

**APPROVED**

2/10/26



**Mayor Smith**

**Minutes**  
Regular Town Council Meeting  
**Tuesday, January 13, 2026 - 7:00 PM**  
McCormick One Stop Conference Room  
109 W Augusta St., McCormick, SC

**Welcome & Comments – Mayor Smith welcomed those present to the Town’s regular council meeting for January, asking for a moment of silent prayer in the passing of George Reid, who had served as McCormick County Sheriff for 30+years. He also asked for prayers for Council Member Mr. Chiles who was in Rehab, stating his surgery went well, but he was having problems with physical therapy.**

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Call to Order: - Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 7:01 p.m. and called for:

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

B) **Pledge of Allegiance** – those present gave the Pledge of Allegiance in a patriotic manner.

C) **Invocation** – Mayor Smith gave the invocation stating with another day that mercy and grace be given, blessings for all those present and families, and guidance in mind, thought, tone, and tongue, and that all be pleasing.

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Approval of Agenda as Presented – Mayor called for council action regarding the agenda as presented.

**Council Member Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.**

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Mayor Smith introduced Robert Wolfe, Field Services Representative, Municipal Association and called for him to speak to Council.

Mr. Wolfe thanked Council for allowing him to attend and stated he liked getting out on the road and meeting everyone. He stated he represented the Upstate Region which included McCormick. Prior to his appointment as Field Services Representative, he served as City Manager for Cheraw for seven years. Stating a change of pace, Mr. Wolfe stated he was available to help councils with training, education, and other items that might arise in which he could be of help, such as the HLAD meeting and the Annual Meeting.

Mayor Smith stated that Mr. Wolfe was no stranger to McCormick and asked him to speak to council regarding; Mr. Wolfe stated that he was a Park Ranger and worked at Hickory Knob for several years.

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Appearance of Citizens, Public Comments, No Written Requests by Required Deadline – Mayor Smith stated that there no requests to appear presented prior to the deadline.

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Regular Town Council Business Items: - December

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

Mayor and Council had received copies of the business items for review prior to the meeting and Mayor Smith called for any questions or comments regarding each item. No questions or comments were offered, and he called for Council Action.

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

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Legislation:

- A) **Ordinances –**  
O-2026-01-13-01 FY 25/26 Budget Amendment, Introduction/First Reading
- B) **Resolutions –**  
R-2025-01/13/01 – Emergency Action Plan
- C) **Proclamations –**  
School Choice Week

Mayor and Council had received copies of the Legislative items for review prior to the meeting and Mayor Smith called for Clerk/Treasurer Mrs. McKinney to speak to Council regarding the Budget Amendment Ordinance.

Mrs. McKinney stated that at the end of December she looked at the financial statement to see if a budget amendment was needed for any overages in budget items due to unexpected overages in budget items. She stated that a list of those items was attached to the budget amendment ordinance.

Council Member Mr. Dansby made a motion to give first reading to the Budget Amendment Ordinance, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith called for action regarding the Resolution for the Emergency Action Plan. No questions or comments were given, and **Council Member Mr. Dansby made**

**a motion to approve the Resolution, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved.**

The School Choice Proclamation, Mayor Smith stated, called for equality in education.

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Reports: - December

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

Mayor and Council had received copies of the Reports for review prior to the meeting and called for questions or comments.

Council Member Mr. Jones stated he had a question for the Police Chief, and inquired as to "all the recent shootings" and if they were in the city.

Chief Willis stated that the shootings were in the County on Pierce Road.

No other questions or comments were given to the Fire, Clerk/Treasurer and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Reports and Mayor Smith called for council action regarding them.

**Council Member Mr. Dansby made a motion to approve all reports as given, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved.**

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Old Business: Mayor Smith stated there was no old business to come before Council.

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New Business: Mayor Smith stated there were several New Business items and spoke to each:

A) **Filing of 2025 Statements of Economic Interests (must be done By elected officials online (no exceptions) and due by noon, March 30  
Mayor Smith stated that this would carry a \$100 penalty if not done.**

B) **2026 Report on Contracts – Mayor Smith stated this report was given as information.**

C) **2026 Yearly Employment Forms (will be delivered mid-January) – Information – no attachments – Mayor Smith stated that these forms would be coming out later in the month.**

D) **Report on American Rescue Funding Expenditures – 2021 to 2025 – Mayor Smith stated this report was given as information**  
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Mayor Smtih called for the Executive Session – at approximately 7:15 pm noting it under FOIA section and subject matter given.

**Council Member Dansby made the motion to hold the executive session, said motion being duly seconded by Council Members Mr. Jones and Mrs. Franklin.**

**Executive Session: FOIA – Section 30-4-70 (1)(2)**

**Discussion of Employment & Contractual Matters, Legal Advice from Town Attorney  
Action – May, or May Not, be Taken**

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Returning to Regular Session at approximately 7:50 pm, Mayor Smith called for a motion to return to regular open session.

**Council Member Mr. Dansby made the motion to return to regular open session, said motion being duly seconded by Council Members Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved**

**Mayor Smith announced that no action was needed from the discussion held in Executive Session.**

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**Mayor's Comments**

**MLK 2026 - Holiday to be observed on Monday, January 19  
Hometown Legislation Action Day – MASC – Wednesday, January 21  
Town Economic Development Strategic Plan – Creative Design**

**Mayor's Comments – Mayor Smith reviewed each item with Council, stating that Crystal Morphis with Creative Design would be at the February meeting to give an update on the Town's Economic Development Plan.**

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Adjournment – Mayor Smith called for a motion to adjourn.

Council Member Mr. Dansby made the motion to adjourn, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved.

Council adjourned at approximately 7:50 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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Sandra McKinney, Clerk/Treasurer

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**Attendance Schedule**

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| Mayor                  | Roy Smith, Jr.   |
| Council Members        | Dolly Franklin<br>Nathan Jones<br>Curt Dansby                            |
| Absent                 | Calvin Chiles<br>Alvin Jennings<br>Faye Hood                             |
| Attorney               | Douglas L. Bell  |
| Department Heads       | Police Chief Bo Willis<br>Fire Chief Mike Barron                         |
| News Media             | Journal-Messenger –<br>Reporter: Vivian Jennings                         |
| FOIA:                  | Chuck Cook, County Council<br>District 3<br>Scott Wharram, SLV Liaison   |
| Appearance of Citizens | No Request prior to Deadline   |
| Others                 | Endia White, 911 Communications Officer<br>McCormick County<br>Mrs. Cook |

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– “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 in the kiosk in front 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)