

**TOWN OF MEGGETT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Date: February 26, 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	P
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

Mayor Herrington introduced the new Town Clerk, Ali Ravenel, and encouraged the public to welcome her after the meeting.

| Approval of Minutes |

Approval of Minutes from previous Council Meeting held on: January 22, 2018

Motion Made By: Council Member Tom Hutto moved to approve

Seconded By: Council Member Keith McCarty 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.

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| Town of Meggett Online Business License Portal |

Mayor Herrington asked Stephanie Smith, Town Administrator, to provide details about the Online Business License Portal. Stephanie explained that within the last year, the Business License applications for businesses not based in Meggett were moved online for convenience reasons. The positive feedback received prompted the idea to move Meggett-based Business License Applications online as well. This process is beneficial because it provides a centralized location for file retention and is a greener option, reducing the Town's paper usage. The portal can be accessed through the Town of Meggett website and is now live to accept applications.

| FEMA Flood Map Preliminary Online Portal |

Mayor Herrington stated the FEMA Flood Map portal is now available on the Town of Meggett website and it includes a link to view the preliminary flood zones in Charleston County. Council agreed it is user friendly and a convenient tool for estimating insurance coverages needed.

| Meggett Park Fence Project |

Mayor Herrington stated that he has requested quotes from 3 companies to install a barrier fence between Meggett Park and Old Schoolhouse Road. He has received 2 of the 3 quotes and expects to have the final bid within the week. Once all 3 quotes are obtained, Mayor Herrington will discuss options with Council.

| Upcoming Meggett Events |

Mayor Herrington asked Stephanie Smith, Town Administrator, to provide details about the upcoming events:

Easter Egg Hunt – March 24, 2018 at Meggett Park

Meggett will host a simple Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 24th, the egg hunt will be age appropriate. We plan to have the Easter Bunny on site for photo opportunities.

Big Spring Clean – April 21, 2018

The Town of Meggett will have its annual litter pick up on April 21st. Those who would like to volunteer will need to be at Meggett Town Hall by 8 am that morning. Lunch and awards will follow at the SCPA Building.

Evening in Meggett – April 28, 2018

Only the date has been set, the expected location will be the Town Hall grounds. More details to come regarding the theme and time of the event.

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| Council Member Reports |

Buildings & Grounds: Mayor Buster Herrington

Mayor Herrington stated that he was recently made aware of several grant opportunities that would enable the Town to purchase a switch generator for the waste water pump station. In previous years, the Town has had to rent a stand-by pump during natural disasters (i.e. hurricanes, tropical storms) that caused prolonged power outages to ensure that the waste water pump could function properly. This was an added expense to the Town's budget. The Mayor intends to obtain quotes on the switch generator, complete a cost analysis, and apply for any eligible grants.

Mayor Herrington also stated that the backup waste water pump for the Town's pump station was sent for repair at a quoted cost of \$1,250.00. However, the cost to replace the pump entirely was \$1,350.00 and he decided to purchase a new pump vs. repairing the old. The new pump would be installed Wednesday, 02/28/2018. The primary pump is still functioning properly and reports no issues.

Mayor Herrington briefly addressed the ongoing bush hogging taking place at Roxbury Park. Reports no issues.

Last point of mention is the new tenant moving into the Blue House in April. Prior to move-in, the Mayor has ordered several repairs: fixing floor damage by the rear sliding glass door, replacing the front door, painting the exterior, and treating the home for a bug problem.

Financial Reports: Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler

Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler stated the Town's general checking account decreased some due to checks written in December of 2017 clearing late. The waste water account also decreased, as previously expected, due to the Town buying back several taps; the Meggett 1925 account remained unchanged. Lastly, there were no unforeseen expenses reported since the last meeting. All regular expenses, as well as the expenses incurred for the roof repair on Town Hall and the SCPA building were budgeted for.

Grants & Special Reports: Council Member Tom Hutto

Council Member Tom Hutto gave an update on the Roxbury Park Picnic Shelter Project, stating that the structure was coming along nicely (framing and roofing complete). He estimated that it was about a month from completion.

Council Member Tom Hutto also stated that he is in communication with the owners of the property located behind the Town of Meggett sign. He is waiting on an appraisal of the property and once received he will share it with Council to decide if the Town has an interest in purchasing the parcel.

Communications: Council Member Keith McCarty

Council Member Keith McCarty gave an update on his ongoing discussions with Frontier Communications in regards to the poor internet service that Meggett citizens receive. Frontier is under the impression that their service is satisfactory; Council Member Keith McCarty surmised that until

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Frontier has a competitor in the area, the service will remain poor. Solutions involving mobile hot spots were discussed and Council Member McCarty stated that he is open to suggestions to resolve the issues.

Roxbury Park: Council Member Angela Watts

Council Member Angela Watts agreed with Council Member Tom Hutto's earlier comments regarding the beautiful progress of the Roxbury Park Picnic Shelter. The fireplace is nearing completion.

Tom Austin continues his regular maintenance of Roxbury and has been most recently working on hauling gravel for pathways, repairing minor landscape damage from the bush hogging, and assisting Town Hall with preparations for the Easter Egg Hunt.

| Public Comments |

Mr. Russell Dowdy: *Thanked Mayor Herrington and Council for addressing his concerns at last month's meeting and quickly dealing with the damaged/downed traffic signs. He also requested that Council look into the speed limits on Legacy Lane.*

Executive Session convened at 7:29 pm

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

Meeting adjourned 7:53 pm