

Town of Meggett Council Meeting Minutes

Date: May 28, 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	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 April 22, 2019.

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; Minutes approved.

| Update- Evening in Meggett |

Mayor Herrington asked Stephanie for more information on the upcoming Evening in Meggett event. Stephanie stated that the theme this year would be decades (50's, 60's, 70's, and 80's). The event would be held on the upcoming Saturday, June 1st and the meal would be more of a 50's diner theme. There would be hamburgers, French fries, onion rings, etc and for dessert there would be a choice of banana split, root beer float, or a hot fudge brownie sundae. The plan was still to hold the event outside, but if the weather looked to be too hot then they would consider moving it inside the SCPA building.

| Meggett Creek Bridge Update |

Mayor Herrington stated that he had an update on the Meggett Creek Bridge: the DOT had officially awarded the contract. Town Staff would be attending a preconstruction meeting with DOT and Dominion Energy around the beginning of June and staff would then notify residents as soon as possible with that information. Construction would likely begin sometime in August and would close the road for roughly 60-90 days. Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler asked if they would possibly build a temporary bridge next to the existing bridge versus making residents follow a detour. Mayor

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Herrington answered him, saying that would probably not be the case in this situation as the detour was already established via Ethel Post Office Rd.

| Council Member Reports |

Buildings & Grounds: Mayor Buster Herrington

Mayor Herrington stated that he only had one update for Buildings and Grounds. The fountain that was purchased for Meggett Park using funds from a PARD grant had been installed, however, when it was hooked up to its respective power outlet nothing happened. The Mayor stated that he scheduled someone to come out and fix the outlet as soon as possible to get the fountain up and running.

Financial Reports: Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler

Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler stated that there was nothing out of the ordinary as far as expenses this month. The General account decreased by \$71, 556.73; \$47,578.66 of which was transferred into a new CD opened in April with a higher interest rate. CD #1 was closed out upon maturity and it's \$77,421.34 balance was also rolled into the new CD. This brought the new CD's opening balance to \$125,000. Council planned to open 3 more new CD's this year at the higher interest rate, all with balances of \$125,000.

The two other existing CD's were unchanged during the month of April. The Waste Water account decreased by \$2,457 and there was no change to the Meggett 1925 account.

Grants & Special Reports: Council Member Tom Hutto

Council Member Tom Hutto stated that the Town submitted a grant application to the Charleston County Greenbelt Board in the hopes to purchase a 55-acre parcel adjacent to Roxbury Park during the month of April. The application was approved by the Greenbelt Board but, unfortunately, was denied during the second round of approvals by Charleston County Council. Council Member Hutto stated that he was especially upset that the representative for our district, Anna Johnson, had voted against not just our application, but also all other applications from her district. Other County Council Members neglected to even do their due diligence and review the applications prior to the meeting, and their unpreparedness was their excuse for voting against projects.

Council Member Hutto thanked Town Administrator Stephanie Smith for her hard work on both the application and the presentation that the Town gave. He also stated that he had spoken with some of the County Council Members that were absent from the meeting and it was his hope that the Town would have an opportunity to re-present the application for consideration with some small changes.

Communications: Council Member Keith McCarty

Council Member Keith McCarty stated that he made phone calls to Verizon regarding their recent decrease in service around the Meggett area. The representative that he spoke to explained that the service issues were due to several system upgrades that they were currently undertaking, and that everything should be back to normal within three months. The representative did admit that Meggett was a "known problem area". Council Member McCarty also asked her about a rumor that was going

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around: that Verizon had intentionally pointed their antennas to favor Edisto Island. Apparently, the Verizon rep thought that this was humorous and also verified that it was completely untrue.

Mayor Herrington then asked Town Administrator Stephanie Smith to tell Council about the conversation she recently had with a Verizon representative. Stephanie explained that she called Verizon recently about the decrease in service as well, because the Town has an account with them. After some research, the representative that was helping her admitted that there was at least one tower in our area that was not functioning properly and finally credited the Town's account by \$270.

Roxbury Park: Council Member Angela Watts

Council Member Angela Watts introduced the Town's newest two employees, Matthew Theobald and Hunter Barrett, who had taken over the maintenance responsibilities at Roxbury Park. They would be responsible for opening and closing the park on Saturday and Sunday, clearing trails, landscaping, etc.

Council Member Watts also stated that they were juniors (11th grade) at Lowcountry Leadership Charter School and that the Town has extremely glad to have them on board.

| Swearing In of Mayor and Council Members |

Mayor Herrington asked his father, (a former Town of Meggett Mayor) Harry Herrington, and his son, Van Herrington, to come forward. Van held the Bible upon which Mayor Herrington rested his left hand, while Mr. Harry Herrington swore him in to his third term as Mayor.

After Mayor Herrington was sworn in, he then called re-elected Council Members Tom Hutto and Angela Watts forward. Mayor Herrington swore them in together, while Van held the Bible. When everyone was successfully sworn in, Mayor Herrington announced that there would be a reception after the meeting with hors d'oeuvres and refreshments.

| Public Comments |

There were no comments from the public.

Meeting Adjourned 7:18 PM