

TOWN OF MEGGETT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 27, 2016 **Time:** 7:00PM **Location:** SCPA Building 4770 Highway 165

Call to order by:	Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler
Type of Meeting:	Public Hearing & Council Meeting
Facilitator:	Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler
Minutes:	Erica Schaffer

Roll Call:	Mayor Herrington	A	Angela Watts	P
A = Absent	Tommy Butler	P	Andy Gowder	P
P = Present	Tom Hutto	P	Stephanie Smith	P
	Keith McCarty	P		

Public Hearing:

ZONING AMENDMENT REQUEST -ZREZ-05-16-00024: Request to amend PD-120A, Stevens Towing Office and Shipyard Complex, which is located at 6364 Simmons Bluff Rd (TMS 159-00-00-041) to limit the allowed usage to industrial and shipyard activities. **(SEE ATTACHMENT 1 OF THE COUNTIES REPORT, PRESENTATION, RECOMMENDATION, ZONING MAP AMENDMENT APPLICATION, AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS REQUESTED TO PD-120A).**

Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler introduced Council, Town of Meggett Administrator Stephanie Smith, and Charleston County Staff. Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler opened the floor to any public comments either for or against the request. Mr. W. Johnson Stevens, III. said he would like to speak in favor of the request. He stated Stevens towing believes that by removing access from Simmons Bluff Road will benefit the neighbors and alleviate traffic. He stated Stevens Towing is working hard to be proactive. They are currently allowed to work on three of the 4.2 acres with normal operations. He stressed that Stevens Towing is trying to be good neighbors to surrounding residential homes with regard to their current operation. He feels that they are being proactive with the proposal to run the sound deadening fence, trees, and berm to the end of the property line .

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Prayer given by: Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler

Pledge led by: Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler

Motion made by: Council Member Keith McCarty moved to approve minutes.

Seconded by: Council Member Tom Hutto seconded the motion.

In Favor:

Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler
Council Member Angela Watts

Opposed:

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Conclusion: Minutes approved.

1st READING ZONING MAP AMENDMENT ZREZ-05-16-00024 STEVENS TOWING

Council Member Tom Hutto suggested that council move the Zoning Amendment up before discussing the budget. Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler asked for a motion to pass as drafted with amendments.

Motion made by: Council Member Keith McCarty moved to approve.

Seconded by: Council Member Angela Watts seconded the motion.

Pro Tem Tommy Butler asked if anyone would like to recuse themselves from the vote. Council Member Tom Hutto recused himself from the vote.

In Favor: Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler

Opposed:

2nd Reading 2016-2017 Budget

Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler explained that a workshop was held with council and the 1st reading was completed at the workshop. Pro Tem Tommy Butler asked for a motion to pass the budget as currently drafted.

Motion made by: Council Member Angela Watts moved to approve.

Seconded by: Council Member Keith McCarty seconded the motion.

In Favor: Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler
Council Member Tom Hutto

Opposed:

Article 5.5 of ZLDR to be clarified regarding fence/side setbacks/districts – formal request by council

Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler explained article 5.5 currently states in any required setback no fence, wall, or hedge located on the front setback shall not exceed 4' feet along the front setback and 7' feet on any other setback would apply in a **residential district**. The Mayor has requested that we make an amendment to change the wording from residential district to **all districts**. The 4' front setback would apply to the front setback for all districts and the 7' setback to all other setback sides would apply to the AR districts with this amendment. Atty. Andy Gowder suggested that council refer this discussion to the Planning Commission for their next meeting. Council Member Keith McCarty and Council Member Angela Watts both agreed with Atty. Gowder's suggestion. It was determined that council would refer this discussion to the Planning Commission.

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Council Member Reports:

Building and grounds given by: Mayor Buster Herrington

Mayor Herrington was absent. No report given.

Financial report given by: Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler

Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler stated the Town's general account is down \$14,000.00, the Waste Water account is up \$1,800.00 and Meggett 1925 went up \$760.00.

He added that in the month of May the Town took in \$34,000 and spent \$56,000. Expenses that were out of the ordinary were \$29,750 for repairs on the Blue House. These repairs included a new roof, new flooring, and other much needed repairs. It was commented by Council Member Angela Watts that the repairs and the house look wonderful. She added that the new renters are wonderful as well.

Grants and Special Reports given by: Council Member Tom Hutto

Council Member Tom Hutto stated the Town has completed everything on the grant excluding the picnic shelter as the plans required revisions. This put us behind as the contractor was awarded another job and he was able to begin that job prior to our approval from the county. He has requested an extension on the grant and it has been approved.

Communications given by: Council Member Keith McCarty

Council Member Keith McCarty commented that he has received at least a dozen complaints in regards to Frontier. Residents are not happy with the service. Many of the calls he has received are in reference to bills being incorrect. He asked if anyone had any suggestions.

Roxbury given by: Council Member Angela Watts

Council Member Angela Watts suggested that we join our current caretaker who is employed by the town and cleanup Roxbury. She suggested promoting Roxbury more. She advised council that her daughter is getting married there in November and it was \$1200 to rent a 40x40 tent and the dance floor rental was an additional \$5000.00. She stated that adding a few of these amenities would be a wonderful investment in gaining a nice profit on our asset. Council Member Tom Hutto suggested that we wait until the picnic shelter/pavilion was completed. As it will be 1,800 square feet and add to Roxbury's curb appeal. Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler asked for an estimated completion date of the picnic shelter/pavilion. Council Member Tom Hutto stated that the estimated completion date was January 31, 2017. Council

Member Angela Watts added that we should use some of the money in the budget to promote Roxbury for weddings, family reunions, and other various events. She suggested that while we're waiting for the picnic shelter to be built that we should consider investing in a tent, some additional lighting, a generator, etc. She advised purchasing these "extras" would mean raising the rental rates however; our rental rates are much lower than any other local venue in Charleston.

She added that her goal was to bring in revenue for this beautiful asset that the town has been so blessed to acquire. Council Member Tom Hutto stated that he liked her idea a lot but felt the town should wait until after the construction of the picnic shelter to see what we might be lacking.

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Public Comments:

Local resident Robert Clark said that he heard that Frontier was going to be installing fiber optics in the next several months but he could not confirm it. Local resident Gale Smith stated that her Service Works fine with frontier she finds them incredibly responsible and timely with correcting anything she has a problem with. David singleton added that his frontier works fine as well.

Meeting concluded at 8:07pm.