

Minutes
Regular Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 12, 2024 - 7:00 PM
McCormick One Stop Conference Room
109 W. Augusta St., McCormick, SC

APPROVED

Welcome & Comments – Mayor Smith welcomed all those in attendance to the Town's March regular Town Council meeting thanking them for their attendance. Prior to the meeting, Council had received information with regard to the May 4 Ag & Art Tour.

4/9/24
[Signature]

Call to Order –

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 pm, and called for

A) **Quorum Confirmation** – Town Clerk/Treasurer Mrs. McKinney announced a quorum was present

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

C) **Invocation** - Mayor Smith gave the invocation, being thankful for another day, asking for blessings for family and community; grace and mercy; and clarity of mind, thoughts and tongue regarding the meeting.

Approval of Agenda as Presented – Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

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

Appearance of Citizens – Public Comments – Mayor Smith stated Mr. Charles Avery had made written request to appear before Council, and called upon Mr. Avery.

Mr. Avery stated that he had money withdrawn from his bank and came to the Police Department for a statement and gotten no results from either the Bank or the Police Department.

Mayor Smith stated that he would meet with Mr. Avery and the Police regarding the matter, and that he would let Mr. Avery know when that meeting was scheduled. Mayor Smith thanked Mr. Avery for speaking to him and Council regarding the matter.

No further public comments were offered.

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Moving to -

Regular Town Council Business Items –for February (copies of which were given to Council prior to the meeting for review) – Mayor Smith called for questions or comments regarding the

A) **Minutes**

B) **Bills**

C) **Financial Statement**

No questions or comments were offered, and receiving none, Mayor Smith called for a motion.

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

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Moving to -

Legislation for consideration – Mayor Smith stated one Ordinance and two Resolutions were to be considered for approval –
(Council had received copies of the legislative documents for review prior to the meeting.)

A) Ordinances – One

- (1) O-2024-03-12-02 Flood Damage Prevention

B) Resolutions – Two –

- (1) Fair Housing Resolution 2024
- (2) Audit Contract Renewal

Mayor Smith called for any questions or comments regarding the ordinance and resolutions, stating the Flood Damage Prevention ordinance was to comply with prevention measures in floodplain areas, the Fair Housing Resolution providing for housing for all with no discrimination, and the audit renewal approving the audit renewal for another three-year term.

Council Member Mr. Dansby made the motion to approve the legislative items as presented, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated two Proclamations had been issued -

C) Proclamations – Two –

- (1) American Red Cross Month – March 2024 and
- (2) Sunshine Week – March 10-16, 2024 – which called for open government and transparency.

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Moving to –

Reports – (council had received copies for review prior to the meeting)

Mayor Smith called for questions or comments regarding

- A) Police – no questions or comments offered
- B) Fire – no questions or comments offered
- C) Clerk/Treasurer & Deputy Clerk/Treasurer – no questions or comments offered

He then called for a motion regarding Reports.

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

Mayor Smith called for Chief Willis to give an update in his department, with Chief Willis stating that one officer, Lauren Young, would graduate the Academy on Friday, March 15, one officer, when released from a medical issue, would be attending the Academy, that there was one applicant that was a possible hire, which would bring the department up to five officers, with a total department of six, three certified officers, one uncertified, and one possible hire.

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Under Old Business – Mayor Smith stated there were two items under old business –

A) Filing of 2023 Statements of Economic Interests (must be done By elected officials online (no exceptions) and due by noon, March 30

Mayor Smith stressed the importance of filing this report on time, as there would be a \$100 penalty per day if not filed.

B) Business Incentive Grant Program - Summary of Projects and Payment of Grant Funds (3-Awarded; 2 Pending) – Mayor Smith read the names of the award

that had been presented – Visions & Dreams, Storey’s at the Red Rooster, and Boys & Girls Club, the one pending award – Ashalon’s and one had not returned any information – McCormick Tire & Oil. (Council had received a copy of the report on the FY 23/24 Business Incentive Grant Program in their agenda packages.)

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Under New Business – Mayor Smith stated there were several items (Council having received copies prior to the meeting for review):

A) Draft Copy of FY 24/25 General Fund Operating Budget. Capital Projects Budget & American Rescue Fund Budget

B) Budget Workshop scheduled for March 19, 6 PM, One Stop)

C) Information on Expending American Rescue Funding for Renovations to Town Owned Properties

***D) Request of Chamber of Commerce for \$1,500 for the May 4 – SC Ag & Art Tour**

Mayor Smith read the letter he had received from the Chamber regarding this request and asked the pleasure of Council regarding.

Council Member Mr. Chiles asked where would the funds come from in the budget with the Clerk/Treasurer stating that it would come from the “Contingency Account”, after which he offered a motion to approve the \$1,500 request, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.

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Executive Session - FOIA – Section 30-4-70(a)(2) Contract Negotiations – Discussion of Proposed Purchase of Property (Action May, or May Not, be Taken)

Mayor Smith called for a motion to hold the executive session as offered, said motion being offered by Council Member Mr. Chiles, duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.

Executive Session held from 7:21 pm to 8:05 pm

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

Moving to the – Mayor Smith – stated

- **The Grounds Maintenance Contract had been renewed for a 3-year term**
- **The Audit Contract, by resolution, would be renewed for a 3-year term**
- **He attended the Dorn Mill Complex – Historical Marker Dedication**
- **There would be a ribbon cutting for McCormick Main Street Coffee – March 20**
- **The Bacot & Padgett Annual BBQ would be held March 21**
- **Asked Mrs. McKinney to speak regarding the green ribbons downtown, with Mrs. McKinney stating this was with regard to St. Patrick’s Day**
- **He had received information regarding grant funds for a car charging station if**

there was an interest in for anyone with an electric car.

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Adjournment – Mayor Smith called for other business to come before Council –

Council Member Mr. Chiles stated he had attended the Leadership Meeting at the Middle School and appreciated the mayor asking him to attend, stating that it was a good meeting, with a lot of walking, and a delicious lunch.

Mayor Smith then called for other items to come before council, and receiving none, he called for a motion to adjourn.

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

Council Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted -



Sandra McKinney
Town Clerk/Treasurer

Attendance Schedule
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Mayor	Roy Smith, Jr.
Council Members	Dolly Franklin Nathan Jones Calvin Chiles Curt Dansby
Absent	Faye Hood Alvin Jennings
Attorney	James G. Padgett, III
Department Heads	Police Chief W.D. (Bo) Willis Fire Chief Mike Barron
Clerk/Treasurer	Sandra McKinney
News Media	Journal-Messenger John Stone
FOIA Notifications	Chuck Cook, County Council Member, District 3 Charlotte Tallent, Executive Director, Chamber of Commerce John Stone, Journal-Messenger
Others	Scott Wharram , SLV Liaison Chuck Cook, County Council Member, District 3 and Mrs. Cook Marge Elmore, Resident of Washington Street Donn & Christine Lee, residents of Marshall Street Patti Thew, Inspector, DHEC Report Millie Rue, Resident
Appearance of Citizens	Charles Avery

- "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))

The McCormick Election Commission met, prior to the Town Council Meeting for March 12, 2024, at 6:30 pm to review the final steps moving forward to the April 2, 2024 General Election. In winding down to the day of election, the Commission discussed the appointment of poll managers, the materials that would be required, set up of the voting district, staggered shifts of the members on the day of election so a commission member would be present, district changes and the use of provisional ballots for any changes, and end of the day certification of unofficial results.

Present for this meeting was Member Eddie Talbert, with staff, Michelle Chambers, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer and Clerk to the Commission, and Sandra McKinney, Town Clerk/Treasurer.

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