

TOWN OF MEGGETT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 27, 2017 **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	P	Angela Watts	P
A = Absent	Tommy Butler	P	Andy Gowder	P
P = Present	Tom Hutto	P	Stephanie Smith	P
	Keith McCarty	A		

Prayer given by: Mr. Smoak

Pledge led by: Mayor Herrington

Approval of Minutes from previous Council Meeting held on: February 27, 2017.

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

Seconded by: Council Member Angela Watts seconded the motion.

In Favor:

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

Opposed: None

Conclusion: Minutes approved.

ANNEXATIONS:

Mayor Herrington explained, in addition to the property owners who already expressed a desire to be annexed into Meggett, there are some additional property owners Mayor Herrington and Council Member Tom Hutto are contacting to present the opportunity to annex into Meggett during this round of annexations.

Big Spring Clean Up:

Mayor Herrington announced annual Big Spring Clean Up will be April 22. Town Administrator, Stephanie Smith, followed up with additional information, April 22nd arrive at Town Hall at 8 am. The Town will provide all supplies and lunch afterward. We will have the Big Spring Clean Up competition again this year. To date,

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LLCS has volunteered three teams. Two of the teams, a middle school team and a high school team will help clean our roads. The third team consists of Cub Scout age boys and will do a litter clean up at LLCS and join the rest of the volunteers for lunch afterward. Flyers will be mailed out later this week to residents, local businesses and churches to rally more volunteers.

Evening in Meggett

Mayor Herrington announced Evening in Meggett will be June 3rd this year. Town Administrator, Stephanie Smith, was asked about what time it would begin, the time and details have not been finalized yet. Mayor Herrington stated more details will be available at the April Town Council Meeting.

Exotic Pet Ordinance:

Mayor Herrington explained a new resident recently shared his plan to move his exotic reptilian pet collection into Meggett and wanted to ensure there were no ordinance issues. The Town does not have an ordinance in place that prohibits his pet collection. However, Council feels there should be an Exotic Pet Ordinance, not retroactive, in place for the future. Mayor Herrington encouraged Meggett residents to share input while Council works to write an appropriate ordinance.

Municipal Election:

Mayor Herrington explained that at the end of Open Filing (March 2, 2017) for two council member seats up for re-election only two Candidacy Forms were submitted and they were submitted by the current sitting council members, Council Member Keith McCarty and Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler. Charleston County Board of Election advised the Town that an election would not be required since there is no opposition in the upcoming election. A swearing in ceremony will still need to be held on May 22, 2017.

Council Member Reports:

Building and grounds given by: Mayor Buster Herrington

Mayor Herrington reported the Wastewater Pump Station had a clean water line rupture, it has been contained and will be repaired before the end of the week. Also, a new electrical panel will be completed this week at the pump station.

The pond has been inspected and an update on how to resolve the algae issue is expected in the near future.

The two oak trees between the Town Hall and the SCPA building, in front of Hwy 165, will need to be removed to avoid foundation damage from the root systems. A breed of crepe myrtle was suggested to replace the trees.

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Financial report given by: Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler

Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler stated that the Town's general account went up \$54,000, the Wastewater account went up \$1274.00 and the Meggett 1925 account stayed the same. The only out of the ordinary expense was \$3000.00 at Roxbury Park related to Hurricane Matthew debris removal.

Grants and Special Reports given by: Council Member Tom Hutto

Council Member Tom Hutto stated the Town is working to obtain permits for the picnic shelter at Roxbury Park and there was a contractual issue that would need to be discussed in executive session.

He also stated that he and Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler were working with the PRC at Harmony Hall to ready the trails and park for visitors. Harmony Hall, which is over 400 acres in size, will be a great place for walking, biking, horseback riding and other non-motorized activities for our Meggett residents.

Communications given by: Council Member Keith McCarty

Council Member Keith McCarty was not in attendance and no report was presented on his behalf.

Roxbury given by: Council Member Angela Watts

Council Member Angela Watts shared that Tom Austin, Roxbury Park Caretaker, recently announced more than 1000 species have been documented at Roxbury Park. He has been working on this list since his employment began in October 2016.

Also, there are few trees posing a threat in the parking lot, that will need to be removed.

Public Comments:

- *Dee Langley, Meggett Resident – asked Council for guidance on a neighbor issue and personal property issue. Her fence is in need of repair, as a result her horses and dogs escape and end up in the private dirt road she lives on. She feels a neighbor drives too fast and might hurt one of her animals. Her attempt to communicate with the neighbor was not successful and would like recommendations from Council on how to best proceed.*
- *Donald Colby, Meggett, Resident – shared his concerns regarding St. Paul's Fire Department staffing issues. He feels the stations should be staffed with more than one man at a time to ensure adequate service and safety. Mayor Herrington addressed his concern, he stated Larry Gerth, Meggett's St. Paul's Fire Department representative, feels the interim chief, Larry Garvin, is doing a good job correcting mistakes of past leadership. The Mayor encouraged Mr. Colby to attend the fire department's monthly meetings, which are the 4th Thursday of each month.*

Executive Session (7:27 – 7:49)

*A contractual matter was discussed. No action was taken in executive session.
Meeting concluded at 7:50pm.*