

TOWN OF MEGGETT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 27, 2017 **Time:** 7:00PM **Location:** SCPA Building 4770 Highway 165

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| Call to order by: | Mayor Herrington |
| Type of Meeting: | Council Meeting |
| Facilitator: | Mayor Herrington |
| Minutes: | Erica Schaffer |

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| 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: Mr. Smoak

Pledge led by: Mayor Herrington

Approval of Minutes from previous Council Meeting held on: January 23, 2017.

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: None

Conclusion: Minutes approved.

ANNEXATIONS:

Mayor Herrington informed council that he was still working with Hollywood in reference to annexing some properties. Attorney Andy Gowder advised that he checked into the statute and discovered that two (2) municipalities can adjust boundaries by entering into ordinances with one another. These ordinances would allow the municipalities to exchange properties and no petition would be required. Just the two municipalities agreeing on an exchange. Similar to the City of Charleston and James Island. Council Member Tom Hutto asked Town Administrator Stephanie Smith to email him the annexation request form. The ordinance will be read twice with the County and the Secretary of State both being notified.

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Town Sign:

Mayor Herrington stated that the quotations for the sign are coming in. He explained that the sign would be a two phase project to include demolition of current sign and some of the small shrubbery as well as relocating powerlines. Once the demolition portion is completed the construction of the new sign will begin.

Big Spring Clean Up: April 22, 2017

Mayor Herrington announced that the Town's Annual "Big Spring Clean Up" will be held on April 22, 2017. He encouraged everyone to participate. He stated that the Town will provide gloves, trash bags, vests, and bottled water to all participants. He added that after the clean-up the Town will provide lunch for all participants. In addition to lunch, the Town Administrator Stephanie Smith created a tally sheet for all participants. Points are given for the craziest things found, who had the most bags of trash, etc. A Trophy which currently sits in the Town Hall will be engraved with the "Team Name" that receives the most points. Last year "Sons of Ditches and Ditch Witches" received the most points.

PARD GRANT:

Mayor Herrington informed meeting attendees that Town Administrator Stephanie Smith applied for and was able to get approved, a Grant to install cameras and trash receptacles at Meggett Park. He reported that the total amount of the PARD Grant is \$12,500.00 in which the Town is responsible for \$2,500.00.

Council Member Reports:

Building and grounds given by: Mayor Buster Herrington

Mayor Herrington stated that he was able to speak to someone who is willing to take care of the algae in the pond with no cost to the Town. Mayor Herrington went on to say that Town Administrator Stephanie Smith has been working very hard with FEMA to get help paying for all of the damaged caused by Hurricane Matthew. The items she is working to get help paying for were not covered by the Town's Insurance policy. He did advise Council that a new wood building has been constructed for the Pump Station as the old one was demolished during the hurricane. Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler asked if we had gotten any further with the SCPA Building's front porch roof leak. Mayor Herrington stated that we are waiting on a heavy rain so we can identify exactly where the leak is coming from so we don't have to demo and replace the entire roof searching for the location. Council Member Tom Hutto asked how things were going with the tenants. He wanted to know if everyone was paying on time etc. Mayor Herrington reported that everything is going well with all tenants. The only trouble the Town has had was the need to repair the heat pump in the blue house across the street.

Financial report given by: Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler

Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler stated that the Town's general account went down \$32,000. He continued to explain that we only brought in \$12,000.00. He added that this is typically for December and January as revenue is always low during this time frame. He stated that the Town spent \$15,600.00 on the street project which was less than the original proposal. He added there was no change to the Meggett 1925 account. The Waste Water account is down \$6,200.00.

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Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler stated that the Town used money from CD's to purchase Lot 16 off of Archfield Drive right behind Town hall as well as Lot 9 Hwy 165 which is located directly beside the SCPA Building. Council Member Tom Hutto pointed out that the Town's main account has a balance well over \$600,000.00 and things are looking well for Meggett.

Grants and Special Reports given by: Council Member Tom Hutto

Council Member Tom Hutto stated that he is waiting on the Elevation Survey to obtain the Building Permit for the new picnic shelter. The elevation survey will determine how far up the electrical outlets will be required in preparing for installation.

Communications given by: Council Member Keith McCarty

Council Member Keith McCarty stated he had nothing new to report.

Roxbury given by: Council Member Angela Watts

Council Member Angela Watts shared that she is receiving weekly reports from our new caretaker, Tom Austin. She added that he has given her a list of items he would like the Town to purchase so he can complete flower beds, pollination beds, a trellis of flowers in the hay field, repair holes in the driveway/parking areas, and more. The list is as follows:

175 cu ft. of gravel, dirt to place on top of gravel to fill holes, a new mower (as the one we recently purchased was destroyed during Hurricane Matthew), a weed eater, garden tools, mulch. He also recommended the Town reversing the hinges on the door in the downstairs bathroom to make the outlet more accessible. Council Member Angela Watts added that she has purchased a full body mirror to put inside the cottage for wedding parties. Mayor Herrington added that the current TV antenna needs to be removed as it is hanging off the side of the cottage.

Public Comments:

- Mike Watts asked about the Veterans Garden Beds. He wanted to know if the Town had space for that.
- Mr. Smoak stated that LLCS is going to allow plots to be placed on the school grounds and the Excel Club would work with the Veterans as one of their service projects.

Executive Session (7:28 – 7:51)

A Zoning matter was discussed as well as a legal matter. No action was taken in executive session. Meeting concluded at 7:51pm.