

# Town of Meggett Council Meeting Minutes

**Date: June 30, 2021      Time: 7:00 PM      Location: SCPA Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

<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

### Public Hearing

*Town Council held a Public Hearing for the purpose of taking comments from the public with regards to the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget.*

*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 7:02 PM.*

#### | Selection of New Mayor Pro Tem |

*Mayor Herrington asked if there were any nominations from Council for the position of Mayor Pro Tem; Council Member Keith McCarty nominated Council Member Tom Hutto.*

**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; Motion passed.

#### | Approval of Minutes |

*Approval of Minutes from the previous Council Meeting held on May 24, 2021.*

**Motion Made By:** Council Member 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 the Budget Workshop (Special Meeting) held on June 7, 2021.*

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

**Seconded By:** Mayor Pro Tem Tom Hutto seconded the motion.

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### **| Second Reading: FY 2021-2022 Budget |**

*The Ordinance was given a second reading by title only.*

**Motion Made By:** Mayor Pro Tem Tom Hutto moved to approve.

**Seconded By:** Council Member Keith McCarty seconded the motion.

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

### **| Zoning Update |**

*Mayor Buster Herrington stated that Council has collectively settled upon suggested changes to the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments (which underwent a First Reading in November 2020 and were tabled for further review in January 2021) and hopes to present those changes at the July meeting.*

### **| Withdrawal of Pending Ordinances |**

*Mayor Buster Herrington asked for a motion from Council to withdraw the following pending ordinances:*

- a. **Ratification Number 2021-01:** AN ORDINANCE REVISING PROVISIONS OF THE TOWN CODE RELATING TO MANUFACTURED HOUSING UNITS
- b. **Ratification Number 2021-02:** AN ORDINANCE REVISING PROVISIONS OF THE TOWN CODE RELATING TO CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AG AND AR ZONING DISTRICTS
- c. **Ratification Number 2021-03:** AN ORDINANCE REVISING PROVISIONS OF THE TOWN CODE RELATING TO RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

**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; Motion passed.

### **| Update: PRTC |**

*Mayor Buster Herrington asked Town Administrator Stephanie Smith to update Council on PRTC. Stephanie stated that PRTC crews are still working to install infrastructure throughout Meggett. They have almost completed Phase I and will be moving to Ethel Post Office Rd (and its offshoot roads) next.*

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

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

*Mayor Herrington stated that the only update he had was that repairs are being made at Meggett Park and access to the playground may be limited.*

#### **Financial Reports: Council Member Tommy Butler**

*Council Member Tommy Butler stated that in the month of May, the General account decreased by \$24,190.15, leaving the balance at \$440,697.60; the Waste Water account increased by \$6,978.32 and the Meggett 1925 account increased by \$522.45. There was no change to the CD's. The only out of the ordinary expense was the repair bill for some electrical issues at the White House and Town Grounds.*

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## **Grants & Special Reports: Mayor Pro Tem Tom Hutto**

*Mayor Pro Tem Tom Hutto stated that the Town 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. The application was unanimously approved during the final round of approvals by County Council and Town Administrator Stephanie Smith is in contact with a licensed surveyor to have the parcel re-drawn to subdivide off the portion of the property that is located in the middle of the Town of Hollywood.*

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

*Council Member Keith McCarty stated that he had nothing additional to add to the meeting following the PRTC update.*

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

*Council Member Angela Watts stated that the park weed eater was repaired and regular maintenance continues; the porta potties in the parking area were recently replaced. She and Stephanie are working on the updates to the Cottage to get it rental ready; once the updates are complete and PRTC has brought Wi-Fi to the Cottage, Council Member Watts suggested that Council think about increasing the nightly rental rate. Charlie Crosby was recently at the park cleaning up large debris, Hugh Allston installed a new fan at the Pavilion, and Peter Martin continues his work on the mantle in the Pavilion (he has finished sealing the Pavilion floor).*

## **| Further Comments from Council |**

*Mayor Pro Tem Hutto asked Mayor Herrington if the used tractor (cost of which was approved in the new Budget) had been purchased; Mayor Herrington stated that it was not official just yet but that the purchase should happen next week when he returned from vacation.*

*Council Member Watts asked if anyone knew what was going on with the increased speed limit (55 mph) on Ethel Post Office Rd (headed South past the Wilson Rd intersection); Mayor Herrington stated that he was aware of it and that he had already contacted SCDOT to have it lowered back to 45 mph.*

## **| Public Comments |**

*Walter Carr asked if the Town was accepting subdivision applications, as his surveyor told him that the application for his property was rejected. Town Administrator Stephanie Smith answered that subdivisions were being accepted but that the pending amendments (which were withdrawn during the meeting) were impacting that process; he should have his surveyor reach out to Town Hall again now that the amendments are officially withdrawn. Mr. Carr also asked if Council had received the email he addressed to them recently asking for special consideration to be given to the teacher on Parishville Rd to allow her to live in a camper while building a house; Council answered that they received his email and that living in a camper or RV during the construction of a primary home may become possible in the coming months.*

*Several residents of Westervelt Rd attended the meeting to voice their concerns over the state of the parcel at the entrance to their road, which was recently cleared by a Bona Fide Forestry Operation. Their concerns were as follows: visual nuisance, stormwater runoff impacts, and potential health hazard with the mosquito breeding ground that the clearing/root pulling created.*

*Several residents of Wilsonia Rd (the Williams and Pinckney families) attended the meeting to voice their concerns over the access issues they are currently facing on the private road. The new property owner in front of them (between their property and Ethel Post Office Rd) installed several gates blocking the road and posted*

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*a schedule of when the gates will be open or closed for access, regardless of the court ordered prescriptive easement they were granted in 2012. Their concerns were not only the violation of their property rights but also the potential outcome of an emergency situation if first responders could not reach their property to provide assistance (one of their family members is severely epileptic and requires emergency assistance often).*

*Town Attorney Andy Gowder responded to the families stating that though Council and Town Staff are sympathetic to their situation, the Town does not have the authority to handle these types of issues- they would need to retain legal representation and handle the matter in a civil suit (the Court alone has the power to decide such matters of private property law). Mayor Pro Tem Hutto suggested that they try reaching out to Monique Martinez with Charleston County Sheriff's Office for assistance.*

*Other public comments were made regarding Airbnb/short-term rental regulations within the Town and the increased speed limit on Ethel Post Office Rd; Mike Watts suggested Council consider a Town-wide speed limit.*

***Meeting Adjourned 7:53 PM***