

**TOWN OF MEGGETT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Date: April 25, 2016 **Time:** 7:00PM **Location:** SCPA Building 4770 Highway 165

Call to order by:	Mayor Herrington
Type of Meeting:	Council Meeting
Facilitator:	Mayor Herrington
Minutes:	Stephanie Smith

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: Resident, David Smoak **Pledge led by:** Mayor Herrington

Motion made by: Council Member Tom Hutto moved to approve minutes.

Seconded by: Council Member Keith McCarty seconded the motion.

In Favor:

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

Opposed:

Conclusion: Minutes approved.

Evening in Meggett:

Town Administrator, Stephanie Smith, updated Council and guest that the Town is still accepting RSVPs at this time. We are expecting around 100 people and hope to have a great event.

Litter Pickup - Recap:

The turnout was exceptional and created 5 crews with a total of 40 volunteers. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and congratulations to Council Member Tom Hutto and his team, Son of Ditches and Ditch Witches, who were the winning team for the 2016 Spring Litter Pickup.

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Ordinance 2009-01 Update:

Mayor Herrington gave the update; he explained this is an ordinance amending a previous ordinance, Ordinance 2005-10 which is for the Simmons Bluff plan development.

Attorney Gowder was asked to further explain:

This ordinance is to amend the PD Zoning; it is currently under review by the Town's Zoning and Planning Staff. The next stage will be a Planning Commission Meeting, Public Hearing and then will be brought back to Council at the following Town Council Meeting.

Update Commercial Kennel Definition:

Mayor Herrington reminded Council of the presentation by the Resident Committee at the March Council Meeting and asked for any comments or questions from Council regarding the literature they were given to read. Mayor Herrington stated he did not feel the amendment was ready yet and he would meet the Town's attorney, Andy Gowder, to develop a draft to present to Council.

Council Member Watts agreed that the definition is not ready and needs further work. She also has concerns regarding a public comment from the March meeting to limit the number of pets a property owner can have on their property. She feels this should not fall under Commercial Kennel, but is more of a neighbor to neighbor issue, which should be handled case by case and the Town should encourage the residents to communicate to find a resolution.

Mayor Herrington agreed the Commercial Kennel definition is not the place for neighbor to neighbor issues and if a resolution cannot be found by neighbor to neighbor communication, then the nuisance ordinance would come into play. Regarding the Commercial Kennel definition, the Mayor stated, it needs to be clarified so the Town has a definite answer when the question comes up in the future.

The Council had a few comments regarding nuisances:

- *A single animal can be a nuisance on its own and ten animals may not be a nuisance at all.*
 - *Any animal can be a nuisance, dogs, cats, birds, etc...*
 - *Town residents would file a nuisance complaint with the Town.*
- *The Council needs to establish what a nuisance is by definition and who would enforce the nuisance ordinance.*

In addition to the Council's comments regarding nuisances, they are not in favor of restricting the number of pets a property owner can have and it should not be included in the Commercial Kennel Definition.

BZA March 18, 2016 Meeting Update:

Mayor Herrington stated the variance was approved by the BZA board at the March 18, 2016 meeting. The approval allows Georgia K9 to operate as a Training/Kennel facility on Rep Road.

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Planning Commission Meeting - Annexation May 23, 2016:

Mayor Herrington announced the Planning Commission Board will meet on May 23, 2016 with a Public Hearing and Town Council Meeting to immediately follow. The purpose of the meeting is the proposed amendment to the Zoning and Land Development Ordinance regarding Annexation and how property will be zoned.

Council Member Reports:

Building and grounds given by: Mayor Buster Herrington

Mayor Herrington reported the SCPA Building has two leaks; the first one, is near the front porch and the second one, is on the side near the front porch. Both will need to be fixed in the near future.

Financial report given by: Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler

Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler stated the Town's general account is up \$32,000.00, the Waste Water account is down \$10,000.00 and Meggett 1925 is up \$334.00. Roxbury Park required \$5,000.00 in repairs; no other unexpected expenses were in March.

Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler is asking Murdock and Associates have the audit ready in May, they stated it would be ready by the following December after the end of the fiscal year, which has passed and he does not want the Town's audit to be delayed longer due to tax season and extensions.

Mayor Herrington and Council Member Tom Hutto pointed out the total bank account totals are higher than they have been in past years and the Town is doing a great job.

Grants and Special Reports given by: Council Member Tom Hutto

Council Member Tom Hutto stated the Town has the picnic shelter contract ready to move forward and he was please to see the Lowcountry Land Trust set up their large tent in the same location the Picnic Shelter will be placed, further confirmation the right spot has been selected.

Communications given by: Council Member Keith McCarty

Council Member Keith McCarty, Frontier is still having issues in our area. A local sales representative for the Frontier Business Account stopped into Town Hall, he will be our contact to get the internet and phone problems corrected for our residents.

Roxbury given by: Council Member Angela Watts

Council Member Angela Watts attended the Land Trust BBQ, a really nice event and the park was beautiful. Ken Carman, the park caretaker, gave tours at the event.

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Public Comments:

Shelley Hunt spoke about a non-profit, St. Paul's Volunteer Auxiliary, this organization is to help support the firefighters, community members and help with community awareness. There will be a "Family Fun Day" on April 30, 2016 to help with awareness and raise funds. Memberships are \$25.00 per person annually. Council Member Keith McCarty suggested the Town include information in the next newsletter.

Update on Mr. Glunt's resident issue, Charleston County is working through their different departments in an attempt to find help for the current issue.

Best Fried Shrimp in South Carolina, three in or near our area, Capt. Jimmy Bells and two other locations on Edisto Beach.

Mr. Smoak suggested the Council send a letter to Van Herrington, recognizing his outstanding community leadership regarding his action in helping a fellow classmate/friend, community family and business who were victims of an armed robbery.

Meeting concluded at 7:40 pm.