

Town of Meggett Council Meeting Minutes

Date: September 23, 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: Mayor Buster Herrington

Pledge of Allegiance Led By: Mayor Buster Herrington

***Special Mention from the Mayor:** Mr. Andy Anderson, a former Planning Commission Chair and longtime Meggett resident, passed away last week.

| Approval of Minutes |

Approval of Minutes from previous Council Meeting held on August 26, 2019.

Motion Made By: Mayor Pro Tem Angela Watts moved to approve.

Seconded By: Council Member Tommy Butler seconded the motion.

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

| Electric Service Rights Agreement- Dominion Energy & Berkeley Electric |

Mayor Buster Herrington asked Dominion Energy representative, Jennifer Hightower, to discuss the Electric Service Rights Agreement. Jennifer explained that the vote tonight would pass the Agreement and then the First Reading would be at the next month's meeting. The Agreement would also set the precedent for the new Franchise Agreement with Dominion Energy and Berkeley Electric. Council Member Tom Hutto asked Jennifer to clarify on the verbiage of the Agreement, where it said that Berkeley Electric "has a limited presence within the Town limits". Jennifer clarified that while that statement was not necessarily accurate, it was probably standard language that was used on all Electrical Service Rights Agreements with other municipalities. Council Member Tom Hutto asked that it be changed, as he would have a hard time signing something that was inaccurate; Jennifer stated that she would have their attorneys make the change in verbiage.

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Motion Made By: Council Member Tom Hutto motioned to approve the Agreement with the amendment to the Agreement's wording.

Seconded By: Council Member Tommy Butler seconded the motion.

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

| Update: LLCS Grinder Pump |

Town Administrator Stephanie Smith explained that Hurricane Dorian delayed the bidding process but that the Town had received two sealed bids and needed one more before bringing them to Council. Once the third sealed bid was received, Town Staff would schedule a Special Meeting with Town Council to open the bids.

| Update: Meggett Creek Bridge |

Mayor Buster Herrington stated that the Meggett Creek Bridge was still closed for replacement and that the contractor recently started driving the pilings for the new bridge.

| Update: Hurricane Dorian |

Mayor Herrington stated that the Town fortunately escaped being hit directly by Hurricane Dorian and that the impacts to our area were minimal. While no flooding took place, many residents were grateful for the sand and sand bags that the Town provided in anticipation of the storm.

| Council Member Reports |

Buildings & Grounds: Mayor Buster Herrington

Mayor Herrington stated that he did not have much to report on Buildings & Grounds, other than to say that almost all of the storm debris in our area had been picked up. Mayor Herrington also thanked the many private individuals who assisted with clearing the roadways and piling debris immediately after the storm.

Financial Reports: Council Member Tommy Butler

Council Member Tommy Butler stated that the General Account increased by \$385,019.68 for the month of August, due to the \$500,000 bond that the Town acquired for the purchase of TMS# 192-00-00-018 and then the withdrawal of \$125,000 for a new CD. The Waste Water account increased by \$3,804.27 and the Meggett 1925 account increased by \$200. There were no out of the ordinary expenses.

Council Member Butler then updated the rest of Council on the search for a new Town Auditor; he had a few firms interested and would let Council know when he had solid candidates ready.

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Grants & Special Reports: Council Member Tom Hutto

Council Member Tom Hutto stated that the South Carolina Conservation Bank meeting for the remainder of the grant money to expand Roxbury Park was pushed to the coming Monday in Columbia, which he would be attending.

Council Member Hutto also requested a discussion of some new business, and asked the rest of Council to entertain the idea of adding a 600 sq. ft storage and deck area to the back of the SCPA Building. His ideal timeline would be to have the design in hand by December and build in the next fiscal year. Council concurred that it was a good suggestion and that as long as the addition blended seamlessly with the original building, they had no problems with pursuing the idea.

Communications: Council Member Keith McCarty

Council Member Keith McCarty stated that he had spoken further with his old college acquaintance and discovered that the small Massachusetts town had paid roughly 2.1 million dollars for their tower. As this was more than the Town was ready to handle, he was still shopping around for an alternative resolution.

Roxbury Park: Mayor Pro Tem Angela Watts

Mayor Pro Tem Angela Watts stated that Hurricane Dorian damaged a few screens in the Pavilion and that those would need to be fixed. Some large trees fell during the storm as well and both Hunter and Matthew were working to clear the debris. There was no damage to the park's motorized equipment; Mayor Herrington stated that he moved the Gator ATV to his home during the storm. The cottage also did not have any damage. Aside from the storm, Hunter and Matthew were completing their regular maintenance and mowing of the park.

Mayor Herrington then announced that Council had discussed the purchase of a tractor for the park at their Retreat over the previous weekend. Due to conflict of interest reasons, the Town could not purchase the tractor through Herrington Equipment, but Mayor Herrington had a fellow vendor that would sell the Town a tractor at wholesale price. He had looked at a few used options already and they ranged anywhere from \$12,000 to \$20,000; he would let Council know when he had some solid leads. Council Member Hutto surmised that it may be a good idea to enclose a side of the existing equipment shed to store the tractor.

| Public Comments |

There were no comments from the Public.

Executive Session convened at 7:26 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 7:35 PM