

Town of Meggett Council Meeting Minutes

Date: November 25, 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	Stephanie Smith, Town Administrator

Roll Call:	Mayor Herrington	<input type="checkbox"/> P	Angela Watts	<input type="checkbox"/> P
A = Absent	Tommy Butler	<input type="checkbox"/> P	Andy Gowder	<input type="checkbox"/> P
P = Present	Tom Hutto	<input type="checkbox"/> P	Stephanie Smith	<input type="checkbox"/> P
	Keith McCarty	<input type="checkbox"/> P		<input type="checkbox"/>

Prayer Given By: Mayor Buster Herrington

Pledge of Allegiance Led By: Mr. David Smoak

| Approval of Minutes |

Approval of Minutes from previous Council Meeting held on October 28, 2019.

Mayor Buster Herrington had one correction to the October 28, 2019 minutes, page 2 under Building and Grounds change the word trial to trails.

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.

| PRTC Communication Update |

Town Administrator Stephanie Smith shared with Council that PRTC would like to host a community event to inform residents and local businesses about their services, cost, contracts, and time frame an installed infrastructure. A local resident off Little Britton Road has shown interest in helping offset the cost to bring PRTC services to their home. They are currently working to schedule a “meet and greet” specific to the area around Little Britton Road to provide awareness and answer questions.

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Mayor Herrington suggested the Town wide event take place between the January and February Council Meetings, stating there are many questions concerning multi municipal and unincorporated areas and how these lines may affect who can and cannot participate in the PRTC services.

As a side note, Stephanie Smith shared that PRTC is the current provider for internet service at the local Meggett school, Lowcountry Leadership Charter School. She made PRTC aware of ongoing internet challenges at the school and PRTC addressed the issue immediately and without additional cost to the school. This demonstration of their customer service and dedication is promising of what they would bring to our Meggett residents and businesses.

| Discussion: Tree Protection Agreement with Dominion Energy |

Mayor Buster Herrington recapped his meeting with Mrs. Hightower (Dominion Energy), one of the arborists for Dominion Energy, Council Member Tom Hutto and Stephanie Smith where a tree protection agreement was discussed. An existing agreement between James Island and Dominion Energy seemingly should satisfy the Town's concerns regarding the utility easement trimming. Dominion Energy will make a few adjustments to the agreement to make it specific to the Town of Meggett.

Attorney Gowder suggested Council vote to adopt the Tree Protection Agreement pending review by legal counsel.

Motion Made By: Council Member Keith McCarty motioned to approve the adoption of the Tree Protection Agreement between Dominion Energy and the Town of Meggett

Seconded By: Council Member Tom Hutto seconded the motion.

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

| Second Reading: Dominion Energy & Berkley Electric Cooperative Franchise Agreement |

Mayor Buster Herrington asked Council to review the amended franchise agreements, amended change is the agreement is now a 20-year agreement with a 10-year renewal.

Dominion Energy Vote

Motion Made By: Council Member Tom Hutto motioned to approve the Second Reading of the Franchise Agreement between Dominion Energy and the Town of Meggett pending final review by counsel.

Seconded By: Council Member Tommy Butler seconded the motion.

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

Berkley Electric Cooperative Vote

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Motion Made By: Council Member Keith McCarty motioned to approve the Second Reading of the Franchise Agreement between Berkley Electric Cooperative and the Town of Meggett pending final review by counsel.

Seconded By: Council Member Tom Hutto seconded the motion.

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

| Updates |

Meggett Creek Bridge

Mayor Herrington stated that the bridge is close to being completed and he will receive an official notification from SCDOT when the bridge is open. Local residents have noticed activities pointing toward final stage inspections.

2019 Christmas Tree Lighting & Holly Jolly Baking Co.

Mayor Herrington reminded everyone that the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be December 7th at 6 pm. Invitation have been mailed and the Bakery will be open twice that day, 10 am and then again at 6:30 pm. The Christmas Country Fair for the younger families will take place on the Town grounds.

| Council Member Reports |

Buildings & Grounds: Mayor Buster Herrington

Mayor Herrington stated that the new Town Sign is under construction, the foundation is in place and waiting for the County to approve the rebar inspection.

Financial Reports: Council Member Tommy Butler

Council Member Tommy Butler stated that the General Account decreased by \$26,000.00 for the month of October. There were no out of the ordinary expenses and the taxes were paid on the SCPA Building.

Council Member Tom Hutto asked about the FY 2018 Audit, Mayor Herrington explained the final documents are ready to be signed. Additionally, the FY 2019 Audit is scheduled to begin in December with the new audit company.

Grants & Special Reports: Council Member Tom Hutto

Council Member Tom Hutto explained the new Franchise Agreement with Dominion Energy presents a "grant" type 50/50 match with opportunity. Mrs. Hightown, Dominion Energy, explained the funding comes from one half of one (1) percent of the Franchise Agreement funding. Dominion Energy has rolled back several years into the allocation for the Town creating a balance over \$50,000.00 to get the Town started with projects.

Closing on the parcel next to Roxbury Park is expected to take place before the end of the year.

Communications: Council Member Keith McCarty

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Council Member Keith McCarty will continue to meet with Stephanie Smith to ensure the Town is supporting PRTC's efforts to bring internet and communications into our Town.

Roxbury Park: Mayor Pro Tem Angela Watts

Mayor Pro Tem Angela Watts shared the events of continued maintenance at Roxbury Park by the caretakers.

| Public Comments |

Ken Schilling shared his concerns about the damages created as a result of the bridge repairs. Mayor Herrington stated the Town would follow up regarding the repairs once the bridge is open to the public.

Cliff Heath stated there is also new damage and holes on Ethel Post Office Road due to increased traffic to the bridge construction.

Larry Commins stated the off-road space for parking near the newly construction bridge no longer exists that was previously used by locals who would park to crab and shrimp off the old bridge.

Cindy Colby asked if there is an expected completion date for the Town Sign. Mayor Herrington shared the timeline, but it can change.

Ken Schilling asked if the sign would have any electronics. Mayor Herrington explained there would be electrically for the lights and irrigation.

Executive Session convened at 7:31 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 7:45 PM