficient details of the proposed amendments.*
- *Property owners asked for more time to review the proposed ordinances; reasons given for the request: they did not receive the email notification, the email notification lacked details, they did not see the paper posting, they were distracted with the recent Presidential Election and COVID-19.*
- *Property owners asked the motion for the 2nd reading for the AG and AR District Amendments to be tabled until the property owners could better understand how the amendments would affect them, how it might impact smaller parcels of "family land" intended to be subdivided in the coming years, and for Council to have a chance to hear their concerns.*
- *Lastly, several property owners claimed that the teleconference-style meetings made attending and communicating with Town leadership more challenging.*

Mayor Herrington adjourned the Public Hearing and opened the Special Town Council Meeting.

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| Second Reading: An Ordinance Revising Provisions of the Town Code relating to Characteristics of the AG and AR Zoning Districts |

Mayor Herrington asked if there was any discussion from Council prior to the Second Reading of the Ordinance. A motion was made to table the ordinance to provide an opportunity for Meggett property owners to share their concerns with Town Leadership and ask their questions.

Motion Made By: Council Member Tom Hutto moved to table the Second Reading.

Seconded By: Council Member Keith McCarty seconded the motion.

Conclusion: All voted in favor, none opposed; Motion to table the Second Reading passed.

| First Reading: An Ordinance Revising of the Town Code Relating to Manufactured Housing Units and An Ordinance Revising Provisions of the Town's Code Relating to Recreational Vehicles |

Mayor Herrington explained the proposed amendments relating to Manufactured Housing Units and Recreational Vehicles and asked if Council had any questions.

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

Seconded By: Council Member Tommy Butler seconded the motion.

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

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| Executive Session |

Council moved into Executive Session at 7:19 pm with the Town Attorney to discuss a Contractual Matter between the Town of Meggett and Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative (PRTC).

| PRTC Contract |

Council returned from a brief executive session at 7:25 pm, no decision was made at that time. Mayor Herrington explained the Town is pleased to have the opportunity to enter into a formal contract with PRTC continuing the ongoing efforts of both to bring a reliable internet service to Meggett. Mayor Herrington asked for a motion to approve the contract.

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; Motion passed.

| Public Comments |

Several Meggett property owners thanked Town Council for listening to their concerns and tabling the matter of the AR and AG Zoning at this time.

Meeting Adjourned 7:33 PM