

Town of Meggett Council Meeting Minutes

Date: August 27, 2018 **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	A
	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 23, 2018

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

Seconded By: Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler seconded the motion.

Those in Favor:

*Mayor Buster Herrington
Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler
Council Member Angela Watts
Council Member Tom Hutto
Council Member Keith McCarty*

Those Opposed:

None

Conclusion: Minutes approved.

| SCDOT |

Mayor Herrington gave an update on the Meggett Creek Bridge Project, stating that he had spoken with the SCDOT and the bridge was still scheduled to be “let” (i.e. out for contract) in the next 12-18 months. There is currently some surveying activity going on around the bridge as well. Mayor Herrington also wanted to let residents know that Town Staff has filed several work order requests with the SCDOT to come take care of some low hanging limbs and to clean out ditches.

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| Charleston County |

Mayor Herrington briefly updated Council on similar work order requests that Town Staff has filed on behalf of residents for tree trimming and ditch cleaning. Town Staff will be staying on top of these to make sure they are completed. Council Member Keith McCarty inquired as to whether Charleston County had a priority list, since he has observed the ditches on Church Flats Road being cleaned as often as bi-annually, while other roads have not been cleaned in several years. Mayor Herrington answered that there was no priority list to his knowledge but that Town Staff would look into it.

| Thank an Officer Day |

Mayor Herrington announced that the Town would hold it's annual "Thank an Officer Day" celebration on Saturday, September 15th of 2018. The event is held to show our appreciation for the Sheriff's Office Deputies that patrol our district. Residents are encouraged to attend and there will be food, games, and gifts for the Officers.

| Council Member Reports |

Buildings & Grounds: Mayor Buster Herrington

Mayor Herrington gave an update on the lot behind Town Hall, stating that Charlie Crosby had brought in new sand shell to resurface the parking area and had removed the old creosote parking stumps, replacing them with new composite ones. The two large trees in the courtyard of the Donor's Pavilion had been removed, courtesy of BG's Landscaping, and improvements to the shrubbery would be taking place in the next few weeks. Mayor Herrington also stated that the material for the fence at Meggett Park had been ordered and the project will be starting by the end of the week. Council Member Angela Watts commented that she has received requests from residents for public trash cans and a balance beam over at the Park. The Mayor responded that trash cans had been placed at the Park previously, but that they had all been stolen. The only solution to prevent this in the future would be to install permanent concrete receptacles; Mayor Herrington stated that he would look into the possibility of the requests.

Financial Reports: Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler

Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler gave an update on the Town's financials: the general account decreased by \$32,076.23 due to the beginning of our 2018-2019 fiscal year when we pay for certain services in full, there were no changes to the general CD accounts. The Waste Water checking account decreased by \$904.55 and there was no change in the Meggett 1925 account. The Town also received the completed audit from the accountant and we were now up to date.

Grants & Special Reports: Council Member Tom Hutto

Council Member Tom Hutto gave an update on the Roxbury Park Picnic Shelter Project: the final electrical inspection has been scheduled, the doors have been framed in and just need to be hung, the gutters have been installed, and the concrete needs to be stained and sealed. Council Member Hutto also stated that Council needed to discuss options for the landscaping and walkway from the pavilion to the cottage. Council Member Keith McCarty suggested that they look into permeable pavers as a way to keep the walkway from collecting rainwater.

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Communications: Council Member Keith McCarty

Council Member Keith McCarty reported that he had spoken with three local representatives regarding the ongoing issue our residents have with Frontier Communication service. The general conclusion is that this is a problem for most rural areas, however, he was told that the issue was not a priority for them at this time due to lack of funding. He continues to work on finding a solution.

Roxbury Park: Council Member Angela Watts

Council Member Angela Watts gave an update on Roxbury Park and stated that the park is running smoothly. Tom Austin continues his regular maintenance of Roxbury Park, including: cutting back vegetation on the trails, cleaning up fallen tree limbs, and spraying weed killer. The upper pond area had finally drained from all of the rainfall in the past month and Tom was working on a new park map.

| Further Comment from Town Council |

Mayor Herrington commented that he would be lowering the flags to half-staff in respect of the passing of US Senator John McCain. Council Member Tom Hutto asked Mayor Herrington if Charleston County assessed an additional cost on the Town (outside of the current agreed upon fees outlined in our intergovernmental agreement) to attend our Planning Commission and BZA Meetings in person. Mayor Herrington answered that their fees are calculated based on the task; while such fees are outlined in the agreement, we could expect the bill to increase slightly for the duration of the Planning Commission's update to the Comprehensive Plan.

| Public Comments |

***Mr. David Smoak:** Mr. Smoak asked which year's audit was just completed; Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler answered that we had received the completed audit for our 2016-2017 fiscal year. The 2017-2018 fiscal year audit was now underway but was not due from our accountant until December of 2018.*

Executive Session convened at 7:18 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 7:26 PM