

Minutes  
Regular Town Council Meeting  
**Tuesday, May 10, 2022 - 7:00 PM**  
McCormick One Stop Conference Room  
109 W. Augusta St., McCormick, SC  
Welcome & Comments

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Mayor Smith welcomed all in attendance to the regular meeting of Council for May at approximately 7:05 pm.

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**Notifications -**

**News Media and others requesting notice** was done by email on May 6, 2022.

**FOIA Notifications** were done on May 10, 2022, for those requesting notice of meeting and agenda packages.

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1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Smith called to order the regular meeting of the McCormick Town Council for the month of May at approximately 7:05 pm.

**Quorum Confirmation** – The Town Clerk/Treasurer affirmed that a quorum was present, those being in attendance: Mayor Roy Smith, Jr., Council Members, Dolly Franklin, CM D#1, Nathan Jones, CM/D#2, Calvin Chiles, CM D#3 & Mayor Pro Tem, Curt Dansby, CM D#4, and Faye Hood, CM D#6; Alvin Jennings, CM D#5 was absent.

Also in attendance were Staff: Police Chief W.D. Bo Willis, Fire Chief Mike Barron, Town Clerk/Treasurer, Sandra McKinney; and Town Attorney, James Graham Padgett, III.

Others in attendance were Mark Warner, Economic Development Director, McCormick County; Chuck Cook, County Council Member, District 3; Charles Jennings and Henry Banks, County Council Members, Charlotte Tallent, Chamber of Commerce; Marge Elmore, resident of Washington Street; Pauline Dain, Donn and Christine Lee.

**News Media:** Deborah Stone, The Lincoln-McCormick Journal-Messenger.

**Pledge of Allegiance** – All present stood and offered the Pledge of Allegiance in a patriotic manner.

**Invocation** – Mayor Smith offered the invocation - being thankful for a beautiful day; mercy, grace, and spirit in the conduct of the meeting, blessings for all in attendance, families and community and guidance in thought, tongue, and conduct of business of meeting.

2. **Approval of Agenda as Written** – Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve the agenda as written.

**Council Member Mr. Jones offered said motion, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.**

**3. Appearance of Citizens, Public Comments -**

A) Heather McNally, MACK, Phase I – Renovations/Improvements  
(Ms. McNally had not yet arrived for the meeting. Mayor Smith continued with Agenda Item 4 – Regular Town Council Business Items – April.)

**4. Regular Town Council Business Items - for April –**

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

Council had received copies of the Minutes, Bills, and Financial Statement for April prior to the meeting for review, and Mayor Smith called for any questions or comments regarding each of the same. No questions or comments being offered, Mayor Smith called for a motion from Council.

**Council Member Mr. Dansby offered a motion to approve the Minutes, Bills, and Financial Statement for April, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mrs. Hood, and unanimously approved.**

**Ms. McNally having now arrived for the meeting, Mayor Smtih called for her to give comment.**

**Ms. McNally addressed Council with regard to the MACK Renovations/Improvements for Phase 1, stating the Project would begin May 16, with Solid Structures, LLC, out of Columbia, as contractor. The total Project Cost was estimated at \$1.2 million, with Phase 1 addressing infrastructure and accessibility. Ms. McNally stated both the MACK and the Architect had addressed the issues of the need for design review and had sent letters to the Town regarding same. She stated that the Project was happening in part due to the generous donation of the Yoder-Rosenburg Foundation and the MACK would be seeking other funding for future renovations to the Amphitheatre and seating area in the Park, working with the Town in its streetscape project for the Park area. She stated the project would consist of possibly three phases, with a state of art DHEC approved kitchen giving the MACK the ability to rent out the facility in that it served also as a site for tourism. She stated the plans for fire suppression improvements would not be included in Phase I.**

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**Public Hearings:**

**Recommendation from the McCormick Planning Commission regarding a zoning text change for Section 1203.10 – Residential dwellings in the CB – Central Business District**

**FY 22/23 General Funding Operating Budget as published in the  
McCormick Messenger**

**Citizens desiring to view budget draft for FY 22/23 and make comments  
may request copy or review the document on file at Town Hall**

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**Mayor Smith, at approximately 7:15 p.m., opened the floor for public  
comments regarding the zoning text change.**

**Mark Warner, Economic Development Director for McCormick County  
addressed Council, presenting a display/diagram of the proposed office  
space/residential areas. He stated that the property was the old County  
Administrative Building, at East Augusta and Pine Street. The Plans  
called for the creation of both office space and residential living space,  
the office space being 6,905 square feet or 54% of the space, and the  
residential being 5,894 square feet, or 46%. He addressed several  
questions from the Planning Commission meeting held in April, the  
length of the project being 12 to 14 months, the residential portion being  
high market or no federal subsidies or rents, parking to be in the back of  
the building, with initially 14 spaces; with additional street parking on  
Pine Street. As to a walk thru of the building, this could be arranged. The  
project would be done with quality construction and materials.**

**Public Hearing closes at 7:20 p.m.**

**Mayor Snith, at approximately 7:20 p.m., opened the floor for public  
comments regarding the FY 22/23 General Fund Operating Budget.  
No public comments were offered, and Mayor Smith closed the Public  
Hearing at approximately 7:20 p.m.**

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**5. Legislation – (Council had received copies of all Legislative Items for review  
prior to the meeting.)**

**A) Ordinances – Two -**

**Ordinance No. 2022-06-14-01 – Introduction/First Reading – FY 22/23 General Fund  
Operating Budget, Appendix A, Schedules of Revenue & Expenditures, and the Capital  
Projects Budget**

Mayor Smith called for a motion regarding Ordinance No. 2022-06-14-01.

**Council Member Mr. Jones offered the motion, said motion being duly seconded  
by Council Member Mr. Dansby. Council Member Mr. Chiles called for a roll call  
vote.**

**Roll Call Vote: Franklin-No; Chiles-No; Mayor Smtih-Yes; Jones-Yes; Dansby-  
Yes; and Hood-Yes.**

**Motion to give first reading to Ordinance 2022-06-14-01 passed with a 4 to 2**

**roll call vote.**

**Ordinance No. 2022-06-14-02** – Introduction/First Reading - Ordinance to Amend Section 1203.10, Residential Dwelling Units in the CB – Central Business District – town Zoning Ordinance.

Mayor Smith called for a motion regarding, **with said motion being offered by Council Member Dansby, being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved.**

**B) Resolutions –**

**One Resolutions was present to Council recognizing Municipal Clerk’s Week.**

**C) Proclamations –**

**One Proclamation had been issued in May recognizing May as Mental Health Month.**

**6. Reports** for presentation and approval as presented -

**A) Police**

**B) Fire**

**C) Clerk/Treasurer & Deputy Clerk/Treasurer**

Council had received copies of all reports for review prior to the meeting, and Mayor Smith called for questions or comments regarding.

**Police** – No questions or comments offered.

**Fire** – Mayor Smith stated that the Fire Department had recently been awarded a grant and called for Fire Chief Mike Barron to address Council. Chief Barron stated that the grant was a V-Safe Grant, focusing on safety, well-being, and items need for volunteer department. He stated this was a one-time grant with on match funds. He stated equipment would be gas meters, night vision equipment and other items needed by the department.

**Clerk/Treasurer & Deputy Clerk/Treasurer** – No questions or comments offered.

Mayor Snith called for a motion regarding the Reports; **Council Member Mr. Dansby offered said motion, it being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved.**

**7. Old Business –**

**A) No old business was listed to come before Council.**

**8. New Business:**

**A) MASC Annual Meeting Information – Mayor Smith stated he would be attending this meeting July 13-17, with the meeting being held in Charleston.**

**B) Youth Empowerment Sponsorship of \$1,000 for the McCormick County Golf Classic – Council had received information regarding in their agenda packages prior to the meeting for review. Mayor Smith read a**

letter from Everett Hall, asking for sponsorship, stating the initiative was to address the youth of the community with leadership by local leaders, churches, and the business community, the organization sponsoring events to help with school supplies, scholarships and other activities that would affect the lives of youth in the community.

Mayor Smith called for questions or comments or a motion from Council regarding.

**Council Member Mr. Jones made the motion to make the \$1,000 donation; said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.**

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**Executive Session: Section 30-4-70(a)(1) – Discussion of employment, appointment compensation ... Compensation**

Mayor Smith called for a motion to hold the Executive Session.

**Motion by Council Member Mrs. Hood, duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved to convene the executive session at approximately 7:32 p.m.**

Executive Session from 7:32 p.m. until 8:05 p.m.

**Upon return to open meeting, Council Member Mrs. Hood made the motion to return to regular session of meeting, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby and unanimously approved. Reconvene Regular Meeting at approximately 8:05 p.m., with Mayor Smith reporting that no action was needed by Council, discussion only taking place in Executive Session regarding compensation.**

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#### **Mayor's Comments**

**Mayor Smith reviewed the several items listed on the Agenda, noting the Veterans Memorial Park Kickoff on May 21, and the New Website information calling for Chief Willis to comment to Council.**

**Chief Willis stating that he had sent information to Comporium for them to start work on the Town's new webpage and would be working with them with regard also to the Town's Facebook accounts; he asked Council to come to the June 14 meeting early, as noted, so that photos could be made for the new webpage at that time.**

Update on Streetscape Project – Veterans Park, Town Parking Lot – bid notices for project being done

Veteran's Memorial Park Kickoff – May 21

Trunks of Gold – May 7 – good participation; closed all three streets downtown for event

Shred Day/Prescription Drug Take Back – April 30 – good participation

Mims Foundation – Sponsoring a 3-day Event for Juneteenth Day –  
June 17, 18, 19

Attendance at the Upper Savannah Regional Transportation Work Shop – April 20  
– DOT presented reported on paving projects done and future projects in the area

Working with & Engaging New IT Company – Comporium

Bacot & Padgett's Anniversary BBQ – April 28 – good event; good food

Payout of ARP Premium Pay to Essential Workers – May 11

Photos of Council Members, Attorney to be taken at the June 14 Council Meeting  
for New Website – Please arrive 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the meeting

McCormick Elementary School – Career Day – May 26 – 8 AM to 11:30 AM

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**9. Adjournment -**

Before adjourning, Mayor Smith called for other items to come to Council.

None were offered and Mayor Smith called for the motion to adjourn.

**Council Member Mrs. Hood offered the motion, said motion being duly  
seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.**

Council adjourned at approximately 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sandra McKinney  
Clerk/Treasurer

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