

Minutes
Regular Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 11, 2025 - 7:00 PM
McCormick One Stop Conference Room
109 W Augusta St., McCormick, SC

APPROVED

4/8/25
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Welcome & Comments

Mayor Smith welcomed those in attendance to the Town's February regular town council meeting, stating that Council Members, Jennings, Franklin, and Hood would be absent.

- 1. Call to Order:** Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 7:03 p.m. and called for:

A) **Quorum Confirmation** - Clerk/Treasurer Mrs. McKinney stated, with the mayor as a voting member of the body, a quorum was present;

B) **Pledge of Allegiance** - the Pledge was given in a patriotic manner;

C) **Invocation** - and offered the invocation, being grateful for the dawn of day, seeking blessings for those present and for families, open hearts and clarity of mind, the Spirit's guidance in the business of the Town, as well as guidance in thought and tongue.

- 2. Approval of Agenda as Presented:** Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by Council Member Mr. Jones, duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby and unanimously approved.

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

A) Ontario Anderson - Del-Mars Sanitation

Mayor Smith called upon Mr. Anderson to speak to Council

Mr. Anderson gave Council a brochure of the services provided by his company, stating he was from McCormick, his relatives living in the Plum Branch area. He stated that his company was currently providing sanitation services mostly in the Savannah Lakes area and had other areas, Greenwood, Abbeville. He stated his company started about three years ago from the Greenville area, and at present he had one truck in the McCormick area, and would be purchasing another. He stated that he believed in a clean community and was working with kids to help keep the community clean. He stated he was located on Highway 221, in the Paul Freeman Road area, across from the construction company. He stated that his building was presently being renovated. Lastly, he stated that he provided roll cart service and could provide the roll carts as well. Asked regarding employees, Mr. Anderson stated that he had no employees from McCormick at the present time.

Mayor Smith thanked Mr. Anderson for his presentation, stating that the Town was presently in a contract with Emerald Sanitation Services, but that the information presented would be kept on file as information.

Oath of Office

– Tabitha Motes – McCormick Police Department

Mayor Smith called forward Officer Motes to take the Oath of Office as a certified police officer, stating that he thought that one of her children was in the Explorer's Program in the Fire Department. He stated that he felt Officer Motes would be good fit for the Town, the town believing in professionalism, honesty, and high standards. Officer Motes had attending with her, two of her children.

Oath of Office signed March 11, 2025.

Before moving to Regular Town Council Business Items, Mayor Smith stated he wanted to give a brief update on the Police Department, stating that the Department now had six officers, 3-certified and 3-waiting uncertified, something that had not been for some time. He stated that the contract for service with the Sheriff's Department would be ending soon, and that he appreciated the services provided and the support that had been given. He also wanted to thank council for allowing him to work with Chief Willis and Sergeant New in re-aligning the structure (number of officers) and the salaries (updated salary range schedule) to bring the Department more in line with other agencies.

Moving to:

4. Regular Town Council Business Items for February: - Mayor Smith called for questions or comments regarding the:

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

No questions or comments offered, Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve the Minutes, Bills, and Financial Statement for January.

Motion to approve by Council Member Mr. Jones, duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, with said motion unanimously approved.

Moving to:

5. Legislation: Mayor Smith stated there was -

A) **One** Ordinances – to be considered – Ordinance 2025-03-11-01 – Business License Updated, introduction – first reading.

Calling for comments or questions, Council having received a copy of the Ordinance for review prior to the meeting and none being offered, Mayor Smith called for a motion.

Motion to give first reading given by council Member Jones, duly seconded by Council Member Dansby, with motion being unanimously approved.

- B) **Two** Resolutions were presented – Fair Housing for 2025 and the Mutual Aid Agreement between McCormick Fire Department and the Troy Fire Department, Council having received copies for review prior to the meeting.

Mayor Smith called for a motion regarding the Fair Housing Resolution, stating the Resolution called for all citizens the right to equal housing and rejected discrimination.

Motion to approve said Resolution given by Council Member Mr. Dansby, duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Chiles, with said motion being unanimously approved.

Resolution regarding Mutual Aid Agreement – McCormick & Troy Fire Departments – this Resolution was introduced to Council, they having a copy to review prior to the meeting, in February, said Mayor Smith. He called for any questions or comments regarding, and none being offered, he called for a motion.

Motion to approve said Resolution given by Council Member Mr. Jones, duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, with said motion being unanimously approved.

- C) Proclamations – Mayor Smith stated **two Proclamations** had been issued: American Red Cross and Sunshine Week, council having received copies of both for review prior to the meeting.

(Signatures for both Resolutions were obtained from Council Members present.

Moving to:

6. Reports for February (Council having received copies prior to the meeting for review)
– Mayor Smith called for questions or comments –

- A) **Police – no questions or comments offered;** Mayor Smith asked Chief Willis to give a report on FEMA at present; Chief Willis stated that he was in the final stages to complete the funding, approximately \$50,000, that the Town would receive from FEMA from Hurricane Helene; he stated the deadline was the 28th and a final meeting would be held.

Mayor Smith thanked him and Fire Chief Barron for all of their efforts in working with FEMA.

- B) **Fire –no questions or comments offered.**

- C) **Clerk/Treasurer & Deputy Clerk/Treasurer – no questions or comments offered.**

Mayor Smith then called for a motion from Council to approve the Reports.

Council Member Mr. Dansby offered the motion, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, with said motion unanimously approved.

Under -

7. Old Business: - Mayor Smith stated the items were given as information:

A) Filing of 2024 Statements of Economic Interests (must be done
By elected officials online (no exceptions) and due by noon, March 30

and

B) Report on the Business Incentive Grant Program - with Mayor Smith stating that 3 businesses had applied - Sanders Automotive with an award of \$2,275.00 and the Journal Messenger and Thompson Hardware, both at an award of \$3,500.00. He stated before any payments could be made, documents showing payment for and completion of the projects would need to be submitted.

Moving to:

8. New Business: - Council had received, for review, a copy of the

A) Draft Copy of FY 25/26 General Fund Operating Budget. Capital Projects Budget & American Rescue Fund Budget; Mayor Smith stated also that the

B) Budget Workshop was scheduled for March 18, 6 PM, One Stop) and he asked that Council bring the draft budget to the workshop which would be held at the One Stop.

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Mayor Smith, giving remarks, on his Mayor's Comments, encouraged attendance at, showing support of, the various programs/meetings.

Mayor's Report:

Women in Business Luncheon - W.S. Mims Center - March 27 - 11:00 am
Chamber of Commerce - **Ag Tour** - May 3

National Small Business Expo - W.S. Mims Center - May 8 - 10-am/1 pm
Trunks of Gold - May 17 - 8am-12noon - Downtown McCormick

Calling for other items to come before Council, Council Member Mr. Dansby asked for an update on the Streetscape Project.

Mayor Smith reported that the town parking lot had been completed; the waterline work was complete except for cleanup and a few other items; the asphalt was set to be poured; work on the sidewalk in front of Town Hall/Police Department was to be schedule, along with striping and landscaping, and start of the Veteran's Park. Asked if there was a completion date, Mayor Smith stated no, in that there had been further delays with rain, getting materials, and completing the work previously given. Mayor Smith stated and during the project when things unexpected would come up, a change order had to be submitted in order to clear the unforeseen problem. Mayor Smith stated that West Augusta would be blocked off for completion of the sidewalk in front of Town Hall.

Mrs. Ashley Brantley spoke to the issue of the tree in front of her business on Main Street, asking if a decision had been made, as the tree needed to be removed. She stated that this tree was dead, that it interfered with the flow of traffic and presented issues with landscaping.

Mayor Smith stated that he would look at this and if the tree was not taken down, that it would at least be trimmed.

Mrs. Brantley stated that there was also an issue with the root system and created issues with CPW and WCTEL.

Mayor Smith stated again that he would look at the issues.


Calling for:

9. Adjournment

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

Council Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra McKinney, Clerk/Treasurer

M-03-11-2025

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Attendance Schedule

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| Mayor | Roy Smith, Jr. |
| Council Members | Nathan Jones Calvin Chiles Curt Dansby |
| Council Members Absent | Dolly Franklin Alvin Jennings Faye Hood |
| Attorney | Douglas L. Bell |
| Department Heads | Police Chief Eric Bo Willis Fire Chief Mike Barron |
| For Oath of Office | Tabitha Motes (and Children) |
| News Media | Journal-Messenger – John Stone |
| FOIA: | Chuck Cook, County Council District 3 & Mrs. Cook John Stone, Journal-Messenger Scott Wharram, SLV Liaison |
| Appearance of Citizens | Ontario Anderson – Dell-Mars Sanitation & Associate |
| Others: | Carole Sturkey Jefferson Sturkey Diane Davis and Daughter Mrs. Cook Marge Elmore Ashley Brantley |
| Public Posting | Town Hall, 117 W. Augusta St. One Stop Conference Room Entrance Rear Entrance to Police Department |

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