

APPROVED

Minutes

Regular Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 10, 2026 - 7:00 PM
McCormick One Stop Conference Room
109 W Augusta St., McCormick, SC

3/10/26



Mayor Smith

Welcome & Comments – Mayor Smith welcomed those present to the Town’s regular council meeting for February, stating that several council members were absent, Mr. Chiles, having broken his hip and at Rehab, Mr. Jennings not seeking re-election for his council seat, and Mrs. Hood, resigning her seat.

Mayor Smith also recognized Crystal Morphis of Creative Design, and Mark Farris, who would be giving a presentation on the recently created Economic Development Strategy for the Town.

Call to Order: - Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 p.m. and called for (in the absence of a quorum) the:

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

C) Invocation – Mayor Smith gave the invocation, being thankful for a new day, blessings for those present and families, that there be open minds in spirit, thought and tongue in the conduct of the meeting.

A) Council Member Mr. Jones, arriving, Mayor Smith called for quorum confirmation; Mrs. McKinney, stating with Mayor Smith as part of the voting body, a quorum was present.

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

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

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

**Crystal Morphis – Creative Design – Presentation
Town Economic Development Plan**

Mayor Smith called for Mrs. Morphis to give the presentation on the Town’s Economic Development Strategic Plan

Mrs. Morphis thanked council, stating she was delighted to present the Town's plan which had been conducted through the South Carolina Department of Commerce through a program which targeting small, depressed counties in the State. She stated that the program not only funded the Plan, but also allocated \$200,000 in grant monies after the Plan was implemented. She stated that a Steering Committee had been formed which was an integral part of putting the plan together, along with surveys from the community and the business district. She stated the plan and the continued funding could be used for matching funds for future projects. In developing the Plan, certain elements were focused on, population, income, housing, workforce, entrepreneurship, retail, naming just some of the areas that the Plan covered. Mrs. Morphis called for Mr. Farris to address the SWOT (strength, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) portion of the Plan.

Mr. Farris, stated that this portion of the Plan was critical in that it allowed for the Town to look at what was its strengths, areas of need, such as the need for improved infrastructure, downtown revitalization, utilization of available space, better marketing, and investments. He stated that the SWOT part of the Plan identified the Town's assets and liabilities.

Mrs. Morphis continued stating the goals of the Plan, one being, she felt was a good plan was for the Train Depot to be developed as partnership opportunity. She showed Council several interpretations of what the Depot could be developed and used as a marketing opportunity; she stated a picture was worth a thousand words.

She thanked Council again, stating in adopting the Plan, the Town could start working with Commerce in seeking grants for projects utilizing the \$200,000 that was being allocated by Commerce in addition to the funding for the Plan.

Mayor Smith thanked Mrs. Morphis and Mr. Farris, and called for comments, questions.

Council Member Mr. Dansby stated it was a great plan, a good start, in that he felt that it was time for a change.

Mr. Wharram asked regarding agencies that could help in seeking grants; Mrs. Morphis stated working with the Council of Governments would be a great help.

Mayor Smith stated that work on the Plan had begun in November and ended in December, with the Steering Committee meeting and the community and businesses being involved with the surveys. He named the Steering Committee members. Mr. Warner, Mrs. Robertson of the Chamber, Mr. Chiles, Council Member, Larnell Leverette, Business Owner, and Rick Green, Community Service Director, Upper Savannah Council of Governments. He stated that there was no cost to the Town for the development of the Plan.

He then called for action of council regarding the Plan.

Council Member Mr. Dansby made the motion to adopt the Plan, said motion duly seconded by Council Members Mr. Jones and Mrs. Franklin, and unanimously approved.

Regular Town Council Business Items: - January

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

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Legislation:

- A) **Ordinances -**

O-2026-01-13-01 FY 25/26 Budget Amendment, Second Reading/Adoption

O-2026-02-09-01 Special Election Ordinance for Council District 6 due to resignation of Council Member Hood; Introduction/First Reading; Election Schedule to be established for Second Reading/Adoption

- B) **Resolutions - None**

- C) **Proclamations - None**

Mayor and Council had received copies of the Legislative items for review prior to the meeting.

For O-2026-01-13-01, FY 25/26 Budget Amendment, Mayor Smith called for council action.

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

For O-2026-02-09-01, Special Election Ordinance, Mayor Smith called for Council Action.

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

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Reports - January

- 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.

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

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

Old Business:

- 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 this was just a reminder and that if not filed, there was a \$100 a day penalty.

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New Business:

- A) MEO Training Class – Basic Budgeting – Registration Deadline Monday, March 9, will be held at Upper Savannah COG – Greenwood

Mayor Smith stated that he encouraged attendance for this training.

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Mayor Smtih called for the Executive Session – at approximately 7:50 pm noting it under FOIA Section 30-4-70 (1)(2) – Discussion of Employment & Contractual Matters, Legal Advice from Town Attorney, Action – May or May Not Be Taken

There being a pause in the meeting, with Council Member Mr. Dansby having to be excused, Mayor Smith stated he would give the **Mayor’s Report**.

MLK Program – held at the Mims Center on January 19 and was well attended
Chamber Annual Dinner Meeting – February 26

India Wright, member of the Chamber Board stated there was a change in location from the Mims Center to the Governor’s School

Update on Veteran’s Park/City Parking Area – parking lot striped; within 7% of the project being completed.

Mayor Smith stated there would be a five-minute break to allow Mr. Dansby to return to session and proceed with the executive session.

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

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Returning to Regular Session at approximately **8:00 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.

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 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra McKinney, Clerk/Treasurer

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Attendance Schedule

Mayor	Roy Smith, Jr.
Council Members	Dolly Franklin Nathan Jones Curt Dansby
Absent	Calvin Chiles Alvin Jennings Faye Hood
Attorney	Douglas L. Bell
Department Heads	Police Chief Bo Willis Fire Chief Mike Barron
News Media	Journal-Messenger – Reporter: Vivian Jennings
FOIA:	Chuck Cook, County Council District 3 Scott Wharram, SLV Liaison
For Presentation	Crystal Morphis, Creative Design Mark Farris Mark Warner, Steering Committee Member
Appearance of Citizens	No Request prior to Deadline
Others	Endia White, 911 Communications Officer McCormick County Mrs. Cook Marge Elmore Wes Newman Chris Bundrick

- "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)