

Town of Meggett Council Meeting Minutes

Date: August 26, 2019 Time: 7:00PM Location: SCPA Building, 4770 Hwy 165

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	A
P = Present	Tom Hutto	P	Stephanie Smith	P
	Keith McCarty	P		

Prayer Given By: Mr. David Smoak

Pledge of Allegiance Led By: Mayor Buster Herrington

| Approval of Minutes |

Approval of Minutes from previous Council Meeting held on July 22, 2019. Council Member Tommy Butler mentioned that there was one error to be corrected: mention of "July being an income heavy month" needed to be changed to say "June".

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.

| Second Reading: Zoning & Planning Fee Schedule |

Mayor Buster Herrington mentioned that Town Clerk Ali Ravenel had put together a packet of nearby municipality's fee schedules for comparison. He suggested that Council table the second reading until the next meeting so that everyone could have a chance to look through the packet.

Motion Made By: Council Member Keith McCarty moved to table the reading.

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

Conclusion: All voted in favor, none opposed; Second Reading was tabled.

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| Update: LLCS Grinder Pump |

Town Administrator Stephanie Smith explained that Town Clerk Ali Ravenel posted the open bid for installation services on the Town's website. The solicitation period would close on September 5th, 2019 at 12:00 pm and the sealed bids would be opened at a Special Town Council Meeting later that day.

| Update: Meggett Creek Bridge |

Mayor Buster Herrington stated that the Meggett Creek Bridge had closed down earlier in the day around 11:00 am and would be closed for a few months while the bridge was replaced. Safety barricades were in place, as well as signage alerting drivers to the detour.

| Update: Roxbury Park Expansion/Property Purchase |

Council Member Tom Hutto updated Council on the grant application to the Charleston County Greenbelt Board to purchase the 55-acre parcel abutting Roxbury Park. After the initial request for funding was denied, Council Member Hutto and Town Administrator Stephanie Smith applied for additional funding through the South Carolina Conservation Bank in order to bring more match money to the table. The second application to the Greenbelt Board was successful and they approved the grant of \$790,000 to help purchase the property. Council Member Hutto stated that he would be attending a meeting with the SC Conservation Bank the following week as they voted on the remaining balance. If the funds are granted, the property should be able to close by the end of the year.

| Council Member Reports |

Buildings & Grounds: Mayor Buster Herrington

Mayor Herrington stated that the second fountain in Meggett Park was up and running after working out the problems with the electrical. The pressure washing around Town Hall and the adjacent grounds was also complete. Touch up painting to the front of the SCPA Building would be taking place soon, as the pressure washing managed to chip some of the older paint.

Financial Reports: Council Member Tommy Butler

Council Member Tommy Butler stated that the General Account increased by \$325,598.41 for the month of July, mostly due to the liquidation of CD #2 which contained \$291,310.74. The CD's interest rate was unsatisfactory, so once it matured it was rolled into the General Account; the plan was to create new CD's that had a higher interest rate and were staggered to mature quarterly. Only CD #5 remained out of the old CD's, but once it matured, it would also be rolled into a CD with a higher rate. The Waste Water account decreased by \$3,595.28 and the Meggett 1925 account increased by \$665.

Grants & Special Reports: Council Member Tom Hutto

Council Member Tom Hutto stated that other than the update on the Roxbury Park property expansion project, he had nothing to add under Grants & Special Reports.

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Communications: Council Member Keith McCarty

Council Member Keith McCarty asked Town Administrator Stephanie Smith to tell Council about a conversation she had recently with a representative from a telecommunications provider. Stephanie explained that she spoke with a gentleman, she couldn't remember the company's name right off-hand, who appeared before Council in July of 2017 and wished to come back and talk to them further at the September meeting. Council Member Tom Hutto asked what it was in regards to and Stephanie explained it was in regards to internet and cell service.

Council Member McCarty then stated that he had been looking into changes in Federal Regulation as it pertains to Rover Agreements and tower lease restrictions, but was unable to find what a Verizon representative previously explained to Council Member Hutto. He also spoke to an old college acquaintance who lives in New England, who's town owns their own cell tower; the acquaintance promised to send him information on how the town went about the process.

Roxbury Park: Mayor Pro Tem Angela Watts

Mayor Pro Tem Angela Watts stated that she did not have an update on Roxbury Park. She did ask if Town Staff had purchased the permeable pavers that were approved at the June meeting; Mayor Herrington stated that it was no longer the plan to purchase them and that they would do the parking pad, but not the pavers. Mayor Herrington also added that the Park's new caretakers were wanting to build a bridge going over one of the larger ditches at the park to enable them to get the mower across instead of having to go the long way around. Instead of them building one out of wood, Mayor Herrington stated that he had an aluminum bridge handy that was previously used at the Halloween Extravaganza that would be a better solution. The bridge would be installed at the park in the coming week.

Council Member Hutto asked Town Administrator Stephanie Smith what the status was on the Certificate of Occupancy for the Pavilion. Stephanie stated that the handrails would be installed in the first week of September and she was waiting to hear back from the contractor on a question about anchors.

| Public Comments |

Mr. Michael Miller: *Mr. Miller asked Council if the DOT plans to extend the ongoing paving all the way down Hwy 165? Mayor Herrington responded and said that the plan he was told a few months ago by the DOT is not what is currently happening and that he is unsure what they plan to do next. Mr. Miller then asked if it was possible to have a heavier police presence within the Town itself, instead of the current policy of the Sheriff's department to station themselves at the Town of Ravenel's municipal building. Also, if the Sheriff's Office comes back and says it's too expensive, would the Town offer to cover some of the costs? Mayor Herrington and Council responded saying that they agree and understand his grievance with a lack of police presence; Council Member Keith McCarty stated that offering to help cover costs may not be so easy, as he personally experienced a similar problem through his work as a lawyer offering to pay for court reporters on his cases. Mayor Herrington stated that after the recent murder on Church Flats Rd, he sent a letter to the Sheriff asking for a heavier*

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police presence and that it seemed to be working because he had seen more deputies around than he had in the past.

Mr. Ken Schilling: *Mr. Schilling asked who funded the unmanned fire station on Wilson Rd; Mayor Herrington responded that it was funded by Charleston County tax dollars which were then funneled through the St. Paul's Fire Department.*

Mr. Michael Miller: *Mr. Miller asked if there were any ordinances in place that would control target shooting within the Town limits. Mayor Herrington responded that there currently were no ordinances pertaining specifically to target shooting but that there were several state laws that would dictate distance from residential homes and other safety issues. Council Member Keith McCarty stated that if the repetitive shooting was a nuisance then Mr. Miller could also call the Sheriff's office for assistance.*

Executive Session convened at 7:35 PM

Mayor Herrington and Council headed into an Executive Session. Attendees were invited to help themselves to refreshments until Council reconvened. Upon returning, Mayor Herrington announced that they had discussed a contractual matter and no decisions were rendered.

Meeting Adjourned 8:07 PM