

**Minutes**  
Regular Town Council Meeting  
**Thursday, January 19, 2022 - 7:00 PM**  
McCormick One Stop Conference Room  
109 West Augusta Street – McCormick, SC

**Welcome & Comments – Mayor Smith welcomed all in attendance to the January (regular) Town Council meeting, thanking them for their attendance, stating that the January 10 meeting could not be held due to a lack of quorum.**

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**1.Call to Order:** - Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 pm.

**Present/Attending:** Council Members: Nathan Jones, CM/D2; J. Calvin Chiles, CM/D3 and Mayor Pro Tem, Curt Dansby, CM/D4, and Faye Hood, CM/D6.

**Absent:** Council Member Dolly Franklin, CM/D1 and Alvin Jennings, CM/D5.

**Staff Present/Attending:** Police Chief W.D. Bo Willis, Town Clerk/Treasurer, Sandra McKinney, and Town Attorney, James Graham Padgett, III.

**Absent:** Fire Chief Mike Barron.

**Guests/Others Attending:** Chuck Cook, County Council Member, District 3; and Mrs. Cook.

**News Media present:** None

**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, as well as 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, those requesting notice of meetings, and posting was done on the Town's website.

**FOIA Notification** – those requesting agenda packages were given said packages at the meeting, January 10.

**A Quorum Confirmation** - Mayor Smith asked the Clerk/Treasurer to confirm that a quorum was present; Mrs. McKinney affirmed a quorum with five members present.

**B) Pledge of Allegiance** – All present stood and gave the Pledge in a patriotic manner.

**C) Invocation** – Mayor Smith offered the invocation being grateful for another day, asking for grace and mercy, blessings for family and community, for the presence of Spirit be in mind, thought and tongue.

**3. Appearance of Citizens/Submitted Requests** – No requests to appear before Council had been received, and no public comments were offered.

**4. Regular Town Council Business Items - December** – Council had received copies of the regular Town Council business items for December for review prior to the meeting, and Mayor Smith called for any comments or questions regarding.

A) **Minutes** – no questions or comments offered

B) **Bills** – no questions or comments offered

C) **Financial Statement** – no questions or comments offered

No questions or comments being offered, Mayor Smith called for a motion from Council.

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

**5. Legislation for consideration:** - Council had received copies of the Legislative items for review prior to the meeting.

**A) Ordinances – One:**

Ordinance No. 2023-01-10-01; Comprehensive Plan Update

**B) Resolutions – One:**

R-2023-01-10-01 – Emergency Action Plan for 2023

**C) Proclamations – One:**

School Choice Week January 24-28, 2023

Mayor Smith called for any questions or comments regarding the Legislative items and receiving none, called for a motion from Council.

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

**6. Reports:** - Council had received copies of the Reports for review prior to the meeting. Mayor Smith called for any questions or comments.

A) **Police – No questions or comments**

B) **Fire – No questions or comments**

C) **Clerk/Treasurer & Deputy Clerk/Treasurer – No questions or comments**

Mayor Smith called for a motion regarding the Reports.

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

**7. Old Business:** - Mayor Smith stated there was no Old Business to come before Council.

**8. New Business:** - Mayor Smith stated several items were listed –

A) **Filing of 2021 Statements of Economic Interests (must be done by elected officials online (no exceptions) and due by noon, March 30**  
Mayor Smith reminded Council that a penalty of \$100 a day would be assessed if not filed.

B) **Report on Contracts (for information; two up for review – Trash Collection & Landscape/Grounds Maintenance –** Council Member Mr. Chiles asked if the trash contract would be reviewed and information was given as to the notice to the contractor requesting a meeting to consider any changes either by the Town or by the Contractor.

C) **2023 Yearly Employment Forms (will be delivered mid-January)**

D) **2023 Town Strategic Plan (for information)**

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**Mayor's Comments**

**MLK 2023 - Holiday to be observed on Monday, January 16 observed by the Town Hometown Legislation Action Day – MASC – Wednesday, February 7, 2023 – would be held in Columbia; MEO class would be February 8**

**Veteran's Memorial Park – Ground Breaking Ceremony – January 5, 2023 – well attended by over 100 guests**

**No timeframe for completion of the project – in relation to Council Member Mr. Dansby's question.**

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Before adjournment, a general discussion was held with regard to the County/Fire Chief's meeting which Mayor Smith had attended. Council Member Mr. Chiles voiced his concerns with regard to the out-of-town fire calls and what would happen if there was a fire in Town and no firemen to respond. Mayor Smith stated that approximately 63% of the fire calls were out in the county and from the gist of the meeting that the fire chiefs seemed to be in disagreement among themselves; a lot of animosity among the fire chiefs.

Mayor Smith stated that he also had attended the Breast Cancer Walk meeting which had been held prior to the Town Council meeting; this committee, he stated, formed to hold events for Breast Cancer Awareness in October. He stated that Council Member Mr. Dansby was on the committee, as well.

**9. Adjournment –**

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

Council adjourned at approximately 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sandra McKinney, Town Clerk/Treasurer

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