Minutes

Regular Town Council Meeting

*****Tuesday, August 8, 2023 - 7:00 PM*****

McCormick One Stop Conference Room

109 W Augusta Street, McCormick, SC

Welcome & Comments – Mayor Smith – Mayor Smith welcomed all of those in attendance to the regular meeting of council for August. He stated that Mrs. Leverette, who was to appear before Council on behalf of the Breast Cancer Walk Committee would not be present due to another engagement, but would be present in September to speak to Council. Mayor Smith recognized Council Member Mr. Alvin Jennings who would be celebrating a birthday in August.

Attendance sheet is attached here to and made a part of these Minutes.

Notice of Meeting – In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, Chapter 4, Title 30, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, an agenda had been posted on the rear entrance door of the McCormick One Stop Building, 109 West Augusta Street, posted in the Town's Kiosk, 117 West Augusta Street, giving public notice of the meeting, copies were emailed to news media, Journal-Messenger and the Index-Journal, and to those requesting notice of meetings; posting was also done on the Town's website.

FOIA Notification – those requesting agenda packages were given said packages at the meeting, August 8, 2023.

1.Call to Order -

Quorum Confirmation Pledge of Allegiance Invocation

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 7:01 p.m. and called for quorum confirmation; Clerk/Treasurer Mrs. McKinney announced, with the mayor as a voting member, a quorum was present. Calling for the Pledge of Allegiance, all present stood and gave same in a patriotic manner. Mayor Smith then gave invocation, being greatful for the day, sunshine and air, seeking mercy and grace, and asking for guidance in the conduct of the meeting in mind, thought, and tongue.

2. Approval of Agenda as Presented –

Mayor Smith called for any comments or questions regarding the agenda as presented, and receiving none called for action by council.

Council Member Jennings made the motion to approve the agenda as presented, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Dansby, and unanimously approved.

3. Appearance of Citizens -

Mayor Smith stated there had been no request to appear by the deadline, August 2, and again, Mrs. Leverette would be speaking to Council in September regarding the Breast Cancer Walk.

4. Regular Town Council Business Items - July

- A) Minutes
- B) Bills
- C) Financial Statement

Audit work has begun for the FY 22/23 Fiscal Year

Mayor Smith stated that Council had received copies of the regular business items for July and called for any questions or comments regarding them. Receiving none, he called for action by council.

Council Member Jennings made a motion that the Minutes, Bills, and Financial Statements, be approved, said motion being duly seconded by Council Members Dansby and Franklin, and unanimously approved.

5. Legislation -

A) Ordinances -

Mayor Smith stated that Council had received copies of all legislative items for review prior to the meeting. After calling for questions or comments regarding each ordinance and receiving none, he called for action regarding each ordinance as follows:

(A) Ordinance 2023—7-11-01 – General Election Ordinance for April, 2024 – Second Reading/Adoption

Council Member Jennings made a motion to give second reading/adoption to the General Election Ordinance for April, 2024; said motion duly seconded by Council Members Dansby and Franklin, and unanimously approved.

(B) Ordinance 2023-07-11-02 – Cemetery Ordinance Update – Second Reading/Adoption

Council Member Jennings made a motion to give second reading/adoption to the Cemetery Ordinance Update, said motion duly seconded by Council Members Dansby and Franklin, and unanimously approved.

(C) Ordinance 2023-07-11-03 – Model Procurement Code – MASC – Second Reading/Adoption

Council Member Jennings made a motion to give second reading/adoption to the Model Procurement Code ordinance, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.

(D) Ordinance 2023-07-11-04 – Business License Update, Adopting 2024 NAISC Code per MASC – Second Reading/Adoption

Council Member Jennings made a motion to give second reading/adoption to the business license update, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Dansby, and unanimously approved.

(Signatures were obtained from attending Council Members)

B) Resolutions -

Mayor Smith stated there were no Resolutions to be considered.

C) Proclamations -

Mayor Smith stated no Proclamations had been issued.

6. Reports -

- A) Police
- B) Fire
- C) Clerk/Treasurer & Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Moving to Reports, Mayor Smith stated that Council had received copies of the reports for review prior to the meeting and called for questions or comments regarding them.

Council Member Chiles asked regarding the Police Report what did MCSO mean and Chief Willis replied – McCormick County Sheriff's Office. Council Member Chiles also stated that he saw on the report an incident about an aggressive dog, and Chief Willis stated that it was the same dog and the matter was being handled.

With regard to the Fire Report, Council Member Chiles stated he saw in the notation that the County had suspended the additional funding and wanted to know the reason why. Chief Barron stated he could not answer that question as there were many reasons why, one being the Fire Chief's inability to come to an agreement.

Mayor Smith called for other comments or questions and receiving none, he called for council action.

Council Member Jennings made a motion that all reports be approved, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Dansby, and unanimously approved.

7. Old Business -

Mayor Smith stated there was no old business to come from Council.

8. New Business -

Information regarding Re-districting per the 2020 Census and Engagement of the Office of Revenue & Fiscal Affairs for assistance

Mayor Smith stated every 10 years the Census was taken, the latest being the 2020 Census. He stated from the Census, cities and towns looked to see if redistricting was needed. He stated that the Office of Revenue and Fiscal Affairs sent information to the Town, which he was reviewing, as to the need for redistricting. He stated he would keep council informed regarding this matter.

Mayor's Comments

MASC/Annual Meeting – Greenville – July 27-30

Mayor Smith stated that he, Council Members Chiles and Dansby, had attended this and stated that this was a good conference with many topics presented. He stated the speaker was Chris Singleton who had lost his mother in the Emanual Church shooting.

Joint Meeting – Elected/Appointed Officials and McCormick Affiliates August 24; 6:00 pm – TFC

Mayor Smith stated that letters had been mailed out regarding this joint meeting and a response as to attendance was needed by August 17.

9. Adjournment -

Mayor Smith called for other items to come before Council.

Council Member Dansby asked who to contact regarding a sign at Pine & Hammond which was covered up by kudzu, and Mayor Smith stated he would get the Clerk to call DOT. Council Member Dansby also asked regarding dilapidated building and what was it covered under; Mayor Smith stated he would look at this and get back to him.

No other information being offered -

Council Member Dansby offered the motion to adjourn, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Jennings, and unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McKinney
Clerk/Treasurer

M-08-08-2023

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Attendance Schedule

Mayor Roy Smith, Jr.

Council Members Dolly Franklin

Alvin Jennings Calvin Chiles Curt Dansby

Town Attorney James Graham Padgett, III

Department Heads Police Chief W.D. Willis

Fire Chief Mike Barron

Clerk/Treasurer Sandra McKinney

News Media None

Agencies/Individuals Requesting Notice None

FOIA Notifications Chuck Cook, McCormick County

Others Bob Domzalski

SLV Public Relations Liaison

Marge Elmore, Resident of Washington

Street