Minutes

Regular Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 13, 2025 - 7:00 PM
McCormick One Stop Conference Room
109 W. Augusta St., McCormick, SC
Welcome – Mayor Smith



Mayor Smith welcomed all those in attendance to the Town's May meeting.

1. Call to Order: - Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 7:01 pm, and called for:

Quorum Confirmation — Town Clerk/Treasurer Mrs. McKinney, stated a quorum was present.

Pledge of Allegiance – all stood and offered the Pledge in a patriotic manner.

Invocation - Mayor Smith.

- 2. Approval of Agenda as Presented: Council Member Mr. Jones made the motion to approve the agenda as presented, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.
 - 3. Appearance of Citizens, Public Comments: Mayor Smith called for Ms. McNally to speak to Council.

Ms. McNally spoke to Council regarding the upgrades to the Arts (MACK) building, handing out draft presentation notes which stated the purpose of her attendance, "The McCormick Arts Council at the Keturah (MACK) is preparing to formally request the transfer of ownership for the front parking area (28 feet). This request aligns with our ongoing efforts to ensure the proper care, accessibility, and compliance of the property through continued investment in our historic and community assets." Ms. McNally gave an effort of upgrades to date, stating the upgrades were being done in Phases, with Phases I, now complete. Outlined in her presentation notes were Key Points, which she reviewed with Council. She stated the main item was to come back to Council with a request that a quit claim deed be signed by Council granting the 28 feet front parking area.

Council Member Mr. Dansby noted the work was done in phases, to which Ms. McNally stated Phase I was complete, Phase II would include the kitchen, basement, bathrooms, and floors, with Phase III being the elevator. Ms. McNally invited council to come and see the improvements already made.

Mayor Smith noted the 28 feet front parking area, and stated to Ms. McNally that the information as presented would be noted and taken as information.

4. Regular Town Council Business Items - for April - Council had received copies of the regular town council business items prior to the meeting for review; Mayor Smith called for

questions or comments receiving each item, and for a motion regarding the:

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

Council Member Mr. Dansby made the motion to approve the Minutes, Bills and Financial Statement, motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved.

Council Member Mr. Chiles questioned the Bills, noting there were no payments to the Sheriff's Deputies. Mayor Smith stated the services had stopped the Police Department was fully staffed with four certified officers and two officers waiting to attend the Academy.

5. Legislation: Mayor Smith stated the purpose of each Ordinance, called for any questions, and receiving none, called for motions regarding:

A) Ordinances - Three -

(1) Ordinance No. 2025-05-13-01 – FY 24/25 GFO Budget Amendment For Streetscape Project - Second Reading/Adoption – American Rescue Funds

Council Member Mr. Dansby made the motion to give second reading/adoption, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, with said motion being unanimously approved.

(2) Ordinance No. 2025-06-10-01 General Fund Operating; GFO Appendix A for And FY 25/26 & FY 25/26 Capital Projects Budget – Introduction/First Reading – Public Hearing in June

Council Member Mr. Jones made the motion to give first reading, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, with said motion being unanimously approved.

(3) Ordinance No. 2025-06-10-2 General Fund Operating Budget – FY 24/25 – Budget Amendment for Non-Budget Capital Items – **Introduction/First Reading**

Mayor Smith stated this ordinance was to amend the FY 24/25 budget for items roof repairs for the One Stop, and a new HVAC unit and roof repairs for the Chamber.

Council Member Mr. Jones made the motion to give first reading, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, with said motion being unanimously approved.

- B) **Resolutions** no resolutions were presented.
- C) Proclamations Two -
 - (1) May Mental Health Month
 - (2) Municipal Clerk's Month May 4-10

(Signatures were obtained for the Business License Update Ordinance and the Resolution)
6. April Reports for presentation and approval as presented: (Council having received copies for review prior to the meeting).
A) Police B) Fire – C) Clerk/Treasurer & Deputy Clerk/Treasurer
Mayor Smith called for questions or comments regarding the reports -
Chief Willis was absent; Council Member Dansby noted that the Department seemed to have had a busy month; it was noted that the Town was no longer using the Sheriff's Deputies at night and the Police Officers were now working both shifts.
For the Fire Report, Mayor Smith called for the Fire Chief to speak to Council regarding the V-Safe Grant, Chief Barron, said that the Department had received the grant again in the amount of approximately \$14,500, which would be used for equipment, gear, and other items needed in the Fire Department.
There were no questions or comments regarding the Clerk/Treasurer's or Deputy Clerk/Treasurer's reports.
Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve all reports.
Council Member Dansby made the motion, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, with said motion being unanimously approved.
7. Old Business: - no old business was presented.
8. New Business: A) MASC Annual Meeting Information – July 16-20 – Hilton Head
Mayor Smith encouraged council members to attend this meeting; as he had attended many over the years, and had gained a lot of knowledge from having attended.
Mayor's Reports: - information given: Drug Take Back – Mayor stated Chief Willis said it was well attended with 3 pounds of drugs being taken. Shred Day – Ag/Art Tour – well attended New Businesses in Town – Sanders' Granite on North Main Street, and El Sombero being located in the old Huddle House

9. Adjournment — Mayor called for other items to come to council before adjournment; none were offered.

Calling for a motion to adjourn, Council Member Mr. Dansby made said motion, which was duly seconded, and unanimously approved.

Council adjourned at approximately 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McKinney Clerk/Treasurer

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Mayor

Roy Smith, Jr.

Town Council Members

Dolly Franklin Calvin Chiles Nathan Jones Curt Dansby

Absent:

Alvin Jennings Faye Hood

Attorney

Absent - Douglas L. Bell

Department Heads

Absent - Police Chief W.D. (Bo) Willis

Fire Chief Mike Barron

FOIA Notifications

Chuck Cook – County Council Member, District 3 & Mrs. Cook

Scott Wharram, SLV Public Affairs

Liaison

John Stone - Journal/Messenger

Others:

Heather McNally, Public Comments Update on MACK Project

Public Posting

Rear Entrance – Town Hall/Police Department 117 W. Augusta St.

& Rear Entrance to the One Stop Conference Room

^{- &}quot;In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, Chapter 4, Title 30, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, an agenda was posted on the rear entrance door to the McCormick One Stop, 109 W Augusta St and on the front door of Town Hall, 117 W Augusta St, posted on the Town's website, townofmccormicksc.org, and sent to the news media."

⁻ This is a meeting defined under S.C. Code Ann. Section 30.4-20(d) - ('Meeting' means the convening of a quorum of the constituent membership of a public body, whether corporal or by means of electronic equipment, to discuss or act upon a matter over which the public body has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power.' (Emphasis added)